

Orakei Visitor Strategy research programme Building online content and local 'sense of place'

APPENDIX 2 Web linkages and resource links

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Reciprocal resource links and local websites

The purpose of this document is to enhance visitor information and destination content on the websites of business associations, local business owners/operators, residents/individuals and community groups in Tamaki Drive, Remuera and Ellerslie. The reciprocal resource links suggested in this document will also help individuals and organisations to connect to each other 'online' as a useful first step to fostering stronger interactions 'offline'. This enhanced content will also enable locals to get out and explore more of their own local areas - to know more about what's on offer to see and do in the area.

Reciprocal resource links provide powerful means by which to create and strengthen a sense of community through the associated bonds with place and to build a stronger and more cohesive profile that give an authentic 'sense of place' for each of the local areas (e.g. Tamaki Drive, Remeura, Ellerslie) and for 'Orakei' as a whole. The resource links are designed to offer:

- Enhanced web content for visitors to the local area presenting the array of attractions within easy reach, together with local services, facilities and businesses, including accommodation and hospitality available, making a stay more convenient and interesting, offering information to the visitor to encourage them to slow down, learn more about the 'place' that they are visiting, and subsequently increase local spending.
- A service to local residents creating a virtual gateway and a 'one stop shop' for and about the area, disseminating, sharing, exchanging and embedding knowledge about businesses, services, facilities, events and history, to which locals can also refer their guests and friends.
- A service to local businesses providing a ready resource of content to add to local websites, for making referrals, adding value for their customers and colleagues through local knowledge of their community, promoting themselves locally to residents, their friends and guests, enticing customers to stay longer in the area.

It is important to recognise that visitors to a local area are not solely 'tourists', in the traditional sense of international or domestic travellers visiting Auckland on holiday. Visitors to our urban areas include local residents and intra-regional visitors (e.g. someone from Takapuna visiting Mission Bay); guests at local weddings, sports fans, business travellers, visiting school sport teams and their supporters, and friends and family of residents. All venues are associated with the visitor industry in some way and the links in this document will offer better sources of information about the people and places of the Orakei Ward.

Given better information, all of these visitors potentially have the time, opportunity and inclination to:

- Explore the area and its heritage
- Contribute to the local economy by patronising its cafes, shops, businesses and services
- Provide 'word of mouth' promotion through their own networks both locally and in their normal place of residence.

Reciprocal resource links and local websites can assist to inform locals and visitors about what available to see and do and to enjoy their stay in the area.

Building local 'sense of place'

Results from Phase 1 and Phase 2 research highlight a need for locals and visitors to have more information about a broader variety of 'things to do' in Tamaki Drive, Remuera and Ellerslie. This information is given in the following six themes:

Our people, our places – past and present Our 'places' of significance in terms of our history, our culture and heritage. Learn more about our artists and artisans, our local talent, our memories and stories.
Get Local Do what the locals do Showcase local everyday activities, community and interest group activities, local markets, sounds, local events, local shopping, racecourse, and our neighbourhoods.
Beach, water, marine life and fun Coastal and marine, swim, sail, sport, paddle, sunbathe, play, and relax.
Urban trails, nature and outdoors Walk, cycle, rollerblade, ride, run, play sport, golf, meander, dawdle, breathe, plus residential areas.
Food Smell, see, touch, taste, grow, cook, share, drink, coffee, organics, produce, cafes, fast food (takeaways), pubs and restaurants.
Stay Accommodation options to encourage visitors to stay overnight or longer.

Tamaki Drive Precinct

	Our People, our Places – past and present Orakei offers wonderful opportunities to discover our local culture and heritage, learn more about our rich history and the significance of the area in terms of defence, and meet our locals to find out about what memories and stories make this a special place.
Ōrākei Domain Cemetery	Ōrākei Domain Cemetery is a Māori burial ground (urupu), a wahi tapu (sacred places) peacefully located in the Orakei Domain.
<u>Ōrākei Marae</u>	Just 10 minutes' drive from downtown Auckland is the only ancestral marae located on the central Tamaki isthmus. The marae and its people have played a central role in New Zealand's recent Treaty settlement history and a not to be missed sight for locals and visitors alike. For more information, please go to: <u>www.ngatiwhatuaorakei.com</u>
Takaparawhau/ <u>Bastion</u> <u>Point</u> Whenua Rangatira	Bastion Point (<i>Takaparawhau</i> in Māori) is a coastal piece of land in Orakei, Auckland, overlooking the Waitemata Harbour. The area has significance in New Zealand history for Maori especially. This historic reserve provides great views across the Waitemata Harbour, Rangitoto and Auckland city's skyline. On site there are plaques explaining the historical relevance of the area and the MJ Savage Memorial. This area is an attractive site for families to visit as it is a popular place to fly a kite, walk or cycle. The park also offers panoramic views over the Whenua Rangatira area, across to Auckland City and out over the Waitemata Harbour. Walk further along Tamaki Drive (easily accessible via the walkway at the western end) and learn more about our heritage by visiting the gun emplacements along the way.
Savage Memorial (located near Takaparawhau/ Whenua Rangatira /Bastion Point)	M J Savage Memorial is a popular site for locals and visitors. The grounds and gardens are immaculate and there are information plaques in commemoration of <u>Michael Joseph</u> <u>Savage</u> . From here, the <u>shopping centre of Mission Bay</u> is just a short walk from the walkway from the western end of Mission Bay.
<u>The Stonehouse (Mission</u> <u>Bay)</u>	A historical building with unique architecture – it is now the only café located on the beach side of Tamaki Drive in

	Mission Bay (re-named 'Mecca Stonehouse Mission Bay'). Take a moment to explore other religious heritage attractions in the area such as the Selwyn reserve.
<u>St Heliers 20th century war</u> <u>memorial seats and</u> <u>flagpole</u> .	An interesting war memorial, well-hidden from the beach front. A plaque is visible honouring people from the area who fought in the wars of the twentieth century.
<u>Achilles Point</u>	Achilles Point, located on the outskirts of St Heliers offers a lookout that provides amazing views of the Waitemata Harbour. There is an information plaque explaining the area.
<u>Karaka Bay Treaty of</u> <u>Waitangi Memorial</u>	Karaka Bay (just off Riddell Rd) in St Heliers has an interesting history. Ngati Whatua o Orakei and residents of Karaka Bay have a wealth of knowledge to share with locals and visitors.
	The Bay's most notable feature is the collection of 'bach' like houses - some of which are architecturally significant.
Gun emplacements (located on the land side along Tamaki Drive)	If you are on Tamaki Drive, heading towards Mission Bay, be sure to see the remains of WWII-era lookout bunkers and gun emplacements. The gun emplacements are set in the cliff face right across from the <u>Tamaki Yacht Club</u> .
	Continue on a pleasant walk past the WWII-era lookout bunkers and gun emplacements at the <u>Okahu Bay</u> end of Tamaki Drive, through to the ANZAC memorials at St Heliers, linking to the <u>returned servicemen's association</u> at Kepa Rd.
Mary Atkin Cottage	Mary Atkin's cottage, located on Kohimarama Rd is just a short stroll from Tamaki Drive and has important historical significance not to be missed. The Atkin family was one of the earliest families to arrive in the Kohimarama area and had strong links to the Anglican faith and Melanesian missionaries.
Mission Bay Fountain	The art deco fountain in Mission Bay is a prominent 'image' of Mission Bay. The surrounding grounds and green space (Selwyn Reserve) are ideal for a picnic or a friendly game of touch rugby, or a splash in the fountain. You can already hear the laughter of locals and visitors when walking around Mission Bay area.
Flying School Bay	From 1915 until the end of the 1920s the pioneering Walsh Brothers located their flying school here, and for many years they used the bay as a landing area for their seaplanes. During this time they reputedly trained at least a third of the

	New Zealand's pilots active during the First World War. Hence, Mission Bay was also known as 'Flying School Bay'
<u>St Heliers Beach and village</u> <u>shopping area</u>	The beach is well equipped with all public facilities and is just across the road from the St Heliers shopping centre, cafés, bars and restaurants. It can easily be reached from Ladies Bay, Achilles Point and Glover Park.

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<u>Mission Bay shopping</u> <u>area</u>	Mission Bay, The Promenade is just a short, picturesque drive from the CBD along Auckland's beautiful waterfront. Originally known for its Mission House, the golden beach and thriving cafe scene now make Mission Bay a favourite destination for Aucklanders.
Takaparawhau/ <u>Bastion</u> <u>Point</u> Whenua Rangatira	This historic reserve provides great views across the Waitemata Harbour, Rangitoto and the Auckland city skyline. On site there are plaques explaining the historical relevance of the area and the M J Savage Memorial. This area is an attractive site for families to visit as it is a popular place to fly a kite, walk or cycle. The park also offers panoramic views over the Whenua Rangatira area, across to Auckland City and out over the Waitemata Harbour. Walk further along Tamaki Drive (easily accessible via the walkway at the western end) and learn more about our heritage by visiting the gun emplacements.
St Heliers Library	The friendly local library staff of St Heliers are happy to share information to visitors on what to do in the area. The library is a good source of information for and well worth a visit to get information about the whole Tamaki Drive precinct.
<u>St. Heliers local boutique</u> <u>market</u>	Held every first and third Saturday of the month during December 2013 - January 2014, the well-visited St. Heliers local boutique market offers a good experience to locals and visitors.
ASB Stadium	ASB Stadium is a multi-purpose indoor facility conveniently located off Kepa Rd. ASB Stadium in Kohimarama offers a huge range of activities. To see what's on, please visit: <u>http://www.asbstadium.co.nz/EVENT+INFO/Coming+Events.html</u>
<u>St Heliers Centre -</u> <u>Presbyterian Church and</u> <u>Community Centre</u>	St. Heliers Centre is the heart of the Community, a place where people feel welcome and valued; a place of learning, information, growth, and service for all.

<u>Selwyn Community</u> <u>Centre</u>	Selwyn Community Education offers affordable and easily accessible evening, weekend and day classes with experienced tutors in a friendly local environment. <u>Click here</u> for more details.
<u>RSA Orakei</u>	RSA Orakei offers a genuine kiwi connection at the heart of the Orakei Community. Officially, the RSA was formed in New Zealand in 1916 by returning Anzacs during World War One to provide support and comfort for service men and women and their families. Today, people still join because of relatedness or because they want to connect with the values they foster. RSA Orakei is a great place to socialise with the local community and get to know more about them and their stories.
Eastridge Shopping Centre	Eastridge is a local indoor shopping centre, located in the heart of Orakei at Kepa Rd, offering a variety of services, ranging from the New World supermarket, several high quality coffee places, a hairdresser, bookshop, video shop, health shops, etc. A good place to spend some time before or after exploring the Kepa Bush Reserve or a walk towards Tamaki Drive or the Orakei Basin.

	Urban trails, nature and outdoors Walk, cycle, rollerblade, ride, run, play sport, golf, meander, dawdle and take time to slow down, breathe in the fresh air in one of our many parks, nature reserves and beautiful residential areas. Try one of the walks or cycle trails, discover birdlife and enjoy the outdoors.
Tamaki Drive walkway and cycleway	Tamaki Drive links walkers and cyclists to beaches and retail areas in Mission Bay, Kohimarama and St Heliers. It is one of the best ways to appreciate the beauty of Auckland's amazing harbour setting and explore more of the surrounding residential areas of Mission Bay, Kohi and St Heliers as well as Whenua Rangatira o Ōrākei.
Ōrākei Domain	Okahu Bay is safe for swimming with grass and sand areas to sit and admire the view. <u>Örākei Domain</u> is a safe place to bring bikes, set up a shade tent, play a game of rugby or simply settle down and read a book. It's a short walk to the <u>Örākei Wharf</u> , the most popular local fishing spot. The <u>Royal Akarana Yacht Club</u> is close by where locals and visitors can wander the marina and get prime positioning for watching yacht racing.
Kepa Bush Reserve/ Purewa Valley walkway: glow worms	Kepa Bush Reserve offers an easy connection between Tamaki Drive (by following Atkin Avenue up Patterson Avenue) and Remuera. At the entrance to this bush reserve there is a secluded picnic spot with tables. In addition, after a short uphill climb there are two lookouts with spectacular views of the city.
Dingle Dell Reserve	Dingle Dell Reserve at St Heliers is a quiet, restful area for a picnic or a walk in the beautiful native bush that surrounds the area. The reserve contains an extensive - local favourite - walking track through a wide array of native trees and vibrant bird life.
<u>Tahuna Torea Nature</u> <u>Reserve</u>	Go off the beaten track by exploring Tahuna Torea Nature reserve, a hidden gem just off West Tamaki Rd. It is an area of high ecological significance as this reserve has a large number of shorebirds and some species of seabirds. The Reserve has a 'no dog' policy as it is a bird breeding area.
Crossfield Reserve	Crossfield Reserve, is part of the <u>Eastern Suburbs AFC</u> , the famous local football club. A very popular place to play a game of football or to support the AFC when our local heroes are playing. Crossfield reserve is located in between St. Heliers Bay Rd and Tahuna Torea Nature Reserve.

<u>Selwyn Reserve</u>	This Reserve is well used by locals and visitors to Tamaki Drive, e.g. for a picnic, a beach walk, a friendly game of touch rugby. After discovering our local heritage at the <u>Stonehouse</u> , a 1859 Anglican Mission House, <u>Mary Atkin's cottage</u> is just a stone's throw away.
Glover Park	St Heliers has one relatively unknown volcano, a maar of unknown age. Its crater had formed a swamp by the time European settlers arrived in the area. On the seaward side, a Māori defended settlement (pā) has once stood, and the landward side is marked by the water tower at its highest point. Auckland City Council acquired the land in the 1930s and in 1953 half the area was drained and consolidated. In the same year the Tāmaki Ex-Servicemens' Womens' Auxiliary planted trees to commemorate the men of the district who had lost their lives during World War II.
Lilliput Mini Golf	Lilliput Minigolf is a very popular spot where families enjoy a set of golf. Located along Tamaki Drive, it is a few minutes from down town this is the ideal weekend or holiday family day out.
Madills Farm Reserve	Madills Farm is a large multi-purpose green space site with a perimeter walk which located close to the waterfront area.
<u>Churchill park</u>	This green space offers a mixed personality, from a manicured urban park to a wild country farm - 40 hectares complete with grazing cattle. The park hosts an astonishing variety of birds as you will see and hear as you move through. Most noticeable is the harsh shriek of the Pukeko - the swamp hen - which protests loudly when disturbed. The small hill at the end of the Churchill Park track will reveal a view across to the Tamaki Estuary and the Half Moon Bay marina. In the view to the west two volcanic cones can be seen, one behind the other.

	Beach, water, marine life and fun Coastal and marine, swim, sail, sport, paddle, sunbathe, play or just relax along the beautiful shores of Tamaki Drive Precinct
Mission Bay Beach	Mission Bay's beach is safe for swimming year-round. The reserve and promenade are used by locals and visitors for in-line skating, walking, jogging, volleyball, touch rugby, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and cycling. Other activities such as simply reading a book under one of the large overhanging trees are also common in the area.
Ōkahu Bay	Ōkahu Bay is a small white-sand beach near central Auckland. It's a nice easy slope swimming beach for children, and there's also other activities nearby – including Kelly Tarlton's, rollerblading and kayak hire. Across the road on the reserve is a small playground which is way back from the road!). Ōkahu is a good place to stop for a quick swim, or combine with the park for a longer visit and a picnic. There's usually an ice-cream van close by in the summer, for a treat!
<u>Kohimarama Beach</u>	Kohimarama is home to cafés, restaurants and retail stores where locals eat and shop. From Kohi beach, it is easy to explore Mary Atkin Cottage and very conveniently located to explore some other attractions and green spaces in Kohimarama.
St Heliers Beach	St Heliers is a vibrant beachfront promenade lined with great shops and eateries. A great place to sunbathe, swim and just relax.
<u>The Landing: Royal</u> <u>Akarana Yacht Club</u>	The Landing and the yacht club offer an ideal way to introduce visitors to Auckland, in particular the city's sailing and yacht culture. The Royal Akarana Yacht Club offers stunning views of Rangitoto Island and the Waitemata Harbour. The Club provides a range of sailing and paddling activities, an onsite bar and café for both members of the club and the public.
<u>Ferg's Kayaks</u>	Ferg's Kayaks located on Okahu Bay offers 'hire' options for equipment and a range of outdoor activities including: kayaking, paddle boards, inline skates and cruiser bicycles. From here, it is an easy stroll or ride away to Kohi, St. Heliers and Tamaki's inner residential areas.
<u>Mission Bay</u> <u>Watersports</u>	Mission Bay Watersports offer 'hire' options for kayaks, sea-bikes, stand up paddle boards and windsurfers. Visitors can also experience biscuit rides or have a windsurfing lesson.

Visitor attractions and a	Visitor attractions and activities	
<u>Kelly Tarltons</u>	Set on the waterfront of Auckland City on Ōkahu Bay, just moments from the famous Mission Bay beach, the NEW Kelly Tarlton's SEA LIFE Aquarium is one of Auckland's Top Visitor Attractions! Kelly Tarlton's, located conveniently located near Okahu Bay along Tamaki Drive offers a great place to take the whole family. From here, it is easy to explore the surrounding areas (<u>Orakei Domain</u> , <u>Selwyn reserve</u> , <u>Orakei Marae</u> etc) or continue walking along Tamaki Drive, a walk that is loved by locals and visitors alike.	
<u>Tāmaki Hīkoi</u> Cultural Tours	Setting off from locations around Tamaki drive, visitors and locals can go on journeys where they will explore Māori culture and heritage and learn why Tāmaki was so fiercely contested, how the tribe co-existed with the land, and the impact of colonization on indigenous people.	
Lilliput Mini Golf	Lilliput Minigolf is a very popular spot where families enjoy a set of mini-golf. Located along Tamaki Drive, it is a few minutes from downtown on Auckland's waterfront.	
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<u>Berkeley Theatre</u> <u>Mission Bay</u>	BERKELEY Mission Bay is a four screen cinema complex, with licensed theatres & bar, situated on the waterfront in Mission Bay.	

	Food Try one of the tempting cafes, restaurants and fresh food options along Tamaki Drive. A great way to catch up with friends whilst enjoying stunning views and good food that comes with a smile.
<u>St Heliers village</u> <u>shopping area</u>	The beach is well equipped with all public facilities and is just across the road from the St Heliers shopping centre, cafés, bars and restaurants. It can easily be reached from Ladies Bay, Achilles Point and Glover Park. An extensive list of dining options

	is available from the local website, catering to anyone's appetite.
<u>Mission Bay</u>	Whether you fancy Italian, Indian, Thai, Spanish, Mediterranean, Belgian or contemporary Kiwi - it's all right here for you. Go to our local <u>website</u> to see the diverse range of catering options.
<u>Kohimarama</u>	Kohimarama is loved by Aucklanders – there is a beautiful beach, surrounded by some of the best cafes and restaurants in town.

	Stay <u>Tamaki Drive Precinct</u> offers some great accommodation options all within easy reach of Auckland's CBD yet located in quiet residential areas, all offering a warm friendly stay.
<u>Aarangi Motel</u>	In a brilliant location only a couple of minutes walk to Kohimarama (Kohi) Beach, Aarangi is a real find for travellers seeking quality accommodation.
Kohi B&B	Kohi B&B offers high quality private accommodation in a quiet and secure setting with off-street parking in one of Auckland's most beautiful inner suburbs.
<u>Pippi's B&B</u>	Pippi's Bed & Breakfast provides luxurious, comfortable and homely Bed & Breakfast accommodation in St Heliers in Auckland's eastern suburbs.

Remuera

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<u>Remuera Gallery</u>	A landmark in Auckland for over 30 years, the Remuera Gallery is one of New Zealand's leading fine art galleries. The Gallery offers an eclectic collection of paintings from abstract to traditional; as well as sculpture, glass and ceramics.
<u>St. Johns Chapel</u>	Nested within the King's school grounds at Remuera Road, the Chapel was converted from the original stables in the 1920's. The Chapel is included in the established <u>Remuera Heritage Walk</u> .
<u>Remuera Library</u>	The friendly local staff at the Remuera library are always willing to help visitors. There are pamphlets on the <u>Remuera Heritage</u> <u>Walk</u> . and other useful information available at the Library about Remuera and surrounding areas.
<u>St Aidan's</u>	St Aidans, located at Ascot Avenue, is the Anglican Parish of St Aidan, Remuera. St Aidens is the start point of the established <u>Remuera Heritage Walk</u> .
<u>St Marks</u>	St. Mark's Church has been part of Auckland since 1847 when the first church was built at Remuera Rd, nestled in between <u>Remuera's shopping centre</u> .
St Michael's Parish	St. Michael's Parish, located in Beatrice Road is certainly a visible landmark. The church was opened on 1 October 1933 and offers church and other community services.
<u>St Paul's Methodist</u> <u>Church</u>	St Paul's Methodist church is located at St. Vincent Avenue, just off Remuera Road. Various community groups are represented – this is truly a welcoming place for everyone.

Bomuera Heritago Walk	Get Local Do what the locals do Showcase local everyday activities, community and interest group activities, local markets, sounds, local events, local shopping.
Remuera Heritage Walk	Remuera Heritage walk stretches from St. Aidan's church to Mt Hobson, offering locals and visitors a walk past interesting heritage sites (Burns house 1905 in Remuera. From here, a stop at any of Remuera's many <u>local café's and boutique stores</u> is never far away.
Remuera Gallery	A landmark in Auckland for over 30 years, the Remuera Gallery is one of New Zealand's leading fine art galleries. The Gallery offers an eclectic collection of paintings from abstract to traditional; as well as sculpture, glass and ceramics.
College Rifles	College Rifles Rugby Football Club was founded in 1897. It is a proud community-based club, with a large and diverse membership of all ages, based in the Eastern Bays of Auckland. It is a very popular and well-known local rugby Union Football & Sports Club, worth visiting at any time.
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<u>Waitarua Reserve</u>	The Reserve offers one of the largest green spaces in Auckland. The park is New Zealand's biggest urban wetland restoration projects and home to many wetland bird species, a unique haven in the midst of the city for locals, visitors and birds - right next to <u>Remuera Golf Club</u> .
Little Rangitoto Reserve	This playground and park is particularly good for small children and younger teenagers. There's a range of equipment including a new circular swing system, jungle gym, climbers, slides and a popular 'Flying fox' and skateboard park. Cafés, restaurants, and other retail shops are close by. A great place for a Sunday afternoon and a short walk away from <u>Remuera's Shopping</u> <u>Centre</u> .
<u>Remuera Heritage Walk</u>	Remuera Heritage walk stretches from St. Aidan's church all the way to Mt. Hobson, offering a valuable experiences visiting interesting heritage sites in Remuera, all easily accessible and within reach from Remuera's shopping centre.
<u>Mount Hobson Domain</u>	Mount Hobson is a volcanic cone, centrally located in Remuera. Its and easy walk to the top, where you receive stunning views of the Waitemata Harbour and Rangitoto. Cows can also be found grazing which is a novelty in the middle of New Zealand's largest city.
<u>Ōrākei Basin walkway</u>	This lovely walkway forms a natural connection between Tamaki Drive precinct and Remuera. The construction of the Ōrākei Basin walkway has created a link for cyclists and pedestrians between Meadowbank and Ōrākei across the Ōrākei Basin and is easily accessible by <u>train</u> . It is within pleasurable walking distance from <u>Kelly Tarlton's</u> .
<u>Hobson Bay walkway</u>	This walk in Auckland is a low tide walk around the edge of Hobson Bay. There are two off-leash dog areas for dog owners. Native bush walkways can be found on the seaward side on Ayr Street and lead down to the shoreline and along past <u>Thomas</u> <u>Bloodworth Park.</u> This area has a beautiful view and in the distance (across Hobson Bay) Tamaki Drive can be seen.

<u>Remuera Golf Club</u>	Remuera Golf Club is set in beautiful park-like ground, accessible from both Ellerslie and Remuera shopping centres. Remuera is one of New Zealand's premier golf courses providing excellent facilities to its members, guests and corporates. It is a very
	popular spot for locals and visitors alike.

	Food Remuera is well known for style and quality. With a fabulous selection of small local independent shops, stylish boutiques and tempting cafes and restaurants, Remuera offers a unique experience for relaxed shopping and dining with family and friends.
<u>Remuera</u> Shopping Centre	Remuera Shopping centre is one of Auckland's most gracious suburbs, and a New Zealand shopping district renowned for style and quality. With a fabulous selection of small independent shops, stylish boutiques and tempting cafes and restaurants, Remuera is the perfect destination for relaxed shopping and dining with family and friends.
Remuera Local Café & Bistro	Perfectly located in the Remuera shopping centre near the corner of Clonbern Road, the warm and inviting Remuera Local is recognisable for its smart navy frontage, complete with matching delivery bicycle from yesteryear. The owners have successfully created an intimate and authentic slice of European – style eating within its chic and understated surroundings.
Banque Oyster Bar & Eatery	After a major renovation in 2013, Banque has re-opened as an Oyster Bar & Eatery with a new look, new menu and lively atmosphere.

	Stay Remuera offers excellent accommodation options all within easy reach of Auckland's CBD yet located in a beautiful residential area with a rich heritage. A good decision after a long set of golf or shopping.
<u>Greenlane Motor Inn</u>	Greenlane Motor Inn offers quality accommodation providing you with room to work and space to relax. Proudly Kiwi owned and operated.
<u>Cotter House</u>	Cotter House is a delightful boutique lodge where you can indulge and unwind in the luxury of times gone by. Cotter House is a charming romantic hideaway close to downtown Auckland with its own garden, private pool and spa. This gracious, historical mansion is serviced by warm, friendly staff.
<u>Hotel Novotel Auckland</u> <u>Ellerslie</u>	Unwind in the peaceful ambience of the premier 4.5 star Novotel Auckland Ellerslie. Avoid the hustle and bustle of the city centre while remaining on the doorstep of Auckland's best shopping, cultural, and entertainment areas.

Ellerslie	
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Ellerslie Christ Church	Christ Church is the Anglican church serving the parish of Ellerslie and Mt Wellington. The Anglican Christ Church is a significant image of Ellerslie, just a short stroll from <u>Ellerslie's shopping centre</u> and <u>Derby Downs Domain</u> .
Classic New Zealand villas	Homes in Ellerslie have many different architectural styles, some of which are classic New Zealand villas. The streets in the residential areas are perfect for a walk.
Bridge of Memories	<u>Ellerslie</u> has a rich history. The mosaics on the Bridge portray different landmark buildings, houses (past and present), and images from the local schools. The bridge also works as a connection to the cross bridge from the railway station over the motorway, often used by locals and visitors to wait for the train, or to enjoy their coffee – a 'must do' in Ellerslie.
Union Post	This is located in the historic former post office building included on the Ellerslie town heritage walk. It is now called the <u>Union Post</u> and has been converted into a busy modern bar popular with the locals.
Ellerslie War Memorial Hall / <u>Stables Theatre</u>	This community hall was built to commemorate servicemen and women killed in the first and second world wars. For visitors it offers beautiful mosaic art to enjoy. It is situated adjacent to a bus stop in the middle of <u>Ellerslie shopping area</u> and is conveniently close to Ellerslie town square. <u>Stables Theatre</u> is situated inside the hall and is home to Ellerslie Theatrical Society which performs regular theatre shows.
Former Municipal Buildings	The Ellerslie Town District purchased the land in 1926 for the construction of its municipal buildings. The Ellerslie Borough Council was based in these offices until it merged with Auckland City in 1989. It is a now a Columbus Coffee shop
Arbofield	This two-story wooden Italianate house was the residence of Lieut. Col Charles Dawson (18th Royal Irish Regiment), Chairman of the Mount Wellington Road Board and Master of the Pakuranga Hunt.

	Get Local Do what the locals do Showcase local everyday activities, community and interest group activities, local organic markets, sounds, local events, local shopping, racecourse, sport activities
Ellerslie Racecourse	The Ellerslie Racecourse is a premier attraction for racegoers. The natural area has well-kept grounds and gardens with a number of sculptures and memorial plaques, within easy distance (0.5km) from both the <u>Novotel</u> and <u>IBIS Hotel</u> , the Events Centre, and the Ellerslie Racecourse. Close by is <u>Ellerslie's</u> <u>main shopping centre</u>
<u>Richoux Patisserie</u>	Richoux Patisserie is right in the heart of <u>Ellerslie Shops</u> , where locals and visitors often come and enjoy good coffee, cakes, muffins, slices, pies, and sandwiches. <u>Derby Downs Domain</u> , <u>Michaels Ave Reserve</u> or the Bridge of Memories are just a short stroll away.
Ellerslie Recreation Centre	YMCA Ellerslie Recreation Centre is located in the idyllic surrounds of the Michaels Avenue Reserve and offers health, wellbeing and recreation opportunities for the entire community and visitors alike.
Ellerslie Shopping Centre (Ellerslie Business District)	Ellerslie is home to many organic food stores. Locals and visitors love to shop here and enjoy the welcoming service of the food store owners.
<u>Ceres Organics</u>	Ceres Organics offers a huge selection of products including organic fresh produce, groceries, freshly baked bread, eggs, cereals, bulk grains and nuts (not heat treated), refrigerated goods, dairy and non-dairy alternatives, gluten-free products etc. Renowned for its welcoming and knowledgeable team, it is a very popular place. From here, a stroll to <u>Derby Downs Domain</u> or Michaels Ave Reserve is just a stone's throw away.
Bridge of Memories	The mosaics on the Bridge portray different landmark buildings, houses, (past and present), images from the local schools etc that portray a real sense of the <u>Ellerslie</u> community. The bridge also serves as a connection to the cross bridge from the railway station over the motorway, often used by locals and visitors to wait for the train, or to enjoy their coffee.

	Urban trails, nature and outdoors Walk, cycle, skateboard, ride, run, play sport, golf, meander, dawdle, breathe residential areas and look at our beautiful architectural and heritage buildings or well-maintained gardens.
<u>Papatuanuku ki Taurangi</u> <u>Garden</u>	This organic garden is run by the Sisters of Mercy, and is a community resource. The produce grown in the gardens goes to needy families in Auckland. The garden is open to volunteers Monday to Thursday and particularly Wednesday mornings. Anyone is welcome to drop in when it is attended. Visitors can go and enjoy the quiet space that it provides.
Ellerslie Domain	Ellerslie Domain is centrally located in Ellerslie Borough within walking distance of the shopping centre. The only access to the domain is from Main Highway. The majority of the land is relatively flat in two levels with terracing between. The north eastern corner rises sharply in a steep bank. Most of the domain is grassed with a scattering of trees along the western boundary including three totara and an oak tree in the north eastern corner.
Derbys Downs Domain	Local green open space with path providing street to street access. Dogs welcome.
Ellerslie Racecourse Gardens	This area has well-kept grounds and gardens with a number of sculptures and memorial plaques.
<u>Michaels Ave Reserve</u>	For almost 20 years Michaels Ave reserve has been a multi- purpose public space, meeting the needs of everyone, from soccer players to pre-schoolers, and dog walkers to native wildlife breeding in the restored wetland. This reserve is a much loved centre for recreation, sport and fitness within the area.
Lawry Reserve	Local green open space. Has Ellerslie Play Centre and Girl Guides Hall located on site.
Ellerslie Golf Warehouse	Ellerslie golf warehouse is located in the middle of Ellerslie Racecourse making it a unique experience in Auckland especially on race-days. It has a large driving range which also has a pitch and putt course, a separate practice area and a 9 hole golf course on site. You do not have to book in advance making it a great visitor attraction.

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<u>Richoux Patisserie</u>	<u>Richoux Patisserie</u> is right in the heart <u>Ellerslie Shops</u> , where locals and visitors often come and enjoy (organic) cakes, muffins, slices, pies, sandwiches and soft drinks. <u>Derby Downs</u> <u>Domain</u> , <u>Michaels Ave Reserve</u> or the Bridge of Memories are just a short stroll away.
Ellerslie Meats	Ellerslie Meats is a local butcher specialising in organic meat, beef, chicken, lamb, etc and their famous award-winning gluten free handmade organic sausages. From here, take a stroll to <u>Ellerslie Domain</u> or <u>Michaels Ave Reserve</u>
<u>Mexico</u>	MEXICO is a Mexican Restaurant located in the middle of the <u>Ellerslie shopping area</u> . Open 7 days, Noon 'til late.
<u>Ravis</u>	Ravis is an Indian Restaurant located in the middle of <u>Ellerslie</u> <u>shopping area</u> .

	Stay Ellerslie offers many accommodation possibilities to choose from, ranging from international hotels to local B&B's, all very conveniently located within the reach of Ellerslie's attractions.
Best Western Ellerslie International	This four-star Auckland motel, ideally positioned just off the Ellerslie Penrose Motorway Off-Ramp and close by <u>Ellerslie's racecourse</u> . <u>Ellerslie's shopping area</u> and <u>natural parks</u> are just a pleasant stroll away.
Ibis Auckland Ellerslie	Ibis Auckland Ellerslie is conveniently located with easy highway access just off the Greenlane highway interchange, next to the <u>Ellerslie Racecourse</u> . <u>Ellerslie's shopping area</u> and <u>natural parks</u> are just a pleasant stroll away.
Novotel Hotel Ellerslie	Unwind in the peaceful ambience of the premier 4.5 star Novotel Auckland Ellerslie. Avoid the hustle and bustle of the city centre while remaining on the doorstep of Auckland's best shopping, cultural, and entertainment areas, including <u>ASB</u> <u>Showground</u> and <u>Ellerslie Racecourse and Event Centre.</u>
All Season's Auckland Ellerslie	All Seasons Ellerslie is a 23-room hotel opposite the main gates of <u>Ellerslie Race Course and Convention Centre</u> . The hotel is three minutes walk from the Train Station, where the Bridge of Memories is located.