



# Auckland Urban Development Office Northcote *newsletter*

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## Kia ora Northcote

Big things are happening in your town centre – and we’re here to keep you in the loop. Over the next two years, Northcote will welcome:

- A completed Te Ara Awataha - Northcote’s new greenway.
- A brand-new community hub.
- An upgraded Puāwai Cadness Reserve (next to the library).

During construction, we want the town centre to continue to stay vibrant — and be a great place to shop, eat, relax and connect. Read below for exciting activities and updates.

## We are Northcote – summer fun for everyone!

We’re turning up the fun with free family-friendly activities all summer long. From art and games to dog days and ninja runs — there’s something for everyone. See activities overleaf and save the dates.

## Northcote’s new Saturday market – from 1 November

We’re thrilled to announce a new **weekly market** in the main car park (off Lake Rd) – every Saturday, from 8am-2pm, until Christmas.

There’ll be:

- Fresh produce and baked goods.
- International eats.
- Local crafts and entertainment.

Walk, cycle, or go by bus. If driving, see the link below for a parking map.

Bring your whānau and check it out. If it’s a hit, the market will keep going in 2026!

[audo.co.nz/northcotemarket](http://audo.co.nz/northcotemarket)

Key

- Walking and cycling route
- Future walking and cycling route
- Awataha Stream
- Future daylighting
- Public spaces of Te Ara Awataha
- Wharepaku Public Toilets
- Papa Tākaro Play Area

## Te Ara Awataha Northcote



## Te Ara Awataha – final stretch coming soon

In early 2026, we’ll begin the final section of Northcote’s new greenway - from the Onepoto Awhina Community House to Woolworths.

Over 6 months, we’ll:

- Bring the Awataha Stream to the surface to better manage stormwater.
- Create a new pathway.
- Beautify the space with lots of new native plants and trees.

Heads up:

- Some parking behind Pearn Place/Crescent will be removed.
- Access to the remaining parks in this area will be limited to one entry/exit point during construction.
- Traffic management will be in place for construction vehicles crossing the end of Pearn Place (by the library).

## Northcote’s new community hub - coming 2026

Northcote Library will relocate to a temporary hub at 1 Ernie Mays Street (on the corner of College Road) in early/mid 2026, to make way for the construction of the new community hub.

In its new location, the library will offer:

- A specially selected range of books.
- Online ordering and pick up.
- Local friendly library staff to help you out.

Plunket and the Citizens Advice Bureau are also moving in too, joining NorthArt and Hearts & Minds.

Construction of the new hub and the neighbouring Puāwai Cadness upgrade is expected to start in mid-2026, wrapping up in late 2027.



Temporary community hub at 1 Ernie Mays Street



Old doctors and dentists building makes way for future main street

With All Care Family Medical Centre and Northcote Dental Centre now locally relocated, their former Pearn Place building is being removed. Why? To allow for the future extension of Ernie Mays St to Lake Road – the planned main street and bus route.

In a win for sustainability, building material will be reused, recycled or repurposed – giving them a second life and minimising landfill.

Kāinga Ora Northcote Development update – Northcote is transforming

Alongside new social housing, more private apartments are on the way too. Next up are 93 long-term rentals from Simplicity Living on Lake Road, just minutes from the revitalising town centre, schools, public transport and parks.

Due in 2027, these homes will bring more people to Northcote – helping to create a more vibrant, connected community.

Find out more: [northcotedevelopment.co.nz](http://northcotedevelopment.co.nz) or [simplicity.kiwi/learn/updates/simplicity-living-in-northcoteengagenwauckland@kaingaora.govt.nz](http://simplicity.kiwi/learn/updates/simplicity-living-in-northcoteengagenwauckland@kaingaora.govt.nz)



Auckland Urban Development Office activities:

Saturday 29 November 10am–2pm	Party in the Plaza	Norman King Plaza (by the library)	Face painting, balloon animals, outdoor games and summer passport for prizes.
Saturday 6 December 10am–2pm	Board Games Bonanza	Pearn Place (under the elm tree)	Learn and play chess, mahjong, Go, and more with other locals.
Saturday 20 December 10am–2pm	Crafty Christmas	Norman King Plaza	Get festive with creative crafts!
Saturday 17 January 10am–2pm	Northcote Art Station	Pearn Place	Try your hand at art!
Saturday 24 January 10am–2pm	A Doggie Day Out	Te Kaitaka, Greenslade Reserve	Obstacle course, dog photographer, and more furry fun.
Saturday 31 January 10am–2pm	Northcote Ninja Run	Puāwai Cadness Reserve	Bouncy obstacle course, free BBQ and prizes!

More events are coming. Stay tuned! [audo.co.nz/northcotesummer](http://audo.co.nz/northcotesummer)



Other local happenings:

Northcote Together.

Supporting fun and connection in the neighbourhood.  
Explore events: [northcotetogether.org](http://northcotetogether.org) Get involved: [northcotetogether@gmail.com](mailto:northcotetogether@gmail.com)

Northcote Library.

Discover summer events and activities on their Facebook page:  
[facebook.com/Northcote.Library](https://facebook.com/Northcote.Library)

Who is the Auckland Urban Development Office?

We’re the team behind Auckland Council’s urban transformation – leading major redevelopments projects like Northcote. We work with mana whenua, developers, and the community to create vibrant, future-ready neighbourhoods.

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