Capturing Panmure's past

As AMETI progresses and the Panmure area gets new features, we take a trip back in time via old newspaper stories which herald the area's then prosperous and thriving industry.....

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF MOUNT WELLINGTON

the Borough of Mount Wellington has developed at an unprecedented rate. In 1945 the population of the Borough was 2043, whereas today it: is over 13.000, an increase of over 1000 per annum, and all evidence indicates that this rate of growth will continue for some years. Similarly, capital value figures for the Borough reveal the same

Tamaki Times, 3 Sept1958



The Governor likes Panmure

The Governor General, Sir Denis Blundell, and his wife thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Panmure recently.

The Governor-General had morning tea with the Mt. Wellington mayor and councillors and their wives before walking through the township to the Panmure Fencible Cottage.

"We saw at close hand how extensive is your shopping centre,". wrote Sir Denis in a letter of thanks to Eastern Courier, the council.-

14 May 1975

POPULATION EXPANDS RAPIDLY

population, if Mt Wellington's few remaining districts available. The Mt Wellington Borough present rapid growth continues, for both housing and industrial Council, which took over the With a population increase of oevelopment, 1000 a year, the borough has 10'1945, Government capital grown from village status with 2043 people in 1945 to more than over £1 million—today the figure closely.

has jumped to more than £1914 Sewerage heads the list of The Auckland Star,

soon be serving a city-sized years ago was one of Auckland's has brought major problems too

This expansion has followed a million, henomenal demand for land in The growth has brought much ing the next 10 years.

Ten Years' Rapid Growth

Since its early days as a "pensioner settlement" big fector to this rapid expansion the district of Panmure was the construction from 1950 on was the construction from 1950 on ward of a large number of shops. The main street will no longer ward of a large number of shops be a through traffic route, and These have brought much new business to the area. "Twelve years ago," said Mr greater pedestrian patety and being the street with the street w The Panmure district was Young, "there were no more than ter parking facilities, amalgamated with the Mt Well- five shops in the district. Today amalgamated with the Mt Well- five ington borough in 1954. Before the figure is nearer 105, Many of Civic Progress that it was administered by the the large city stores now have Panmure Township Road Board. in Mt Wellington Borough Council districts.

Expanding Numbers

In 1949 the population of the dis-

The best indication of the area's sion has been a steady building up growth, however, is to be found of light industry in surrounding

Young. "Today the figure is £21

15,500, and is increasing steadily, incentive for both domestic and area similar to Hamilton Lake was The Mt Wellington town clerk, industrial expansion. The bypass approved in principle,

"Twelve years ago," said Mr greater pedestrian safety and bet-

already has a fine new post office, "Shortly after the war capital a new police station and coincil values for this locality were estioffices. Plans are well afoot for mated at £2 million," said Mr a new community hall and Plunket

In 1949 the population of the dis-trict was 3000. Today it stands at mure bridge will be an additional popular playground and hathing

NZ Herald. 12 June 1959

About the AMETI transport projects

The Auckland Manukau Eastern Transport Initiative (AMETI) is a group of transport projects for the south east (Panmure, Mt Wellington, Pakuranga, Howick and Botany).



The aim is to give people in the area better transport choices by improving public transport, walking and cycling facilities and reducing traffic congestion. Other major aims are to create jobs by unlocking the economic potential of the area, improve transport for freight and business traffic and to promote good urban design.

Panmure Stage One: New road linking Mt Wellington Highway and Morrin Rd, Panmure Station upgrade, Van Damme's Lagoon improvements, walking and cycling paths, busway bridge and two bridge replacements.

Panmure to Pakuranga (Stage Two) – new intersection to replace Panmure roundabout, busway from Panmure Station to Pakuranga town centre, walking and cycle paths, Reeves Rd flyover in Pakuranga.

Other future developments: Sylvia Park bus interchange and route improvements, busway extended to Botany along the centre of Ti Rakau Dr, East-West link improvements, extension of new AMETI Rd to Merton Rd.

The NZ Transport Agency and Auckland Council are major funders of AMETI.



Big boost for Panmure commuters as new interchange opens

Thousands of people turned out to celebrate the opening of the new Panmure Station in January, marking the completion of the biggest milestone on the first stage of AMETI.

The opening had a strong community focus with entertainment and food provided throughout the day as a way of thanking businesses and residents for their patience and support.

The \$17.5 million facility provides easy and direct transfers between rail and bus, benefitting those living and working in the area as well as those who travel through Panmure as part of their daily commute.

The new station will make life a lot easier for commuters with the walking time between buses and trains now taking less than a minute. It will be the gateway to Auckland's newest high frequency Southeastern Busway between Panmure, Pakuranga and Botany.

The busway will offer passengers faster and more reliable travel times by freeing buses from traffic congestion. The next stage will see the creation of busway lanes along Lagoon Drive and Pakuranga to a new bus station at Pakuranga town centre.

The interchange is designed for easy transfers, also enhanced by the new AT HOP card allowing people to travel seamlessly between public transport modes and

Features include a new central pedestrian plaza linking both rail tracks, two lifts, escalators to both platforms and four sets of stairs at the main access points. Ticket machines have been installed on both platforms with a staffed ticket office on the ground

Panmure is currently one of the busiest rail stations in the region with approximately 1700 passengers per day. It has grown rapidly since 2003 when it was used by less than 100 passengers per day.

The facility is one part of a much bigger transport picture for Auckland. It will encourage more people to use public transport, provide more travel options and manage congestion on the city's motorways and roads.



A stunning sunrise marked the dawn blessing of the new Interchange on Saturday 17 January See more photos on page three.

Find out more: (09) 355 3553 or visit aucklandtransport.govt.nz/ameti



From the Project Director

As we move into the final stages of Stage One of Ameti, I'd like to first thank the local community, businesses and residents for their unwavering support and patience whilst we work to provide better transport infrastructure for the area.

In January when the new Panmure Interchange was officially opened, it was clear from the thousands that turned out for the event that the facility was much admired and welcomed by the people of Panmure.

The amount of positive feedback was overwhelming and it's clear that the interchange will become a vital connection in Auckland's new public transport network.

Work on Stage One of Ameti is now in its final year and I look forward to the completion of the Ameti Link Road which will further enhance the improvements already delivered providing better services for our customers.

Sincerely Peter King **AMETI Project Director**



Stay up to date

date on the AMETI project. We

Auckland Transport has a Stakeholder Management Specialist, Greg Horne, who is focused on working with directly affected properties and others in the area who may be impacted by the project. For any issues please contact Greg at greg.horne@ aucklandtransport.govt.nz or on 09 355 3553. A monthly project update is distributed to the area

The Auckland Transport website will also have regular updates on the project at www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz/

Auckland Transport is committed to keeping the community up to are also aiming to get the balance right between making progress and minimising the impacts.

around the construction.

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Panmure to Botany busway update

Further design work is getting underway for the Panmure to Pakuranga stage of the busway and Reeves Rd flyover.

The work will further develop concept plans and include consultation with the community, businesses and affected property owners.

The Panmure to Pakuranga stage of AMETI also includes upgrading Panmure roundabout to an intersection with traffic lights, a Pakuranga town centre bus station as well as walking and cycling paths.

Auckland Transport is aiming to apply for Notice of Requirements in late 2014, which will be followed by public submissions and heard by independent commissioners in 2015. The aim is to begin construction in 2016.

The busway will eventually operate between Panmure, Pakuranga and Botany town centres, with high frequency buses cutting journey times.

Community celebrations at the new interchange opening

















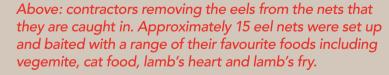
Relocating our native eels

As part of the Van Damme's Lagoon upgrade, contractors have relocated 440 eels to a safe new home whilst desludging and other works take place.

The eels have been relocated to several freshwater streams around the Tamaki River. The eel species captured comprise both Shortfin and Longfin eels (*Te Reo: Tuna*). They are the two main species of native eels found in New Zealand.

Capturing and relocating these eels is crucial to preservation as the number of native eels has decreased in New Zealand, due to the loss of wetlands and the historical commercial fishing practice.







The electric fishing technique, where a current is sent through the water via the metal rod, to temporarily stun the eels so they can be captured. Once they are taken from the stream they recover after a few seconds.

Eels are able to survive in both saltwater and freshwater. They migrate upstream when they are young to find a suitable adult habitat, then after many years they migrate to the Pacific Ocean to breed and die. They have been swimming up and down New Zealand streams and rivers for the last 23 million vears.

The Longfin eel is one of the largest eels in the world and is only found in New Zealand waterways. The commercial eel fishery is managed by the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) under the Quota Management System.