



### Committee Update

Hello members and associates of the NLBA.

2023 is well underway and we at the NLBA have a busy year ahead of us. Additional to our annual planner, we are hosting a Valentines, Mother's Day event and including new policy development on sponsorship and advertising. The committee welcome your thoughts and feedback on activity we undertake.

At the back of this newsletter, you will see the first 6 months of the annual planner. Whilst there is a base set plan, there is flexibility in changing to meet the needs of the environment and membership.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Don Thomas, a long-standing member of the Business Association and a very well respected New Lynn Business owner. Dons' contribution to the community has been substantial, he has always been a great supporter and a business leader who gives back to community. In this

newsletter, we share a bit more about Don and in doing so we acknowledge his fabulous wife and partner Christine Thomas. Thank you for all you do and have done Don. Congratulations on behalf of our full membership and the Executive Committee.

### Christmas 2022

#### Spin and win

This year the NLBA gave away over 400 gifts to customers who shopped with us. The Shop, Spin and Win promotion was great and although the weather was some days trying, our customers loved the campaign. We had great feedback from both our membership and customers. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

#### Christmas trees

The NLBA management team installed three sections of Christmas trees. Unfortunately, there was some damage to the trees and a loss of three individual

Christmas trees to damage. Whilst this is disappointing, the Christmas tree Clusters were appreciated by the general public and membership. In the future, this activity will be reviewed.

#### New Lynn Community Christmas event

A great day of free fun Christmas activities was held on December 10th. Hosting this event is always a Christmas highlight. Our thanks go to The Whau Local Board (funding from Council via our ratepayers) for supporting this local activity for our community. At a time when people are struggling with household costs, a free family event is always appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas campaigns, we do hope you enjoyed successful trading albeit the somewhat wild weather.

**Vish Bhati and the New Lynn Business Association Executive Committee**



### Christmas in New Lynn FREE FAMILY EVENT



Christmas trees cluster



# A message from Don Thomas QSM

**I am honoured to have been awarded a Queens Service Medal (QSM) in the New Years honours list for services to the Community and the Legal Profession. I am humbled by the nominees consideration in submitting the application. I see my efforts as simply doing what I can to help in my community and my profession.**



Don has been practising law since 1971 having attended school in New Lynn/Avondale/Kelston and practising in the area ever since.

He has unparalleled experience and knowledge of West Auckland and its unique features and attractions.

Don has extensive expertise in property development transactions, commercial transactions and Maori land law. Don is also a notary public having provided notary services since 1977. He is now the first electronic capable Notary in New Zealand.

He is a long serving member of the Auckland Rugby Referees Association and continues to volunteer his time to referee at school and club levels. He is Chairman & Boat Master for the Hawke Sea Scout Group.

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**Do you need to talk with us or connect with the business association manager or chairperson?**

We are here to hear from you and to get your feedback. Please contact Amelda or Vish for any queries or comments.

**Amelda Jeffery**

CONTRACT MANAGER Phone 021 264 3188

**Vish Bhati**

CHAIRPERSON Phone 022 600 2600



## Don's achievements

- Lawyer & Notary Public
- LLB Auckland 1971 Notary Public 1978

### Education

- West Spreydon Primary Christchurch
- New Lynn Primary Auckland
- Avondale Intermediate Auckland
- Kelston Boys High Auckland
- University of Auckland
- University of NSW (Armidale) Legal Practice Management, levels 1 and 2
- Commenced practice 1971 - Principal since 1975
- Sole practice 1986-2016
- Director Thomas & Co Lawyers Ltd 2016 to 2022. Merged with Titirangi Law Centre 2017 & David J Brown 2021 (5 directors, 5 lawyers, 4 paralegals and 3 support staff)
- Legal Consultant & Notary Public 2022 present
- originator of NZ Document Exchange (DX) concept
- originator of/first to introduce facsimile settlement concept
- leader/early adopter and promoter of technology and systems in legal practices
- first e-capable Notary in New Zealand.
- Auckland District Law Society Council Member 1979-1985
- Auckland District Law Society Presidential Candidate 1982 & 1983
- ADLS Forms and Costs Committees 1979-1985
- Originator of/first to introduce the scheduled forms concept in own practice and ADLS Forms.
- Auckland District Legal Aid Committee 1980-1985
- Occasional Seminar presenter Law Society Practice Technology and Practice Management and LINZ e-dealing Road Show
- New Zealand Society of Notaries Council 2014 to present
- Avondale Community Committee member 1974-1981
- Avondale CAB Legal Services co-ordinator 1974 present
- New Lynn CAB Legal Services co-ordinator 1984 present
- New Lynn Business Assoc committee member 1978-2001
- Trust Chairman Avondale Community Sports Turf Trust 1998 present
- Member Avondale Community Stadium Committee 1993 present
- Hawke Sea Scout Management Committee 2012 (Chair 2016 - present) - assistant group leader & sailing leader 2012 present
- New Windsor Primary School Committee 1974-1980
- Kelston High Schools Board of Governors 1978-1989 Deputy Chair 1983-1989
- Avondale College Board of Governors 1981-1989
- Avondale College Board of Trustees 1989-1995 Deputy Chair 1984-1995
- Rugby Referee 1976 to present
- Rugby Referee Coach 2011 to present
- Touch Rugby Referee 1996 to present
- Avondale College Girls Hockey Coach (3rd grade to 2nd XI) 1987-1991
- Joint Convenor Avondale College Japan Sports tours 1989 and 1991
- Blood Donor 1962 present, (362 donations at July 2022)

# What's happening in January to June 2023

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
						Networking Event (date TBC)				Networking Event (date TBC)	
1 Sun	New Year's Day	1 Wed		1 Wed		1 Sat		1 Mon		1 Thu	
2 Mon	New Year's Day Holiday	2 Thu		2 Thu	Networking Event	2 Sun		2 Tue		2 Fri	
3 Tue	New Years Day Holiday	3 Fri		3 Fri		3 Mon		3 Wed		3 Sat	
4 Wed		4 Sat		4 Sat		4 Tue		4 Thu		4 Sun	
5 Thu		5 Sun		5 Sun		5 Wed		5 Fri		5 Mon	King's Birthday
6 Fri		6 Mon	Waitangi Day	6 Mon		6 Thu		6 Sat		6 Tue	
7 Sat		7 Tue		7 Tue		7 Fri	Good Friday	7 Sun		7 Wed	
8 Sun		8 Wed		8 Wed		8 Sat	Easter Saturday	8 Mon		8 Thu	
9 Mon		9 Thu		9 Thu		9 Sun	Easter Sunday	9 Tue		9 Fri	
10 Tue		10 Fri		10 Fri		10 Mon	Easter Monday	10 Wed		10 Sat	
11 Wed		11 Sat		11 Sat		11 Tue		11 Thu		11 Sun	
12 Thu		12 Sun		12 Sun		12 Wed		12 Fri		12 Mon	
13 Fri		13 Mon		13 Mon		13 Thu		13 Sat		13 Tue	
14 Sat		14 Tue		14 Tue		14 Fri		14 Sun	Mother's Day	14 Wed	
15 Sun		15 Wed		15 Wed		15 Sat		15 Mon		15 Thu	Exec Committee Meeting
16 Mon		16 Thu		16 Thu	Exec Committee Meeting	16 Sun		16 Tue		16 Fri	
17 Tue		17 Fri		17 Fri		17 Mon		17 Wed		17 Sat	
18 Wed		18 Sat		18 Sat		18 Tue		18 Thu	Exec Committee Meeting	18 Sun	
19 Thu		19 Sun		19 Sun		19 Wed		19 Fri		19 Mon	
20 Fri		20 Mon		20 Mon		20 Thu	Exec Committee Meeting	20 Sat		20 Tue	
21 Sat		21 Tue		21 Tue		21 Fri		21 Sun		21 Wed	
22 Sun		22 Wed		22 Wed		22 Sat		22 Mon		22 Thu	
23 Mon		23 Thu	Exec Committee Meeting & Exec Governance Training	23 Thu		23 Sun		23 Tue		23 Fri	
24 Tue		24 Fri		24 Fri		24 Mon		24 Wed		24 Sat	
25 Wed		25 Sat		25 Sat		25 Tue	ANZAC Day	25 Thu		25 Sun	
26 Thu		26 Sun		26 Sun		26 Wed		26 Fri		26 Mon	
27 Fri		27 Mon		27 Mon	Business Awards Presentation Evening	27 Thu		27 Sat		27 Tue	
28 Sat		28 Tue		28 Tue		28 Fri		28 Sun		28 Wed	
29 Sun				29 Wed		29 Sat		29 Mon		29 Thu	
30 Mon	Auckland Anniversary			30 Thu		30 Sun		30 Tue		30 Fri	
31 Tue				31 Fri				31 Wed			



SHOP NEW LYNN

Meet the people who make your community a better place to live, shop, work and play

Check out the videos on our website [www.newlynnbusinessassociation.net.nz](http://www.newlynnbusinessassociation.net.nz)

# NLBA Valentines Promotion

# Always LOVE you



**NEW LYNN**  
BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATION

**Display words of love and be in to  
WIN one of ten fabulous gift baskets\***

Make a purchase from a participating NLBA business, and display words of love to a special person and enter the draw to win one of ten gift baskets.

To display your words of love find our locations online [newlynnbusinessassociation.net.nz](http://newlynnbusinessassociation.net.nz), submit to the NLBA office at 25 Veronica Street or email [amelda@nlba.co.nz](mailto:amelda@nlba.co.nz)

\*Entries close 5.00pm 14 February 2023. Drawn before 2.00pm 15 February.

## NLBA Executive Committee



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SOMETHING IN OUR NEWSLETTER?**

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