

# SHORE JUNCTION

WHERE IDEAS COLLIDE AND FUTURE PATHS FORGE



## A NOTE FROM OUR COMMUNITY DIRECTOR - MELANIE BARR

Our community is steadily growing, the Shore Junction initiative and brand is spreading strongly north of the bridge. We now have strong support from high schools, community initiatives, SMEs and larger Shore based businesses.

While we are renovating (August - February) I will be working on our programming. Making sure that we are working with the best of the best to develop programmes, activities and events that encompass all the fantastic subject areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths and Enterprise.

The Shore Junction community are already vocal ambassadors for reducing youth suicide, supporting talented young people in STEAM subjects, helping young people find their future pathway, and grow their own networks.

## WHO MISSED OUT ON DOUGHNUTS?

Shore Junction hosted a tour week in late May. Each day from 3-5pm young people could come by to see the future site and imagine themselves as a member of Shore Junction. Everyone also walked away with a delicious Krispy Kreme doughnut!

We realise some of our incredible supporters may not have been able to make the 3-5 time slot, so we have FOUR HUNDRED Krispy Kreme doughnut vouchers to give away!

### GET YOUR DOUGHNUT VOUCHER!

All you need to do to **get YOUR free doughnut** is to spread the word about Shore Junction. Share our newsletter (and copy Mel in!) or like the Shore Junction Facebook or LinkedIn pages. Let Mel know your address by sending her an email with your details.



## WHAT IS SHORE JUNCTION

Shore Junction is a youth innovation hub in Takapuna designed to provide a safe space for young people to connect, belong, collaborate, learn and innovate.

It will provide opportunities for young people to connect socially outside of school, and to access a range of facilities, programmes and events that are designed to support their wellbeing and accelerate their potential.

Shore Junction will support young people to prepare for their future pathways by supporting them to develop key skills and by connecting them to business and enterprise.

The Shore Junction building offers "two floors of amazing" - flexible, shared spaces for young people to convene and collaborate. The use of space can be continuously refined in response to the needs and ideas of young people.

# MY SUPPORT FOR SHORE JUNCTION

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## FROM SHAUN...

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**YOUNG PEOPLE  
ARE 20% OF THE  
POPULATION**

**BUT ARE 100%  
THE FUTURE.**

When I heard about Shore Junction, a facility designed for youth by youth, I was intrigued. I soon learnt the unique facility would be an asset to the community giving youth a safe space where they are able to be empowered and be themselves with their peers.

Shore Junctions' 5 pillars underpin a future focus with the facility- Community, Technology, Science- Maths- Engineering, Enterprise and Arts & Culture. Shore Junction will provide opportunities for our youth to access a creative, collaborative space and connect not only with their peers but also expert partners from the world of work. Shore Junction will also complement local Secondary School curriculum.

Working on the North Shore my goal is to drive thought leadership and a future focus for Secondary Schools, Tertiary and Businesses to partner and support every young person in the community to thrive and discover their potential. Youth agency is powerful and it is in Shore Junction's DNA. We have the opportunity to provide a facility which will not only benefit our community but will also provide a foundation for youth organisations throughout New Zealand.

The site sits in proximity to the innovation hub that is Smales Farm. This location will enable businesses to work closer with local youth to support innovation, inspiration and mentoring.

The future of work and the skills and competencies' young people need to navigate in a highly connected online, offline, will be challenging for most. With Education going through a large review with elements of the system potentially being redesigned, and adding the 4th Industrial Revolution happening, Shore Junction's creation is timely.

I would recommend local Schools, Teachers, Education Leaders, Youth Organisations, and Tertiary to all connect with Shore Junction and discover what's possible together.



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