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Welcome to Quest Newmarket in March

It feels like life has become more serious since we last communicated. The long lunches and early drinks under the umbrellas across the road appear to be thinning out.

Enquiries for long stay accommodation for project teams are coming in regularly, families relocating in and out of the country are coming through and the travel routines of our regular guests have been re-established. These, together with 90% occupancy in February, indicate business is definitely back on the road and we are part of it. Thank you. We don't take your custom for granted.

Last month was the first month for ages that all our weekend winners claimed their weekend voucher.

Are you one of the winners this month? Check further down the newsletter.



David



What's New In The Area

We have increased the restaurants and cafes which will charge meals back to your apartment account to 9. Please take a minute to look under "Restaurants" in the Guest Guide for their names. There are now 4 cafes for breakfast so you can choose which one best suits the direction you travel from here to work and whether you have time for a leisurely breakfast or need to eat and run. The Reception staff can help you decide if you are not sure.

Bistro 65 will now deliver to your apartment. You will find their menu in the Guest Guide.

Now that the evenings may cause you to think twice about al fresco dining you may like to revisit the [Cock and Bull](#). They have instituted stone grill meals. They also have live Jazz on Thursday evening and live bands Friday and Saturday evenings. Their beers are unique to the Cock and Bull.



March Is Maximum Entertainment!

For some years now Auckland City has been working on bringing together a real bevy of international level entertainment. Ensure you enjoy it while you are in town or make your trip coincide with the events that interest you most.



[Cup Week](#) has the best of NZ horse racing and entertainment at the same venue. Even if you have only a passing interest in horses the Cup Week combination is a heady mix.

[The Fringe Festival](#) is running throughout the CBD as a prelude to the Arts Festival. Many events are on the street and free.

[The Arts Festival](#) is a wonderful collection of international acts from Opera to Jazz and Theatre.

[Pacifica Festival](#) is held at Western Springs. A colourful, musical extravaganza of Polynesian art and food.

We Enjoy Families!

We see quite a few families staying in our 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. We get to know some of the children quite well, particularly the young ones, as they pass through Reception often. Some can be with us for weeks rather than days if they are part of a family relocating, a parent is part of a project team or they are at language school.

The note accompanying this paragraph was given to us at Reception recently.



Heads Up

There are a few apartments left for the early period of the **Rugby World Cup** – please book soon!

April is Easter and Easter is the **Royal Easter Show** at the ASB Showgrounds – just 10 minutes drive from Quest Newmarket.



In May, **Andre Rieu** is due to play the concert postponed from October last year and **The Music Of Andrew Lloyd Webber** is staged at The Civic.

Walking With Dinosaurs – The Arena Spectacular is at the Vector Arena in late June/early July. As its not School Holidays this year you may want to look at a weekend. These are not puppets. The larger ones are 56ft long and 36ft tall.

Bob Dylan plays at the Vector Arena 30 April.

The Major Events In Auckland During March

JAZZ AT THE ROTUNDA	The Domain	Weekly, From 10 January to 4 April. Free concerts at the Domain
AUCKLAND FRINGE FESTIVAL	The Edge	25 Feb - 13 March
AUCKLAND FESTIVAL 2011	The Edge	3-20 March
THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS	Vector Arena	2 March
AUTUMN GIFT FAIR	ASB Auckland Showgrounds	5-7 March
AUCKLAND CUP WEEK	Ellerslie Race Course	5-12 March
ROXY MUSIC	Villa Maria Estate	6 March
THE TURN OF THE SCREW	Opera Factory	8-11 March
PASIFICA FESTIVAL	Western Springs	11 & 12 March
LIONEL RITCHIE	Vector Arena	18 March
SANTANA	Vector Arena	20 March
STONE TEMPLE PILOTS	Vector Arena	26 March
DOOBIE BROTHERS	The Civic	28 March

Weekend Winners

We have drawn 3 winners. Each has won a free weekend in a 1 bedroom apartment and a car park. The weekend can be used here at [Quest Newmarket](#) or at [Quest Taupo](#), [Quest Napier](#) or [Quest Mount Maunganui](#). Please book by phone with the property you choose as the weekend is subject to availability.

- From those who stayed with us in February and left their business card in the glass container at reception Sue Drought of Taranaki has been drawn.
- From the subscribers to the newsletter via our web site Lynette Woodgate of Christchurch has been drawn
- From those have been receiving the newsletter for some time Kate Simpson has been drawn.



Thank you all for choosing to stay at Quest Newmarket while you are in Auckland. We are very happy hosting you. [I need to hear from you](#) by close of business on Tuesday 8th March to claim your free weekend

March Releases At Rialto Newmarket

Blue Valentine

Opens 10th Rating TBC

This honest and moving portrait follows Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams (Academy Award nominee for Best Actress) who star as Dean and Cindy, a married couple who spend a night away from their daughter in an attempt to save their failing marriage. Juxtaposed with playful scenes that trace their romantic courtship six years prior, Gosling and Williams journey through the brutal heartbreak that comes with fading love and broken promises.

Starring: Ryan Gosling, Michelle Williams, John Doman

Director: Derek Cianfrance

Never Let Me Go

Opens 17th; Rating: M sex scenes

In his highly acclaimed novel *Never Let Me Go*, Kazuo Ishiguro (*The Remains of the Day*) created a remarkable story of love, loss and hidden truths. In it he posed the fundamental question: What makes us human? Now director Mark Romanek (*ONE HOUR PHOTO*), writer Alex Garland and DNA Films bring Ishiguro's hauntingly poignant and emotional story to the screen.



Kathy (Oscar nominee Carey Mulligan, *AN EDUCATION*), Tommy (Andrew Garfield, *BOY A, RED RIDING*) and Ruth (Oscar nominee Keira Knightley, *PRIDE & PREJUDICE, ATONEMENT*) live in a world and a time that feel familiar to us, but are not quite like anything we know. They spend their childhood at Hailsham, a seemingly idyllic English boarding school. When they leave the shelter of the school and the terrible truth of their fate is revealed to them, they must also confront the deep feelings of love, jealousy and betrayal that threaten to pull them apart.

Starring: Keira Knightley, Andrew Garfield, Carey Mulligan, Charlotte Rampling & Nathalie Richard

Director: Mark Romanek

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