



# VALLEY VOICE

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE ARO VALLEY MAY 2023

## PATEL'S COMMUNITY SUPERSTARS



After decades of steadfast service to the Aro Valley community, Manjula and Parvati of Patel's Superette are stepping into retirement. Parvati concluded her final shift at the end of April, while Manjula will still be around while she hands over the reins to family members, Krishna and Mittu Tendel.

Manjula came to Wellington in 1982 after marrying a New Zealander. Together, they opened a small shop at Village Square on Willis St, followed by a stint in Miramar before opening Patel's Superette in Aro St 33 years ago.

Manjula has dedicated herself to work seven days a week for more than 40 years! Now, she looks forward to focusing her energies towards family and personal wellbeing. She looks forward to spending more time with her two grandchildren and is planning a trip to see her mother in India.

Parvati Patel made her way from Bombay to Wellington in 1985, firmly planting her roots in Newtown where she raised her two children, Megna and Nayan. Despite her reservations about Wellington's weather, she very much appreciates the cleanliness of our small city.

Parvati began work at Patel's 23 years ago and says she has enjoyed her time in Aro Valley. She expresses a fondness for our friendly residents whom she will miss. As she embarks on her retirement, Parvati intends to prioritize her wellbeing and commit more time to her community service with Gayatri Pariwar.

As we bid adieu to Parvati and Manjula, we extend our gratitude for their years of dedicated service. We wish them all the best on their new journeys! Meanwhile, we're excited to extend a warm welcome to the new proprietors, Krishna and Mittu.

### WHAT'S ON AT THE HALL

Aro Park International Knit in Public Day!! Saturday 10th of June 1-3pm weather dependant!

Aro Valley Jazz Jam Presents Jam Sessions Every second Sunday 2-4pm, starting May 21st. All welcome to drop in and play or listen!

Aro Valley Knit & Stitch Wednesdays 2.30 – 5.30 fortnightly starting May 31st Socialise, share skills and 'stash'.

Art & Craft Market Saturday 3rd June - 10am - 3pm Art, furniture, clothing, accessories, Contact: hello@twotwenty.co.nz