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Shelley Hirini
Pearl singer/songwriter

Pearl was formed by Shelley and fellow singer/songwriter, Lisa Nimmo, in 2003. Three years later in September 2006, their critically acclaimed debut album "No Ordinary Day" was released. Their performance highlights include working with Elton John, Jimmy Barnes and Eric Clapton. "Wellington is a vibrant city which just keeps getting better and better. It has soul and for that reason I would never move to Auckland!"

Shelley's favourite haunts:

For brunch... Scrambled eggs with avocado and mushrooms on the side, from Nikau Café in the City Gallery. The eggs and the service are second to none!

For a great coffee... Without a doubt Kaffee Eis on Oriental Parade serve the best lattes and the boys serving them aren't too bad either!!

For cheap eats... Hede Café & Bar on Cuba Street. Their Japanese food is divine and very reasonably priced.

For shopping... For someone who hates malls, downtown Wellington shopping is perfect. There's plenty of choice in quality pre-loved clothing where you can pick up the odd designer number. Frutti on Cuba Street is a particular favourite.

For a night out... The perfect evening with girlfriends is dinner at Chow on Tory Street, where the food is so tasty. Follow that with beautiful cocktails at Motel in Forrester's Lane, then a nightcap at Tory Street's Hawthorn Lounge which exudes class; you can play cards in their special area and really feel part of a club. The best thing is that all three are in walking distance of each other – too easy.

For relaxation... There's nothing like a massage and a hot sauna at Tory Urban Retreat on Tory Street to reduce those stress levels. I always come out feeling completely rejuvenated.

For free... Wellingtonians are spoiled for choice when it comes to venues that provide free live music. Havana on Wigan Street is a great spot for some intimate jazz on Wednesday nights.

For a bargain... Cuba Mall never disappoints. When looking for something different for that special someone, Cuba Mall is the place to start.

With visitors... A walk around the waterfront as there's always something going on. Of course one can get quite thirsty with all the walking, so a drink outside St John's Heineken Bar on a beautiful Wellington day is a must!

Other favourite places... An avid fan of music from the 60's, The Cavern Club on Allen Street is my kind of place.

"I love that Wellington has so much to offer and is so compact that you don't need to plan – just head into the city and enjoy." Shelley Hirini.

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