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IN BRIEF

Protect kauri this summer

A number of tracks in parks across Auckland are closed to protect against kauri dieback disease. Before you go walking this summer, please visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/protectkauri to check which tracks are closed. Always clean your footwear and equipment before entering kauri areas and after leaving and use any footwear cleaning stations you encounter on your visit. And remember – always stick to designated open tracks.

Indian Wardens step up

A voluntary community patrol called the Indian Wardens is setting out to keep the streets of Papatoetoe safe and to support local businesses. The group was founded by Rana Judge, who manages the Ōtara Business Association and Papatoetoe Mainstreet. It receives funding from Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board. Visit ourauckland.nz to find out more.



Take the walk challenge

The Auckland Walk Challenge runs from 1 to 30 November. It's free and there are some great prizes up for grabs. Search 'walk challenge' at **AT.govt.nz** to find out more and enter.

Message from the mayor

A huge thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who recently took part in Ira Mata, Ira Tangata: Auckland's Homeless Count – the first regional homeless count in Auckland's history and the largest ever undertaken in New Zealand.

Walking the cold streets of Māngere in the middle of the night brought home the misery that many people without safe, secure homes are unfortunate to experience in our region.

The count revealed that around 800 people are living without shelter in Auckland, a number which jumps to over 3000 when those in temporary and emergency housing are added.

Full findings from the count will be released in December and will help inform policy and planning to address homelessness. Our whole community has

a role in ending homelessness, and we'll be working closely with the government and community organisations to achieve this goal.

Kind regards,
Phil Goff
Mayor of Auckland

The art of homecoming



Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki will present a new work by artists Alfredo and Isabel Aquilizan this month.

Titled *Pillars: Project Another Country*, the large-scale work will

be suspended in the gallery's north atrium. It expands on another work by the artists, From Pillars to Post: Project Another Country, which has been exhibited at the gallery since April. The original work, on until

January 2019, is a growing and continually evolving miniature city of model cardboard houses made by visitors to the gallery that explores community, family, relocation and homemaking.

Together, the works form part of an ongoing series of site-specific projects by the artists that use art making to prompt conversations about what makes a home.

Pillars: Project Another Country will see the artists expand on this idea of home to encompass migration across oceans, displacement, relocation and settlement. These are essential questions for Auckland and its future, given that 39 per cent of people living in the region were born overseas.

Visit **aucklandartgallery.com** to learn more.

AROUND THE **REGIONS**

Northern Corridor project takes step forward



A \$700 million project delivering improved transport infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists, freight and cars on the North Shore has reached its first milestone – a new walking and cycling bridge across the northern motorway.

On 1 October, the final central girder was lifted into place across the Northern Motorway in Albany.

"It's bright red and named Tirohanga Whānui, which

means 'panoramic view'," says Albany Ward Councillor Wayne Walker.

"When opened, it will connect the community between East Coast Bays and Albany," he says.

A shared path will be added to each entrance before the bridge opens in early 2019.

Visit **ourauckland.nz** to find out more.

Sign up to OurAuckland

Sign up for our weekly newsletter and get *OurAuckland*'s top stories and the best events from across the region delivered straight to your inbox. You'll also find out how to go in the draw for regular competitions and giveaways. Visit **ourauckland.nz/enews** to sign up.





Rose Festival marks 25 years in Parnell

The Parnell Festival of Roses celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Thanks to a team of gardeners, groundskeepers and volunteers, thousands of roses will be at their best for the free event on 18 November from 10.30am to 4pm at the Parnell Rose Gardens.

It's an event for everyone and will include audio activities, sign language interpreters, accessible toilets

and reserved mobility parking. Activities at the smokefree, zero-waste festival will include children's games, music, demonstrations, crafts, food, and a canine cuddles corner.

See page 14 or visit **ourauckland.nz/events** for more information.

Native birds thrive after pest-control operation

Auckland Council has completed its second aerial pest control operation this spring, applying 1080 bait to the Hunua Ranges and some surrounding land.

The pest-control operation has resulted in a population explosion for native bird species and has improved the health of the forest.

Conditions of the operational plan included closing the parkland during the operation and carrying out a rigorous water testing regime.

A caution period will remain in place across the parkland for some months to come. This is a precautionary measure to ensure that bait and carcasses in more protected places within the forest have time to break down.

During the caution period, dogs should be exercised onleash. Please do not touch bait or carcasses.

Visit **ourauckland.nz** to find out more about the programme.



Kōkako, pictured, and other native bird species have benefited from the aerial pest control operation.

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Librarian Gill Clive, left, with library volunteer Louise Williams.

Libraries are for everyone

Auckland Council's libraries are about much more than just books on shelves, says librarian Gill Clive.

Gill is a community library housebound service coordinator. With her team of volunteers, she takes books and other resources to Aucklanders who can't travel to a library. Team members put together book selections for their housebound customers and regularly visit to deliver them. One volunteer even brought books to a customer who was in hospital.

"So many people I visit have been avid readers for most of their lives," Gill says. "I feel very privileged to be able to connect with them and keep providing the joy that books bring.

"It's also a way to connect with people who might be isolated."

Gill also runs mobile pop-up libraries at retirement facilities, putting together special hampers of largeprint books and audio book collections for residents.

"Every visit gives me the opportunity to make someone's day," she says. "I just want Aucklanders to know there's a library service for everyone."

Visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz to find out more.

Lifting the lid on recycling

Before many people have enjoyed their morning coffee, Winston Tupou and Reno Morgan are hard at work inspecting the contents of recycling bins across Auckland.

They're part of a team of inspectors who check more than 2000 bins a day to make sure they only contain recyclable items. When they find material that can't be recycled, they attach tags to the bin with information about how the owners can improve their recycling habits.

Winston and Reno say Aucklanders are good recyclers, but a lot of people still put the wrong things in their bin.

"We see a lot of 'wish-cycling' – items that people hope can be recycled, like coffee cups, polystyrene meat trays, clothing, and glassware from the kitchen. We also see deliberate contamination – nappies, dangerous gas canisters, garden waste, furniture and rubbish." Plastic bags are among the most common non-recyclable items they find.

"A lot of people use plastic bags to carry their recycling out to their bin, not realising that they jam our sorting machinery," says Reno.

"Instead of putting plastic bags and soft plastic in your recycling bin, take it to a collection point at the supermarket."

Winston says that getting our recycling right means we send less waste to landfill.

"I love showing people that what they put in their bin makes a big difference to our environment."

Visit **recycleright.co.nz** to play the Recycle Right game and test your recycling knowledge.



Recycling bin inspectors Reno Morgan, left, and Winston Tupou.

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Keeping you safe in the water



Auckland Council lifeguard Emily Robinson.

Keeping people safe and active at Auckland Council's 12 community swimming pools is a challenging job for our team of qualified lifeguards.

Takapuna Pool and Leisure Centre Lead Lifeguard Emily Robinson says it's about preventing accidents before rescues need to happen – and helping people have fun.

She started as a casual summer lifeguard more than four years ago, and now helps lead a team of 20 staff.

"I grew up doing surf lifesaving,

so I've always wanted to be a lifeguard," she says.

"It's an exciting, rewarding and challenging job."

And there's much more to the role than looking out for people in the water.

"A typical day involves lifeguarding on poolside and talking to customers, monitoring the chemical levels of the pools and making sure the plantroom is operating without any issues, as well as managing customer enquiries and covering reception breaks," says Emily. Her favourite part of the job is getting to know her customers.

"I enjoy talking to people and helping them on their health and fitness journey," she says.

"One customer I signed up had a hearing impairment, and since I saw him regularly, I decided to learn some sign language so I could talk to him during his visits.

"It's about going the extra mile to ensure our customers feel supported."

Visit **aucklandleisure.co.nz** to find your nearest pool.

Save money at Auckland Zoo

Auckland Zoo has reduced its admission prices while work goes ahead on the biggest and most exciting development in its history – an expansive new precinct for South East Asian wildlife and a world-class immersive experience.

'South East Asia', which visitors can now see being created, is part of a Future Zoo 10-year renewals programme funded through Auckland Council's 10-year Budget. It's due to open in 2020 and will feature some of the world's most stunning and threatened wildlife, including otters, orangutans, siamang gibbons, Sumatran tigers, tomistoma (crocodiles) and other reptiles, and fish.

While just two animal species have left the zoo to enable construction of 'South East Asia', the zoo appreciates that its visitors' experience can be affected, so has reduced prices.

Same-day/walk-up adult tickets for visitors have been reduced from \$28.50 to \$24, children (4-14) are \$13, children under 4 remain free.

And you can save even more money on zoo entrance

fees by booking in advance online.

Visit aucklandzoo.co.nz
to find out more.

Virtual tours make venues accessible

Auckland Live has launched accessibility virtual tours of The Civic and the Bruce Mason Centre to help disabled concertgoers become familiar with the spaces before visiting.

The Accessibility Virtual Tours (AVTs) allow people to explore the venues online. They include 3D images of the interiors, colour-coded pathways to suit users with different levels of mobility, and step counts to key areas like wheelchair seating, box offices, bathrooms and elevators.

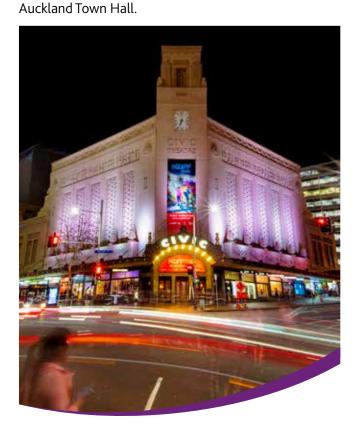
Planning for enhanced online capabilities to help visually impaired and hearing impaired patrons is also underway.

A similar tour, praised by Arts Access Aotearoa and the Human Rights Commission, was launched for the Auckland Town Hall in December 2017. Auckland Live acting director Bernie Haldane says feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Many have commented that having quality accessibility information available prior to a concert or event is a top priority for patrons, as well as the elderly and their caregivers," she says.

Search 'accessibility' at aucklandlive.co.nz to

find out more and to take an Accessibility Virtual Tour of The Civic, the Bruce Mason Centre or the



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Helping Aucklanders stay safe

To ensure that people can enjoy Auckland's public places safely and to minimise nuisance, we are proposing some changes to improve Te Ture ā-Rohe Marutau ā-Iwi me te Whakapōrearea 2013 / the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013.

The main proposed changes include:

- clarifying expected behaviour and restrictions on people using public places
- prohibiting people from leaving or storing construction materials, shipping containers, consumer goods, and boats in public places
- clarifying how the council sets controls and gives approval for activities on public places

 clarifying which public places the bylaw applies to and enabling organisations in control of those places to approve bylaw exceptions.

Regulation would be streamlined by:

- using national legislation rather than bylaws for car window washing, mind-altering substances, graffiti, noise, fish offal, and street naming and numbering
- moving issues about animals, signage, stormwater and vehicles to existing council bylaws.

Have your say on the proposed bylaw changes until 5 December.

Visit **aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay** for more information.



Avian botulism

Avian botulism is a bacterial disease that lives in soil in ponds and wetlands. It is particularly common in summer, and can paralyse or kill ducks, swans and other birds.

To help keep birds safe from avian botulism:

 do not feed them – it's better to let them forage naturally

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- if you do want to feed birds in parks, give them seeds or grains, and feed them on grass away from water. Do not feed them bread – it can rot in ponds and promote the growth of avian botulism
- pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly
- call Auckland Council on 09 301 0101 if you see a sick or dead bird in a park.

To counter avian botulism, Auckland Council is installing barley bales in affected ponds to reduce algal growth and improve water quality.

We're also monitoring sites where issues have occurred in the past, and putting up signs to educate park users.

Visit ourauckland.nz for more information.

Remember to lush vour ta The Ministry of The Ministry of Health recommends this Health recommends simple precaution for all households on flushing a large glass of water from your drinking water both public and private water supplies. The health risk tap each morning before using any water. This removes is small, but a build-up of heavy metals in your body any metals that may have dissolved from plumbing can cause health problems. We continue to meet the fittings. New Zealand's water can be slightly acidic, and requirements of the Drinking Water Standards for can dissolve metals. If water stays for several hours in New Zealand 2005 (revised 2008) and deliver safe water. your household pipes, it can dissolve heavy metals such For more information, visit watercare.co.nz as lead or copper. Small amounts of these metals may and search for 'drinking water quality' or phone

09 442 2222.

Te Atatū Peninsula walkway

Starting at Harbourview-Orangihina Park, the 4km walkway is an easy

It boasts magnificent views of the Auckland Harbour Bridge, Rangitoto

The coastline also provides a natural haven for many native birds

You can enjoy a picnic along the walkway or explore the nearby

Te Atatū Peninsula town centre and children's playground.

Make sure to keep dogs on leash and share the space.

including the New Zealand dotterel, pūkeko and tōrea (oystercatchers).

Island and the city centre, and features a small sandy beach at Kelvin Strand.

This popular walkway stretches along the northern and eastern edge of

Te Atatū Peninsula and looks out across the Waitematā Harbour.

stroll that extends through to Chapman Strand.

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then enter your water supply.

WHAT'S ON

November 2018

Visit ourauckland.nz/events for more info, hundreds more events and to sign up for our weekly e-news.

31 Oct - 2 Nov InterACT - Free **Disability Arts Festival**

An inclusive arts & social experience with wearable art, theatre & more

Wed-Fri 10am-2pm Corban Estate Arts Centre, Henderson

2-4 Nov **The Guerrilla Collection**

A festival of 30-minute movement pieces by Pacific artists & Black Grace dance company

Fri-Sun 10.30am-8pm ASB Waterfront Theatre. Wynyard Quarter





3 Nov **Spooks & Sparks Fireworks Display**

A family-friendly Halloween & fireworks show

Sat 6pm-9.30pm The Trusts Arena, Henderson

Family \$52, adult \$27, child \$10.50, under 2 free



Exciting live sporting action & halftime events

Fri 9 Nov, 7.30pm (v Cairns Taipans) & Fri 23 Nov, 7pm (v Perth Wildcats)

Spark Arena, CBD

Adult from \$15, child from \$12, family from \$50 (+ fees)



10 Nov **Community Classics** West: Worlds Collide

Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra presents a free family concert

Sat 3pm-4pm The Trusts Arena, Henderson

10 & 11 Nov eBike Expo

Learn about the technology, features & benefits of eBikes

Sat & Sun 9am-4.30pm The Cloud, Queens Wharf | Adult/child \$5, family \$15



10 & 11 Nov **Day Out With Thomas** Train rides & family activities

Sat & Sun 9am-4pm Glenbrook Vintage Railway | Adult \$25, child \$10, family \$70, under 2 free



17 Nov **Auckland Highland Games & Gathering**

Music, dancing, haggis tossing, historical fighting, ponies & more

Sat 10am-5pm

Ellerslie Event Centre, Remuera

17 Nov **Nepal Festival** Showcasing the food, art & culture of Nepal

Sat 12pm-6pm | Aotea Square, CBD

17 Nov **Scotty Brewer Skate Day**

Groms, U13s, U16s, Open & Girls divisions with great prizes

Sat 10am-3pm | Devonport Skate Park

17 & 18 Nov **Open Studios** Waitākere

Meet local artists, learn about the creative process & purchase art Sat & Sun 10am-4pm Waitākere Ranges Local Board area

17 & 18 Nov **Clevedon A&P Show**

Animals, family entertainment, food & more

Sat & Sun 9am-5pm Clevedon A&P Showgrounds Adult \$15, senior \$10, youth \$8, child \$5, family \$30, under 5 free

22-25 Nov **Japanese Film Festival**

Premiere screenings of Japanese films with English subtitles



Thu-Sun, screening times vary The University of Auckland & Academy Cinemas, CBD



24 Nov **Grey Lynn Park Festival**



Music, markets, art, food, family fun & more

Sat 9am-6pm | Grey Lynn Park

26 Nov **Social Climbers**

A Roger Hall comedy Mon 7.30pm Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna





Sun 25 Nov, 1pm

Parade route: Mayoral Dr from Cook St, along Queen St, turning right into **Customs St East**

Santa's Party: 2.30pm-5.30pm | Aotea Square

Celebrate the start of the festive season with grand floats, stunning costumes, your favourite characters and Santa of course! After the parade, the fun continues with rides, giveaways and entertainment in Aotea Square.

Festive events across the region

Visit ourauckland.nz/christmas to find out about local parades and festivities across Auckland.



WIN with OurAuckland

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Our Auckland has a Farmers prize pack to give away. To be in to win a MADD Gear Kick Pro Stunt Scooter & Helmet valued at \$229.99, visit ourauckland.nz/win by noon on Fri 23 Nov 2018. Terms & conditions apply.



\$45, under 5/SuperGold Card free

Explore the evolution of aerospace innovation and technology with a new immersive exhibition touching down at MOTAT. Presented by Boeing in collaboration with NASA and the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

WIN with OurAuckland

OurAuckland has five MOTAT family passes to give away. Visit ourauckland. **nz/win** to enter by noon on Fri 9 Nov 2018. Terms & conditions apply.



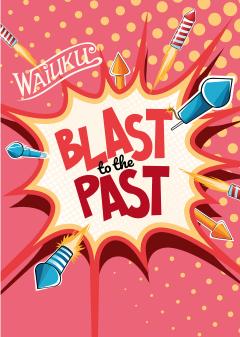
30 Nov - 2 Dec, Fri 7pm, Sat 1.30pm & 7pm, Sun 1.30pm The Civic, CBD

Adult from \$40, senior from \$35, student/child from \$25 (+ fees)

The National Youth Theatre Company presents the Auckland premiere of this Tony Award-winning fairy-tale adventure. With a cast of over 200 of Auckland's finest young performers and a rocking live band, it delivers a magical night out for the whole family.

WIN with OurAuckland

OurAuckland has two family passes to give away. Visit ourauckland.nz/win to enter by noon on Fri 16 Nov 2018. Terms & conditions apply



Sat 10 Nov, 6pm-9pm Waiuku Rugby Park Gold coin entry per person

Waiuku Blast to the Past returns to wow the crowds. Don't miss the fun family entertainment and fantastic food and craft market, followed by a spectacular professional fireworks display around 8.30pm.



From 16 Nov | Ellerslie Racecourse, Remuera Seated from \$55, Groundlings \$20

This season presents romantic comedy *The Taming* of the Shrew, dark comedy Richard III, a timely production of controversial comedy *Measure for* Measure and the most famous play in the canon, Hamlet. This isn't dusty Shakespeare, it's bawdy, hilarious, brutal and blood soaked. On sale now.





Sun 18 Nov, 10.30am-4pm **Parnell Rose Gardens**

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of this popular event and enjoy the bloom of spring as the roses come to life. Brought to you by Waitematā Local Board, this free festival has food and market stalls, family fun, gardening

displays and advice, music, dancing and more.



3-18 Nov, Tue-Sun 10am-5pm | Fort Takapuna Historic Reserve, Devonport Adult \$20, child \$5, concession \$15, family \$45

This vibrant and engaging sculpture exhibition features more than 90 artworks from leading and emerging NZ artists across the breath-taking hilltop reserve, as well as an indoor gallery with 700 smaller works. Proceeds donated to Women's Refuge NZ.



1-4 Nov, Thu 5.30pm-10pm, Fri 12pm-4pm & 5.30pm-10pm, Sat 12pm-4pm & 5.30pm-9.30pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

Queens Wharf, CBD | GA from \$30, premium \$65, VIP from \$95, child \$15, under 5 free

Discover the best tastes and entertainment Auckland has to offer with top restaurants, award-winning chefs, artisan produce, craft beers, boutique wines, cocktails, live music and more.

WIN with Our Auckland

OurAuckland has a double pass to give away (for one of the Thu or Fri sessions). Visit **ourauckland.nz/win** to enter by noon on Tue 30 Oct 2018. Terms & conditions apply.



28 Nov - 2 Dec, Wed-Sun 10am-6pm The Trusts Arena, Henderson Adult from \$30, senior from \$28 (+ fees)

Calling all green-thumbs, home and garden renovators, flower enthusiasts and art lovers. NZ's floral and horticultural spectacular is back with award-winning garden exhibits, floral-art installations, retail therapy, gourmet food and more.



Sun 11 Nov, 11am-12pm The Cenotaph, Auckland Domain, Parnell

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, an armistice was signed that ended the First World War. To mark the 100th anniversary, there will be a commemorative service in front of Auckland War Memorial Museum. "As long as we remember, the brave live forever."

The museum will be open late until 8.15pm with a rich programme of performances, followed by The Last Post performed on the front steps at 8.25pm and a looped 15-minute film sequence projected onto the northern facade of the building until 11pm.



Vector Lights on Auckland Harbour Bridge will commemorate the Armistice Day Centenary with a special light show from 4-11 Nov, 8pm-midnight.



Sat 24 Nov, 12pm-10pm Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose Adult from \$49, child from \$39 (+ fees)

The world's best Supercross and Freestyle Motocross riders will descend upon Mt Smart Stadium for the first-ever Monster Energy S-X Open Auckland. Motorsport fans will be on the edge of their seats with nonstop, high-intensity action, entertainment, pyro, music, lights and drama.



OurAuckland has a great prize pack (four platinum tickets & merchandise) to give away. Visit **ourauckland.nz/win** to enter by noon on Fri 9 Nov 2018. Terms & conditions apply.



Adult from \$35 (+ fees), child free (with adult)

Experience one of the world's greatest motorsports live in Auckland. Enjoy the on- and off-track family entertainment, see the ultimate trans-Tasman rivalry and cheer NZ across the finish line.









1. Clean ALL soil off your footwear and gear.



2. Use disinfectant AFTER you have removed soil.



3. Stay on track and off kauri roots.

To find out more visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/protectkauri

