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IN BRIEF

Food scraps collections

Auckland's new food scraps collection service has been introduced in Papakura and will be rolled out across urban Auckland by 2021. The three-bin service will help Aucklanders reduce household waste and save money on rubbish disposal. It will be funded by a new targeted rate of \$67 a year, which will only apply where the service is available. Visit ourauckland.nz for more information.

Apply for a greening grant

Applications for Auckland Council's 2018/2019 Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grants programme are open now. The grants offer funding of between \$5000 and \$40,000 to support groups which protect, restore or enhance Auckland's significant natural heritage environment. Search 'greening grants' at ourauckland.nz to find out more and apply. Applications close 31 August.



Message from the mayor

Auckland's 10-year Budget is finalised, and our city has embarked on a decade of investment that will create a better transport system; support the provision of housing; clean up our beaches, harbours and streams; and protect our environment.

We now have a plan that responds to our unprecedented population growth with the biggest infrastructure build in Auckland's history, and that brings the council, central government, NGOs and the private sector together behind the common goal of transforming our city.

This work tackles the challenges you have told us to focus on, while keeping rates rises low and reasonable.

I want to thank all the Aucklanders who had their say during our consultation process and the councillors and council staff who worked hard to get us to this point.

Now it's time to deliver for Aucklanders.

In July we took legal action against people responsible for dumping oil drums in Manurewa and the Waitākere Ranges.

Laying these charges sends a clear signal that there are serious consequences for anyone who illegally dumps commercial waste or domestic rubbish.

We will continue to act against those who desecrate our environment in this way.

If you see anyone dumping rubbish, please call our hotline on 0800 NO DUMP (0800 66 3867) to report them.


Phil Goff

Mayor of Auckland



We're building an age-friendly city

In July, Auckland Council resolved to join the World Health Organisation Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

The global network helps cities share information to improve the quality of life for older people.

The council's Seniors Advisory Panel has been a strong advocate for joining the network, and its

chairperson, Janet Clews, says the decision shows a commitment to improving the city for all Aucklanders.

"An age-friendly city is more inclusive and beneficial for everyone, regardless of their age," she says.

Councillor Cathy Casey agrees, and says that Auckland will be home to larger numbers and

greater proportions of ethnically and culturally diverse older people in the coming decades.

"Our older population is growing faster than any other age group," she says.

"Our senior population is predicted to increase from 11 per cent in 2013 to 19 per cent by 2046, so we must work to ensure our city is a great place for everyone, at all stages of their lives."

Joining the age-friendly network will help achieve these goals, says Councillor Daniel Newman.

"Membership of the network requires us to commit to a continuous improvement process for creating age-friendly environments," he says.

Visit ourauckland.nz to find out more.



The Seniors Advisory Panel successfully advocated for Auckland to join a global age-friendly network.



Life in the bike lane

Aucklanders are biking in greater numbers, and are more positive about cycling in the city.

The proportion of Aucklanders who cycle increased to **38%** in 2018

69% of Auckland's bike riders are visiting local shops and cafes or stopping to do other errands on the way to their destination.

65% say cycle lanes and cycle paths are good for their community

47% of Aucklanders view cycling positively and almost 1 in 5 people are very positive with the state of cycling in Auckland.

Thirty-eight per cent of Aucklanders are riding bikes in 2018, up three percentage points from last year, Auckland Transport's latest Active Modes Research shows.

The research is carried out annually by TRA on behalf of Auckland Transport (AT) and is continuing to show cycling's growth across the city, with 518,000 people now riding regularly or occasionally.

"In 2018, 52,000 people started bike riding, compared to 46,500 last year," says Kathryn King, AT's Manager for Walking, Cycling and Road Safety.

"The numbers show that travelling by bike is becoming an increasingly important way for people to get around Auckland.

"People are going about their daily lives on bikes

– they're travelling to work and school, and they're supporting local businesses."

Cycle lanes are also becoming more popular, King says: "65 per cent of Aucklanders now believe cycle lanes are good and support them in their community."

And the increasing popularity of cycling is being matched with increased investment by Auckland Council, says Councillor Chris Darby, who chairs the council's Planning Committee.

"More and more people are choosing to travel by bike, and Aucklanders have told us they want more cycling options," he says.

"Over the next decade, we will invest around \$900 million into cycling infrastructure, so that even more people are able to travel safely and easily by bike."

Visit ourauckland.nz to find out more.

Data is from Auckland Transport's 2018 Active Modes research, an independent study representative of the Auckland population by age, gender and location.

Your rates keep Auckland running

Your rates help keep Auckland running and make it a fantastic place to live. In the 2018/2019 financial year, around 38 per cent (\$1.8 billion) of Auckland Council's revenue will come from rates.

We also raise money from fees and charges for our services, subsidies from the government, and revenue from our investments.

Here are some of the ways we use that money to keep our city running.



Transport

We have a continuous programme of maintaining and improving our transport network. From more public transport options to repairing and upgrading the existing infrastructure, we work hard to provide the services that Auckland needs.

There were **92 million trips** on public transport in the 12 months to April 2018

More than **200,000 people** attended a major Auckland Council festival or event in the last 12 months



Events

From Matariki and Auckland Heritage Festivals to Music and Movies in Parks, Auckland Council runs or facilitates hundreds of events each year.



Parks and sports fields

We look after more than 4000 parks, including 27 regional parks. We mow the grass, look after the trees, maintain the facilities and provide information so that anyone who visits our parks can enjoy their trip.

We have **224 sports parks** with **800 winter fields** and more than 5 million booked participations a year

Auckland Libraries holds the manuscript to 'God Defend New Zealand'



Libraries

We operate 55 libraries and four research centres across Auckland. As well as providing access to physical and digital books, libraries provide programmes, events and community space as well as public computers, free wi-fi and research services. They also provide expertise in local history and have an internationally regarded special collection that preserves Auckland's documentary heritage.

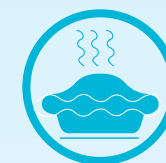


Contact centre

Our contact centre is open 24/7 and helps Aucklanders with a wide range of questions, from reporting dumped rubbish to registering dogs and booking building inspections.

The contact centre receives about **2.5 million calls** a year

11,330 premises were inspected last year and our food licensing department is largely self-funding



Food inspections

Our food inspection team registers food outlets, restaurants and takeaways in Auckland to ensure that food is safe and suitable.

LOCAL NEWS

The upgrade to the Tāmaki Drive / Ngapipi Road intersection was completed on schedule.

Tāmaki Drive upgrade improves safety

The Tāmaki Drive / Ngapipi Road intersection upgrade is now complete.

The new intersection has controlled pedestrian crossings, new cycle lanes and traffic signals, and reconfigured traffic lanes to make it safer for drivers,

pedestrians and people on bikes. The project was completed on schedule and nearly \$1 million under budget.

Visit ouruckland.nz for more information and for the latest news and events from around Auckland.

Historic moment for Te Kawerau ā Maki

Auckland Council's Finance and Performance Committee recently voted to transfer land to enable Te Kawerau ā Maki to construct a marae and papakāinga at Bethells Road, Te Henga.

Edward Ashby, the executive manager of the iwi, says, "The decision marks a historic moment for Te Kawerau ā Maki, who were left without a marae for decades.

"The iwi will strengthen their presence within their tribal heartland with the new eco-marae and papakāinga."

Visit ouruckland.nz to find out more.



Auckland Council has bought Onehunga Wharf.

Onehunga Wharf purchase will allow development

Auckland Council has bought Onehunga Wharf as part of a plan to revitalise the area over the next 30 years. The wharf will be

transformed into a new community with homes, cafes, better public transport connections, and retail and public space, while retaining its

seafaring history and spirit.

Visit panuku.co.nz/onehunga for more information about the transformation of Onehunga.

Biosecurity chooks help those in need

Chickens hunting plague skins on Aotea Great Barrier as part of an Auckland Council biosecurity experiment are now supplying eggs to the Auckland City Mission.

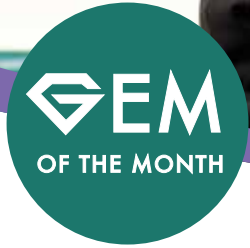
With the help of SeaLink, the Great Barrier ferry operator, the eggs are shipped to the mainland and donated to the mission to help make up food parcels for people in need.

Auckland City Missioner Chris Farrelly is delighted that the biosecurity chickens are able to supply the eggs.

"In the past 12 months the mission has provided 15,000 emergency food parcels to families and individuals," he says.

"To be able to include such a great source of protein as eggs in the food parcels is absolutely amazing."





Uxbridge Arts and Culture

Founded in 1981, Uxbridge is the arts and culture hub of east Auckland and is just a one-minute walk from the main street of Howick Village.

This arts and culture facility offers a space for Aucklanders to express their creativity, participate in exciting events and learn about contemporary art.

The centre was redeveloped in 2016 and features the newly built Malcolm Smith Gallery and a heritage church as a dedicated theatre.

More than 100,000 people visit Uxbridge every year to view exhibitions, and attend classes, theatre performances and events.

Visitors can take part in creative workshops every weekend, explore exhibitions by local artists, attend a show or one of the many free family-friendly events, grab a bite at the café and more.

Visit ourauckland.nz for more information on the latest theatre, events, exhibitions and performances.

Castor oil plant

Castor oil plant, also known as *Ricinus communis* or castor bean plant, can invade open or closed areas in gardens, roadsides and waste areas, and can out-compete native plants.

It has glossy, pointed leaves that start off dark red and gradually change to a dark green colour with a reddish tinge as they mature. Spiky reddish flowers develop into spiny reddish-purple capsules that split to release large, oval, bean-like seeds that are very poisonous.

The rest of the plant is poisonous too, and is dangerous to humans and animals. Take care when controlling and removing castor oil plant, and wear protective clothing, gloves and eyewear. Keep children and animals away, and if you think poisoning has occurred, call 0800 POISON (0800 764 766).

Pull out castor oil plant seedlings, and spray



larger plants or cut them back and paint the stumps with herbicide.

Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plantsearch or email biosecurity@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for more information.

We're reviewing wastewater bylaws

Auckland Council is proposing to revoke four legacy bylaws that relate to the regulation of on-site wastewater management.

The bylaws were created to ensure that septic tanks and wastewater treatment systems are properly installed and maintained.

They cover the former areas of North Shore City, Waiheke, Papakura and Rodney District councils.

Now that the Auckland Unitary Plan is operative, the legacy bylaws are no longer required, because the unitary plan regulates on-site wastewater systems for all of Auckland.

Existing legislation also provides stronger enforcement powers than the old bylaws.

The council reviewed a statement of proposal to revoke the four bylaws in July.

If the statement of proposal is accepted, the bylaw review will go out for consultation at the beginning of August.

The consultation will seek feedback from stakeholders and the public.

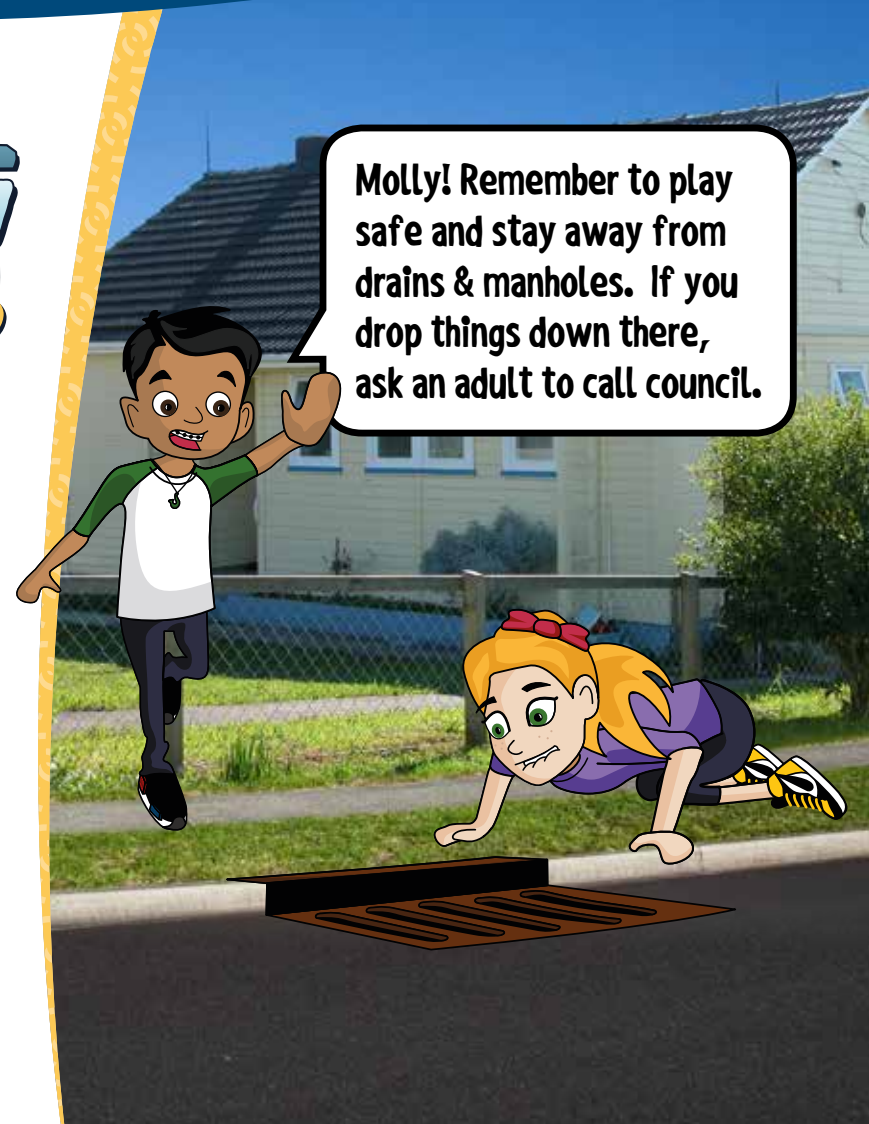
Check ourauckland.nz for updates as they become available, and search 'on-site wastewater bylaws' at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for more information.

BECOME A WATER-SAFETY HERO

Check your kids play safe and stay away from drains and manholes.

If things drop down there, then call the council on 09 301 0101.

Find out more: visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



WHAT'S ON

August 2018


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

1 Aug
K-Wind Soul Beat FREE*
 The Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Auckland presents a music & dance showcase
 Wed 7pm-8.30pm
 Victory Convention Centre, Freemans Bay
 *First come, first seated (2200 seats available)



Noreum Machi

2-25 Aug
HIR
 A dysfunctional family drama for the 21st century
 Aotea Centre, CBD
 Adult \$49, concession \$42, 30 & under \$30 (+ fees)



3-5 Aug
Auckland Darts Masters
 Three nights of top-class darts entertainment
 Fri & Sat 7pm-10.30pm, Sun 7pm-10pm
 The Trusts Arena, Henderson
 From \$72.50



Photo: Photosport

5 Aug
Volunteer Planting Day FREE
 Join rangers & volunteers for a morning of planting trees
 Sun 9am-1pm
 Tāwharanui Regional Park

5 & 12 Aug
Auckland Symphony Orchestra: Transformation & Reformation FREE
 A free concert to delight the entire family
 Sun 5 Aug, 2.30pm-4pm – Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna
 Sun 12 Aug, 2.30pm-4pm – Auckland Town Hall, CBD



11 Aug
EVworld NZ - Electric Vehicle Showcase FREE
 Electric cars, bikes & scooters, displays, ride/drive opportunities & more
 Sat 9am-5pm | ASB Showgrounds, Epsom

11 Aug - 18 Nov
Maureen Lander: Flat-Pack Whakapapa FREE
 An exhibition exploring whakapapa (genealogy) & raranga (weaving)
 10am-4.30pm daily
 Te Uru Waitakere Contemporary Gallery, Titirangi



Photo: Mark Tantrum

15 Aug
LATE at Auckland Museum - #MeToo
 A panel discussion, entertainment & food/drinks for sale
 Wed 6pm-9pm
 Auckland Museum, Parnell
 \$25, door \$30, members/students \$20

15-19 Aug
Irish Celtic WIN*
 Thrilling high-energy dance & explosive rhythms
 The Civic, CBD | From \$69 (+ fees)
 *Visit ourauckland.nz/win to enter (closes Tue 7 Aug 2018, noon)

16 Aug
The Bootleg Beach Boys WIN*
 A fully costumed show featuring classic hits & cult favourites
 Thu 8pm | From \$55 (+ fees)
 Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna
 *Visit ourauckland.nz/win to enter (closes Thu 9 Aug 2018, noon)

18 Aug
Manukau Symphony Orchestra: Moldau
 A programme with a Czech connection
 Sat 7.30pm
 Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau
 Adult from \$40, senior from \$34, student from \$15 (+ fees)

18 Aug - 6 Oct
To Uphold Your Name FREE
 An exhibition upholding stories of Pacific female resilience
 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm
 Māngere Arts Centre – Ngā Tohu o Uenuku


24 & 25 Aug
Orchid Show FREE
 Auckland's biggest display of orchids & traders
 Fri & Sat 10am-4pm
 Kelston Community Centre, Glendene



Photos: C Hubbert

28 Aug
Raising the Bar FREE
 University of Auckland academics give free public lectures
 Tue 6.30pm & 8pm (talks start)
 Various central Auckland pubs & bars

30 Aug
An Evening with Jane Fonda WIN*
 An audience with one of the most recognisable women of our time
 Thu 8pm | Aotea Centre, CBD
 From \$99 (+ fees)
 *Visit ourauckland.nz/win to enter (closes Fri 24 Aug 2018, noon)



CHICAGO THE MUSICAL

25 Aug - 9 Sep | The Civic, CBD | From \$84 (+ fees)

"Murder, greed, corruption, exploitation, adultery and treachery ... all those things we hold near and dear to our hearts" ... so begins Chicago. The #1 longest-running American musical in Broadway history is coming to Auckland. With six Tonys, two Oliviers, one Grammy, two Baftas and six Academy Awards, it would be a crime to miss it.



WIN with OurAuckland
 OurAuckland has three double passes to give away for the show at 7.30pm on Wed 29 Aug. Visit ourauckland.nz/win to enter by noon on Fri 17 Aug 2018. Terms & conditions apply.

Investec THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

ALL BLACKS VS AUSTRALIA BLACK FERNS

The All Blacks and the Black Ferns take on Australia in a massive double header at Eden Park on Sat 25 Aug (Black Ferns vs Australia 5pm, All Blacks vs Australia 7.35pm).

WIN with OurAuckland
 One lucky Aucklander will win a GA double pass. Visit ourauckland.nz/win to enter by noon on Thu 16 Aug 2018. Terms & conditions apply.



Fan Trail FREE
Sat 25 Aug, from 4pm
Western Park, Ponsonby to Eden Park, Kingsland
 A Fan Trail will be up and running for the All Blacks and Black Ferns vs Australia test match. Join fellow fans on the 2.3km walking route. It will be packed with free entertainment, including street theatre, face-painting, DJs and more.

Auckland Family History Expo

10-12 Aug, Fri 5pm-8.30pm (*opening event \$15, booking required), Sat 8.30am-6pm, Sun 8.30am-5pm

Fickling Convention Centre, Three Kings

Auckland Libraries and the NZSG Genealogical Computing Group present talks and exhibits covering a wide range of topics related to researching genealogy and family history.



August is Family History Month at Auckland Libraries. Find out what's on at your local library.

WYNYARD QUARTER



7TH BIRTHDAY

Sat 4 Aug, 7.30am-5.30pm
Wynyard Quarter, Viaduct Harbour

Celebrate Wynyard Quarter's 7th birthday with a fun day of activities. Greet the sun with tai chi, jump on the tram, join the circus, and bring your blankets and snacks for a movie at Silo Cinema.

ASB Season of Filthy Business

14-29 Aug | \$20-\$67 (+ fees)

ASB Waterfront Theatre, Wynyard Quarter

Auckland Theatre Company presents *Filthy Business*, a hilarious new drama by Ryan Craig. Set in gritty 1968 East London, a formidable matriarch faces her toughest battle yet. How far will she go to keep the business in the family and the family in the business?

WIN with OurAuckland

OurAuckland has a double pass to give away for the show at 8pm on Thu 16 Aug. Visit ourauckland.nz/win to enter by noon on Fri 10 Aug 2018. Terms & conditions apply.



MOTAT

MOVIE NIGHTS CULT CLASSICS

Thursdays 2, 9 & 16 Aug, 6.30pm-9.30pm

MOTAT, Western Springs | \$10 (R18)

Rug up and enjoy movie magic at MOTAT with cult classics from the 80s and 90s (2 Aug – *The Blues Brothers*, 9 Aug – *The Big Lebowski*, 16 Aug – *Pulp Fiction*).

Each ticket includes entry, pre-movie entertainment, candy floss, popcorn and a snack-sized pizza. There will be alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for sale.



Until 26 Aug, 9.30am-5.30pm daily

Auckland Zoo, Western Springs

Adult \$18.50, child \$13
(upgrade to include zoo entry available)

It's your last chance to see the blockbuster science exhibition, Bug Lab, at Auckland Zoo. Developed by NZ's world-famous museum, Te Papa, with the Academy Award©-winning Weta Workshop, it features massive 3-D bug models, games of skill and learnings from the genius of bugs.



American Express Restaurant Month



MASU
by Nic Watt,
King Crab Leg

1-31 Aug | 100+ city centre restaurants | Prices vary

Try something new this August with 25 events and special-offer menus at three price points: \$25, \$40 and \$55+. You can also enjoy enticing dishes from visiting international chefs at the Chef Dining Series.

The Curious Food Festival

Sat 18 Aug, 12pm-8pm

Shed 10, Queens Wharf, CBD

Entry: \$5 (first 2000 FREE),
under 12 FREE (with paying adult)

An extraordinary event with inspired food creations, beverages and entertainment.



Photo: Emily Raftery

The Walters Prize 2018

From Sat 18 Aug, 10am-5pm daily

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, CBD

The biennial Walters Prize is awarded for an outstanding work of contemporary NZ art produced and exhibited during the past two years. Check out the four artworks (pictured below) nominated by this year's jury at the free exhibition.



BAD VISUAL SYSTEMS, 2016,
Ruth Buchanan



The Making of Mississippi Grind, 2017,
Jacqueline Fraser



Whol Why Wurld, 2017,
Jess Johnson & Simon Ward



Fāgogo, 2016,
Pati Solomona Tyrell

The Walters Prize is named in honour of pioneering modernist painter Gordon Walters (1919-1995). View a free exhibition of his work at Auckland Art Gallery until 4 November.

MOTAT

THE GREAT MOTAT BEAR HUNT

Sun 26 Aug, 10am-4pm | MOTAT, Western Springs

Adult \$19, child/student \$10, family \$45,
under 5/SuperGold Card holders free

Search MOTAT to find the firefighter, science, aviation, military and engineer bears – they could be anywhere.

After the hunt is over, enjoy face-painting, crafts, games, dancing and a movie screening of *Paddington* (2014).



AUCKLAND LIVE

Pick & Mix

*Bookings essential

Join in the fun with this popular series of free arts experiences and entertainment for families. Each performance is followed by an interactive workshop.



The Messy Magical Adventure

Sat 4 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm –
Aotea Centre, CBD
Sun 5 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm –
Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna



Spinderella

Sat 11 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm –
Auckland Town Hall, CBD
Sat 11 Aug, 3pm-5pm –
Māngere Arts Centre, Māngere
Sun 12 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm –
Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna



Kids Takeover – Stars of Tomorrow

Sat 18 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm –
Aotea Centre, CBD
Sun 19 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm –
Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna



The Golden Pig

Sat 25 Aug, 10.30am-
12.30pm – Aotea Centre, CBD
Sun 26 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm –
Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna



Cultural Festival 2018

Sat 25 & Sun 26 Aug, 10am-4pm

Auckland War Memorial Museum, Parnell
& Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, CBD

Celebrate the art, culture and traditions of our large and diverse Asian communities with this free weekend of activities at both Auckland Museum and Auckland Art Gallery. There will be performances, martial arts showcases, arts and crafts, tea ceremonies, traditional games and more.



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