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Rubbish & recycling

Auckland Council will continue to pick up your rubbish and recycling over the summer break, but there will be some changes to collection days. Visit makethemostofwaste.co.nz to check collection dates.

Library opening hours

Visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz or call 09 301 0101 for information about library opening hours and extended loan periods over summer.

Summer opening hours

Auckland Council service centres close noon Friday 21 December and re-open Monday 7 January (normal

business hours). Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for information on council services and facilities. Our call centre is open 24/7 throughout the holiday period: call 09 301 0101.

Pools & leisure centres

See aucklandleisure.co.nz or call 09 301 0101 for opening hours and information about holiday programmes.



BY THE NUMBERS

78%
of Aucklanders are in Auckland each weekend after January 7

65%
of Aucklanders rank beaches as the region's top summer attraction



42m
The deepest point of the City Rail Link. The two tunnels will run 3.45km under Auckland

329,000
cycle trips were recorded across 26 counters in Auckland in October 2018, up 17 per cent on the previous year

12,945
The number of dwellings consented in the Auckland region in the year ending September

You're welcome

Welcome to the new-look OurAuckland magazine. Summer is when Tāmaki Makaurau comes alive, and to help you make the most of it, we've put together a definitive guide to the parks, beaches and events that make our city a world-class place to live.

Auckland is a stunning region and over the coming decade we are investing \$1.4 billion in open space and parks. Part of this work will include the transformation of our central city and waterfront to create more public and green space and pedestrian-friendly thoroughfares.

The way we use public spaces is changing, and, on page 18, we take an in-depth look at the work Auckland Council is doing to ensure everyone has access to green space now and in the future.

From beaches, walkways and hidden gems to Movies and Music in Parks and free cultural festivals, Auckland has much to offer this summer. Enjoy it and be safe.

Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland

For this issue, OurAuckland asked a range of Aucklanders what's on their summer play list. Wherever you see the beach umbrella, you'll find some inspiration. Head to ourauckland.nz/mysummer and create your play list.



DESCRIBE AN AUCKLAND SUMMER IN FIVE WORDS:

Blue skies, sand, pōhutukawa flowers.

WHAT DEFINES AN AUCKLAND SUMMER FOR YOU?

Swimming at one of Auckland's many beaches. That's why our water quality work is so important.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE AUCKLAND HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE?

I love walking along the beach with family, seeing people outside enjoying their Christmas holidays in our beautiful environment.



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We're working to accelerate this new energy future by providing an even smarter energy system to support new and sustainable energy technologies, while at the same time keeping the lights on for Auckland.

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With 12 stores across the city from Silverdale to Pukekohe, Carpet Court has Auckland homeowners covered

Styling by Catherine Wilkinson. Photography by Vanessa Lewis.

SHELLEY'S STORY

My husband and I bought a new house two years ago so our family could enjoy more space as our two boys got older and bigger. Upgrading to a more expensive property meant all our money was tied up in the mortgage with nothing spare for the interior update the 1960s house needed.

My home is an expression of my style and I desperately wanted to change the old and ineffective carpet. Flooring is the foundation of interior design and sets the tone for how the entire house looks as well as making it more efficient, so it was my one and only priority – the rest could wait!

When I saw Carpet Court advertise 21 months no interest and no payments via Q Card I investigated immediately. Following the credit approval process and a consultation I got beautiful hardwood flooring installed throughout the living areas and plush, warm carpet in the bedrooms. Along with new interior paint, the house was totally transformed, which hugely increased how much we have enjoyed the spaces over the last two years.

The key was coming up with my own achievable repayment plan to ensure I could make the most of the interest-free period. With plenty of breathing space to manage repayments, the interest free period is now up and I'm happy to say I've paid off every cent and the flooring still looks as good as new!

1 Malmo Dynamic in Bough Pine. **2** Malmo Dynamic in Fjord Oak. **3** Malmo Dynamic in Cutter Oak. **4** Malmo Dynamic in Hacienda Oak. **5** Cavalier Bremworth Switzerland in Matterhorn. **6** Cavalier Bremworth Switzerland in Berne.



SHELLEY FERGUSON
TV personality &
Editorial director

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Dynamic in
Barrow Oak

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WHAT'S ON?

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MUSIC IN PARKS 12 JAN - 20 APR FREE

With 24 free music events coming to parks and reserves across Auckland, your summer is sorted. The 2019 Music in Parks line-up has something for all tastes – from pop, rock and RnB, to jazz and opera. Crowd favourites Rock the Park and Huawei Summer Jam return, plus new feature concert Kiwi Anthems with iconic NZ artists. Little ones and their families will also be spoilt for choice with three Kids Music in Parks events. Supported by MediaWorks. *Region wide*



ALADDIN THE MUSICAL 3 JAN - 3 MAR From \$60 (+ fees)

Stunning sets, costumes and special effects, all the songs and a fabulous cast bring this Disney classic to life on stage. *The Civic, CBD*



THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER 6-16 DEC & 10-31 JAN FREE

Soak up the summer city vibes with live music programmed by Mr Matthew Crawley, big-screen viewing on the new Auckland Live Digital Stage, and food and drinks for sale. *Aotea Square, CBD*

ASB CLASSIC 31 DEC - 12 JAN From \$15

World-class tennis meets NZ's ultimate summer social event. See your favourite international players on court and enjoy the city's best pop-up restaurants, bars and live music off court. *ASB Tennis Arena, Parnell*



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OURAUCKLAND.
NZ/WIN BY
18 JAN, 12PM

MADIBA THE MUSICAL 24 JAN - 3 FEB From \$79 (+ fees)

This powerful new stage show is a celebration of the visionary leader Nelson Mandela, exploring the struggles behind his crusade to end apartheid in South Africa. *Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna*

WONDERGARDEN MON 31 DEC, 2PM-LATE

Adult \$95, child \$45.90,
under 5s free (+ fees)

Auckland's New Year's Eve musical extravaganza is a festival for party people of all ages with a line-up of international and local artists, plus children's entertainment and a spread of NZ's most sumptuous street food. *Silo Park, Wynyard Quarter*



**VECTOR LIGHTS FOR
NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 DEC, AROUND
MIDNIGHT FREE**

Vector Lights on Auckland Harbour Bridge will light up with the Sky Tower, followed by an amazing fireworks show. *Auckland Harbour Bridge*

**SUMMER AT SILO PARK
4-27 JAN, FRI 5PM-
11PM, SAT & SUN 12PM-
6PM FREE**

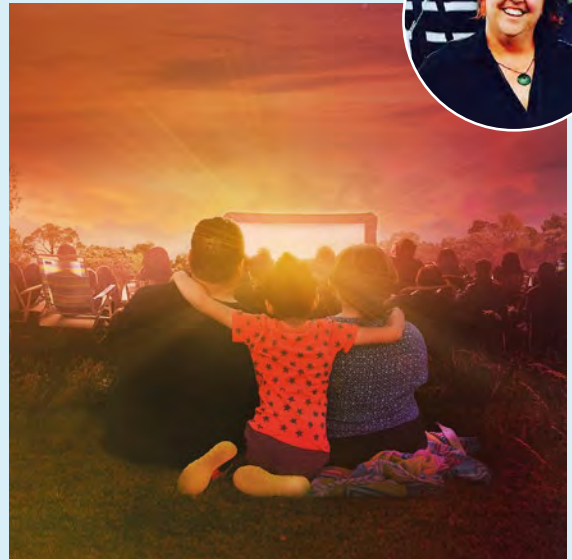
On Friday evenings, wind down with the Silo Bar and a range of food trucks, then settle in for Silo Cinema from 9pm. Saturdays and Sundays feature DJs, performances and workshops. *Silo Park, Wynyard Quarter*

**MOVIES IN PARKS
25 JAN - 20 APR FREE**

Immerse yourself in the experience of watching your favourite films outdoors with 26 free movie nights across Auckland. Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom, The Greatest Showman, Grease and The Incredibles 2 are just a sample of the great movies showing in the series, which opens with a new-release film (to be announced early January). Each movie kicks off once the sun has gone down, but the fun starts early with plenty of pre-movie entertainment. Thanks to nib health insurance, major partner of Auckland Council Movies in Parks. *Region wide*



**WIN! VISIT
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18 DEC, 12PM**



MORE THAN A MOVIE

Kaiya Irvine is the main Auckland Council brain behind Movies in Parks, and she started planning for the 26 free events back in July. Like previous years, there will be face painting, bouncy castles and numerous food options available before the movie screens, but she says this season – the eighth in its current form – is different because she’s matched the pre-entertainment to the movies to “create more of an event atmosphere”.

For Back to the Future 2, the DeLorean car will be in attendance; for Grease, there will be a prize for best dressed and a stage for dancing; Star Wars will feature Stormtroopers; there’s a jungle theme for Jumanji; and La La Land on Valentine’s Day will have a date night theme, with a jazz band and, thanks to the Kingsland Business Association, free babysitting. In recent years, her highlight was seeing 4500 people at a screening of Moana, and this year she’s particularly excited about the first movie of the season at Ambury Farm, a “very special” new release that she can’t name quite yet. She thinks The Greatest Showman will also be a big hit, as will Ferdinand and The Incredibles 2. Peter Rabbit will finish off the season in style.

“Come prepared for your kids to fall asleep,” she says. And remember to bring warm clothes and blankets.

Going to the cinema can cost a family \$80-100. But if you bring your own food and drink, she says this can be a truly free event. It’s free in other ways too: they are all alcohol-, smoke- and waste-free.

So what’s next? She’d love to get the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra to perform a live score, embrace the madness with a screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, or put on a Lord of the Rings marathon. You’ll need an extra-large tub of popcorn if she pulls that one off.

HEAD TO MOVIESINPARKS.CO.NZ TO SEE THE FULL PROGRAMME AND ALL THE LOCATIONS.

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CHRISTMAS AT SILO PARK 21-23 DEC, FRI 5PM-11.30PM, SAT & SUN 12PM-6PM **FREE**

Live music, games, food trucks, Silo Cinema (Fri 9pm) and Santa (Sat & Sun afternoon). *Silo Park, Wynyard Quarter*



APO 4 KIDS: CHRISTMAS SUN 16 DEC, 10AM & 11.30AM

Adult/child \$15, family \$50

Christmas fun with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and friends from The Moe Show. *The Trusts Arena, Henderson*

VECTOR LIGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS 13-24 DEC, 9PM-MIDNIGHT **FREE**

Count down the 12 days of a Kiwi Christmas with Vector Lights during the festive session. *Auckland Harbour Bridge*

COCA-COLA CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK SAT 8 DEC, 7.30PM-10PM **FREE** (Donation for Youthline appreciated)

Gather your family and friends to celebrate 25 years of the nation's biggest free outdoor Christmas party. Some of New Zealand's top entertainers will perform your festive favourites, followed by a spectacular fireworks display. *Auckland Domain, Parnell*



WORK DO - BASEMENT'S 10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW UNTIL 21 DEC Adult \$40, concession \$35 (+ fees)

A hilarious adult Christmas show by Kiwi comedians Rose Matafeo and Alice Snedden. *Basement Theatre, CBD*

MESSIAH - 100 HALLELUJAHS 16 & 17 DEC, SUN 5PM & MON 7.30PM

Adult from \$42, student \$20, child \$10 (+ fees)

An extra-special concert celebrating Auckland Choral's 100th consecutive year performing Handel's Messiah. *Auckland Town Hall, CBD*

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AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL BUSKERS FESTIVAL

25-28 JAN, FRI-SUN 12PM-10PM, MON 12PM-5PM FREE

(Buskers make a living off donations)

A crowd-pleasing line-up of international and local performers will hit the streets with energetic displays of breakdancing, fire stunts, acrobatics and more. *Various CBD & waterfront locations*



VECTOR LIGHTS FOR ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

26-28 JAN, SAT-MON 9PM-MIDNIGHT FREE

Vector Lights will present a dazzling display of lights and colour to support other events across the waterfront on Auckland Anniversary Weekend. *Auckland Harbour Bridge*



RODDERS BEACH FESTIVAL

25-27 JAN, FRI 4PM-10.30M, SAT & SUN 8AM-6PM FREE

Classic cars, hot rods, entertainment, food stalls and a drive-in movie. *Ōrewa Beach*

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Lincoln Heights School librarian Trena Lile has been working with children doing Auckland Libraries' Kia Māia te Whai Dare to Explore summer programme – a fun, free adventure to help kids develop their love of reading. Here's the gist.



Why is it important for kids to keep reading over summer? Kids' reading abilities can decline while they're away from school. Dare to Explore gives them a fun way to keep reading and improve their literacy. **Who can sign up?** It's free for kids aged 5 to 12. They can do a bilingual or a te reo Māori programme. **What do the kids think?** My children love it! Kids have fun completing the challenges and their reading abilities often improve. And it's a great way for parents to get involved in their kids' learning.

KIA MĀIA TE WHAI – DARE TO EXPLORE RUNS FROM 10 DECEMBER 2018 - 21 JANUARY 2019. VISIT DARETOEXPLORE.NZ TO SIGN UP FOR THE BILINGUAL PROGRAMME OR KIAMAIA TE WHAI.NZ FOR THE TE REO MĀORI PROGRAMME.



PORTS OF AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY REGATTA
MON 28 JAN, 9.30AM-5PM FREE

(Free for spectators, boat entry fees apply)

See the maritime and trading history of Auckland in action. One of the world's biggest one-day sailing regattas, this event attracts a huge fleet of vessels, including tall ships, sailing dinghies, waka ama, classic yachts and vintage tugboats. *Waitematā & Viaduct harbours*



MISSION BAY ART & CRAFT MARKET
MON 28 JAN, 10AM-4PM FREE

Arts, crafts, fashion, jewellery, furniture and food stalls. *Selwyn Reserve, Mission Bay*

PORTS OF AUCKLAND SEEPORT FESTIVAL & SUNSET SYMPHONY
26-28 JAN, SAT 9AM-4PM, SUN 9AM-10PM, MON 9AM-4PM FREE

Explore and learn about the port, alongside family-friendly rides and delicious food, plus entertainment on and off the water. On Sunday from 6pm, settle in for a spectacular evening of music and fireworks. *Captain Cook Wharf, CBD*



BRAZILIAN DAY FESTIVAL
SAT 26 JAN, 11AM-7PM FREE

Live music, dancing, food and market stalls, kids' rides and more. *Rocket Park, Mt Albert*

VISIT OURAUCKLAND.NZ/AAW FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THESE EVENTS AND OTHERS HAPPENING ACROSS THE REGION OVER AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND.

WHAT'S YOUR SUMMER PLAY LIST? SUZY CATO



Suzy Cato made her name as the host of children's shows *Suzy's World* and *You and Me*, so she knows how to entertain the young'uns. Last year, she co-hosted and curated the inaugural – and hugely successful – *Kids Music In Parks* at Coyle Park and this summer she's upping the ante with three very special kid-focused musical events featuring performers from around New Zealand, including *Mr Wonky Donkey* Craig Smith, *Kath Bee*, *Levity Beet* and *Mr Roberelli*. Here's her summer play list.



Describe an Auckland summer in five words... Family, fun, music, beaches, barbecues. **Your favourite**

Auckland activity? Since *Dancing with the Stars* and gaining a certain level of fitness I've been trying to ensure I/we walk in a new area at least once a fortnight. Our fave is Kendall Bay, Birkenhead: a bush walk down to a tiny sheltered beach with room for swimming, frisbee throwing, picnic rugs and rock pool adventures. **Where do you love to go Christmas shopping?** The Birkenhead Artisan Market, Mt Eden Village Craft Market, and the Titirangi and Coatesville markets. **What free summer family events do you enjoy most?** When our babes were younger we loved our local Families in Parks events. You'd find us there sharing our picnic rug and basket with at least one other family most weekends. Now they're older we've been making the most of the Music in Parks/Movies in Parks. **What's the best way to limit your impact on the environment over summer?** Follow the golden rule: leave only footprints and take only photos and anything you've brought with you (especially rubbish). Oh, and keep off the tracks that are closed due to kauri dieback! **What defines an Auckland summer?** Sounds of laughter from the back lawn, splashes under the sprinkler, sand between the toes, ice cream down your arm, walks and talks with friends over a cold bottle, relaxing in the beanbag in the shade with a good book after a day in the garden.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KIDS MUSIC IN PARKS HEAD TO MUSICINPARKS.CO.NZ.

WHAT'S ON?

VISIT OURAUCKLAND.NZ/EVENTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS AND MORE



**TE RIMA O TE METUA
VAINE UNTIL 9 FEB,
MON-FRI 9AM-5PM,
SAT 10AM-4PM FREE**

A display of textiles by two local Māngere collectives – Tiare Taina and Polynesian Creative Artists. *Māngere Arts Centre – Ngā Tohu o Uenuku*

**FIRST THURSDAYS
THU 6 DEC, 6PM-9PM
FREE**

A street festival with bands, drag queens, art, poetry, markets and more. *Karangahape Rd, CBD*



**AUCKLAND TUATARA V
SYDNEY BLUE SOX
7-9 DEC, FRI 3PM-6PM,
SAT 12PM-6PM, SUN
3PM-6PM
Adult from \$15, child from \$5 (+ fees)**

The Sydney Blue Sox visit for the Auckland Tuatara's inaugural season in the Australian Baseball League. *McLeod Park, Te Atatu South*

**THE PUKEKOHE ONION
FESTIVAL
SUN 9 DEC, 10AM-4PM
FREE**

Visit the onion capital of NZ for a day of good food and community fun. *Pukekohe Town Square*

**DEVONSTOCK MUSIC
FESTIVAL
SUN 9 DEC, 2PM-6PM
FREE**

An all-ages gig with live music and food stalls by the Devonport waterfront. *Windsor Reserve, Devonport*

**HANUKKAH IN THE BAYS
SUN 9 DEC, 5PM-8.30PM
Gold-coin donation**

An annual Jewish cultural event with food, live music and children's activities. *Ōrākei Domain*



**SKYCITY BREAKERS NBL
HOME GAMES
SUN 9 DEC, 2PM (V
SYDNEY KINGS), SUN
6 JAN, 2PM (V PERTH
WILDCATS) & SUN 27
JAN, 2PM (V BRISBANE
BULLETS)
Adult from \$15, child from \$12, family from \$50 (+ fees)**

Exciting live sporting action and halftime events. *Spark Arena, CBD*



**MAD HATTER'S TEA
PARTY 19-23 DEC
Adult from \$21, child from \$19, family \$75 (+ fees)**

Welcome to the Funatorium for the best tea party in town, with tricks, larger-than-life characters and catchy tunes. *Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna*

**ELVIS IN THE PARK
SUN 6 JAN, 11AM-5PM
FREE**

It's the 20th anniversary of this fun family day with Elvis entertainment and food stalls. *Cranwell Park, Henderson*



**MUMFORD & SONS
SAT 12 JAN, 4PM
GA \$139.90 (+ fees)**

A festival-style show with Mumford & Sons joined by special guests, including Leon Bridges, Michael Kiwanuka and Sam Fender. *Western Springs Fields*

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE
PARK 12 JAN - 9 FEB
Adult from \$23, child from \$12, concession from \$18 (+ fees)**

Shoreside Theatre presents Henry V and Twelfth Night. *The PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna*

**SUMMER DAYS FESTIVAL
SAT 19 JAN, 11AM-7PM
FREE**

Live music, circus workshops, face painting, a giant slide and more. *Takapuna Beach Reserve*



**FAT FREDDY'S DROP
SAT 19 JAN, 3PM
GA \$99 (+ fees)**

Freddy's annual summer roady gets super-charged with incredible tour-bus buddies, including DJ legend Norman Jay MBE, Ladi6, Salmonella Dub featuring Tiki Taane, The Black Seeds, Troy Kingi and Bailey Wiley. *Western Springs Fields*



**VANTAGE BLACK STICKS
V NETHERLANDS MEN &
WOMEN SUN 27 JAN,
2.30PM Adult from \$32, con-
cession from \$21, junior from \$11, family from \$72 (+ fees)**

Catch these teams going head to head in the first game of the FIH Pro League on NZ turf. *North Harbour Hockey Stadium, Albany*

VISIT OURAUCKLAND.NZ/SCHOOLHOLIDAYS FOR DETAILS OF SCHOOL-HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE REGION, INCLUDING DRAMA CLASSES, DANCE PROGRAMMES, ART WORKSHOPS AND MORE.





Summer at Silo Park

December + January

Silo Cinema

5:00pm - late:

DJs, Silo Bar

+ Food Trucks

9:00pm:

Film Begins

Friday 21 December

**People's
Choice
Xmas Film**

Friday 4 January

**The
Incredibles 2**

Friday 11 January

Black Panther

Friday 18 January

Isle of Dogs

Friday 25 January

Whale Rider

Silo Weekends

Saturdays & Sundays, 12pm - 6pm

Games, Activities, Food Trucks + Silo Bar

Sunday 6 January

Sunday 13 January

Saturday 19 January

Sunday 20 January

Saturday 26 January

+ Monday 28 January

Special Events

Saturdays & Sundays, 12pm - 6pm

Themed Games, Activities, Food Trucks + Silo Bar

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 December

Christmas at Silo Park

Saturday 5 January

**Bubble
Trouble**

Saturday 12 January

**Cardboard
City**

Saturday 26 January

**Live Music:
Ethno NZ
Photo Laundry**

Sunday 27 January

**Ice Cream
Sundae**

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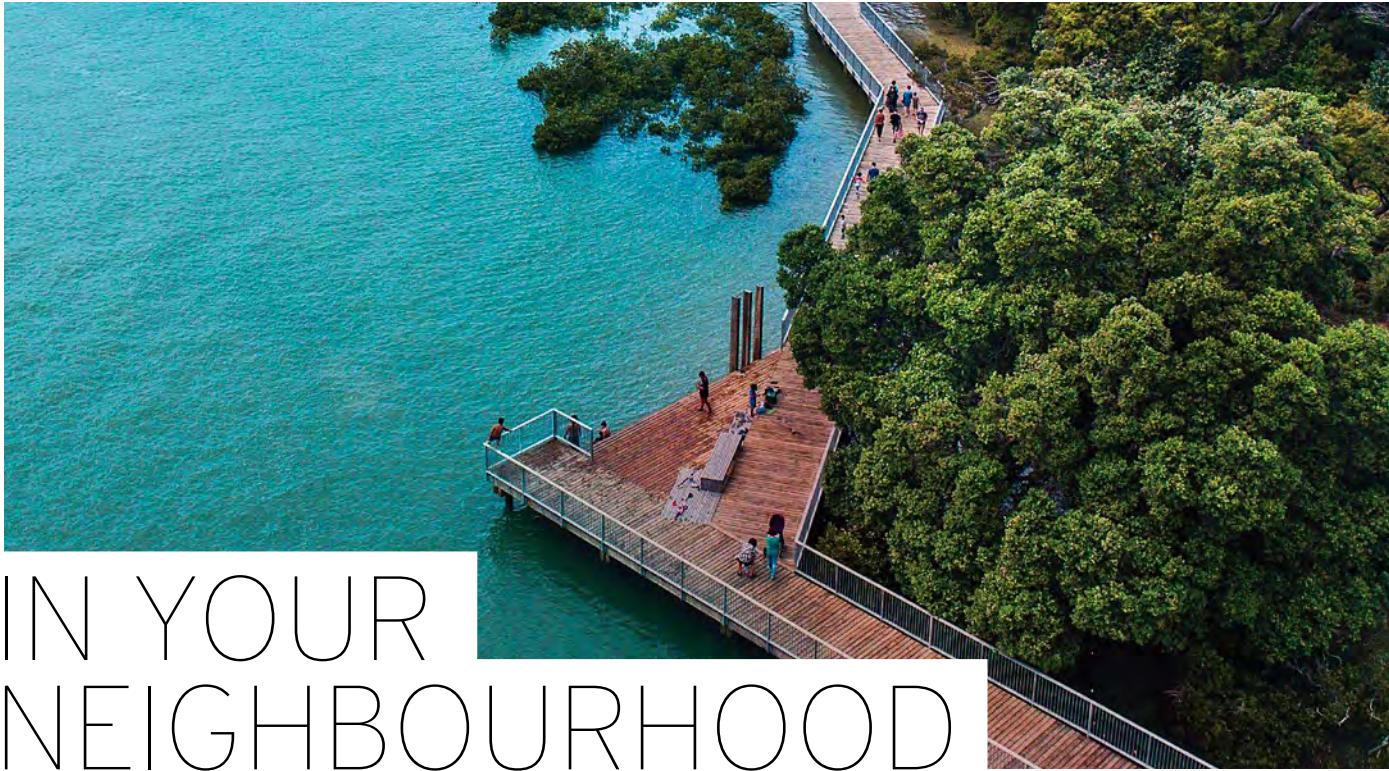
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LOCAL NEWS / AROUND AUCKLAND

SPLASH PAD FUN, A BOTANICAL HAVEN, AND A WORLD-CLASS TRACK FOR BMX FANS



IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

WALK / HOBSONVILLE/ ONEKIRITEA COASTAL WALKWAY (ABOVE)
Check out the recently completed Te Ara Manawa – Hobsonville/Onekiritea Coastal Walkway this summer. It's 5km long and made up of boardwalk and paths that follow the coast around Hobsonville Point.



PLAY / SPLASH PAD
Now here's a cool idea for a hot day... take the kids for a frolic in the splash pad at Potters Park at 173 Balmoral Rd. When they're done, there's a great playground and basketball court too.

SHOP / TOP MARKETS
Whether you're looking for fresh produce, stocking fillers for Christmas, or some delicious edible treats, the Wesley, Ōtara and Māngere flea markets on Saturday mornings have it all.



REPRESENT YOUR WARD

The next local elections take place in October 2019. While that may seem a long way off, there's a lot to think about if you are considering standing for office, and now is the time to do that. To find out if you've got what it takes, visit voteauckland.co.nz.



EXPLORE / AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS
Escape the pre-Christmas chaos with a quiet stroll amid the lush greenery at the Botanic Gardens. Be amazed by the array of plants, activities and sculptures. Open daily, and entry is free.





BATHING BEAUTY

The iconic Parnell Baths re-open on December 1 after major modifications and stay open three weeks longer than usual, until April 28. Most of the work was underground, with the ageing filtration system buried under the renewed concourse to prevent the water loss and pool closures of recent years.



TOP MARKS FOR PARKS

Taumanu Reserve on the Onehunga foreshore has for the first time been named one of the world's best green spaces. The prestigious Green Flag Award – an international quality mark for parks and green spaces – was given in November to 10 Auckland parks.

Parks are judged on how well they meet the community's needs based on quality of services, safety, maintenance, community involvement and sustainability.

KEEP IT CLEAN

The local community has won praise for its role in getting the health warning lifted at Clarks Beach, which is now swimmable again.

It is one of four beaches in the Manukau Harbour to be given the all-clear. Armour Bay, Taumanu East, and Weymouth Beach are also now considered low risk for most of the time, only potentially becoming high-risk during certain rainfall periods. "It's great to have a community that really cares and pushes to be involved. I think without them we wouldn't have got to this solution," says Franklin Local Board Chair Angela Fulljames.



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ALBANY GAINS WORLD CLASS BMX FACILITY

Biking fans are riding high thanks to a new international standard BMX track in Albany – New Zealand's first.

The \$4.5 million facility, which opened on 6 November at Hooton Reserve, was delivered by NZ Transport Agency as part of a relocation arrangement to enable the Northern Corridor Improvements project. At its opening, young elite and NZ champion riders took turns to ride the amateur track with a 5m ramp and the pro track with its towering 8m ramp and berm jump.

"It's situated perfectly for our youth next to the skate park and basketball court," says Upper Harbour Local Board Chair Margaret Miles. New facilities for Harbour Hockey and Rosedale Pony Club are also coming soon.

For information on joining North Harbour BMX Club, visit nhbmx.org.nz.



PARK LIFE

It's a simple equation: higher-density living requires high-quality public space. Every rapidly growing city in the world is facing up to the reality of intensification. So, how is Auckland doing? How are we adapting to changing preferences and demographics? And what's happening to ensure these public assets are distributed evenly?



Wynyard Quarter, 8.30am

Early on Saturday morning, Viet Pham is waiting for his personal trainer at Silo Park. He personifies some of the major changes happening in Auckland, both in terms of his background and the way he embraces public space.

Pham was born in Vietnam and lives in Newmarket and, to escape the urban melee, makes a point of visiting different parks and beaches around the region and regularly explores the city's walking tracks. "There are so many to choose from. It always feels like we're discovering something new."

The changes to the waterfront at Wynyard Quarter have been a huge shift for Auckland. Ludo Campbell-Reid, Auckland Design Champion, says there was scepticism from some about spending that much money on restructuring a piece of industrial land for recreational use, but today it's become a welcoming and hugely

popular spot for families, children and, with its restaurants, bars and public events, revellers. Further improvements are on the horizon. More tanks are being taken down in preparation for redevelopment ahead of the America's Cup in 2021. In the future, the entire area will be redeveloped to include new parkland, plazas and a signature public building. Twenty-five thousand people are expected to work there by 2030, with 3000 people calling it home.

"People are flocking to Tāmaki Makaurau to live," says Auckland Councillor Chris Darby. "They are New Zealanders and new Aucklanders from overseas. People want to live close to rapid transit – rail and bus routes. There's a huge shift towards vertical living. A high percentage of new dwelling consents are for multi-units and apartments.

"Open space is vital. We're



PARK LIFE: CENTRAL

Who? Viet Pham, from Newmarket **Where?** Silo Park, Wynyard Quarter.

What do you love about this place? I like the range of different spaces; it's big and open. **Favourite Auckland walk or bike ride?** The Auckland Foreshore Heritage Walk. **Favourite Auckland beach?** Maraetai, East Auckland. **Favourite Auckland event?** Movies at Silo Park. **Favourite view?** Totara Heights, Manukau. **Any secret or underrated spots?** Ōrākei Basin Walk. It's a great place to go with your dogs or friends.



looking at developing new town squares to anchor these communities." In Takapuna on the North Shore, that means a new plaza.

"We want to create environments that are enticing. We'll be installing lane gardens, shade-tree canopies and landscaping, creating places where people can linger, meet each other, engage. Before, it was about driving through to get somewhere rather than the street itself being the destination. Acquiring new public and green space is expensive, so we're looking at reallocating some of that road

space to people. New shared spaces will be about congregating for civic activities – young people gathering to experience a show, outdoor movies, commerce or even protests. It's all of that – and more."

Waterview Reserve, 11.30am

The sun's out and the Waterview Reserve is absolutely buzzing, a microcosm of modern, multicultural Auckland. It's hard to believe, but it didn't exist until around three years ago. Today, brightly coloured balloons and bunting hang from a gazebo for



PARK LIFE: CENTRAL

Who? Matty P, from Nelson.
Where? Waterview Reserve

What do you love about this place? The skate park. **How would you describe an Auckland summer in five words?** Hot, wet, windy, sprawled, green. **Favourite Auckland walk or bike ride?** Karangahape Road. **Favourite Auckland beaches?** Takapuna and Bethells. **Favourite Auckland event?** Music in Parks. **Any secret or under-rated Auckland spots?** Valonia skate park, New Windsor.

1. Kids enjoy one of the many summer events at Silo Park 2. Waterview Reserve playground 3. Waterview Reserve learn-to-cycle track

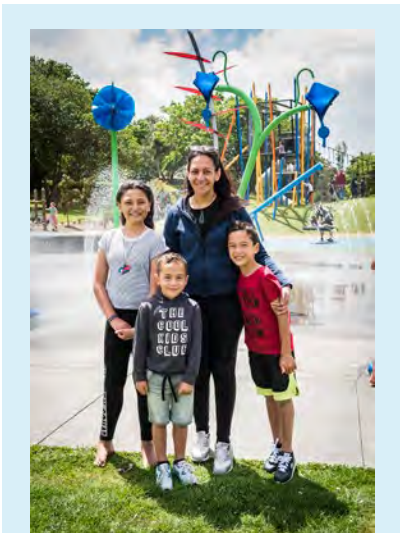
a party, a little girl takes a turn on the learn-to-cycle track and friendly banter fills the air during a game of basketball on the public court. Tanina Ahoafi of Māngere East, who's watching her son on the slide, says she saw pictures of the reserve on her friends' social media pages and decided to give it a try. "It's a great spot. My son and his cousin have been loving it."

Near the climbing frames, Erin Cheo sits with her husband as their seven-year-old daughter plays merrily in the interactive water feature, one of the elements that was designed with help from local Waterview Primary School students. The family, who live in Forrest Hill on the North Shore, try to get to a park each weekend. Their daughter's current favourite is the Takapuna Beach playground.

Waterview Reserve's path network,



4. Freyberg Place 5. Ōtāhuhu Rec Centre 6. O'Connell St shared space 7. Hurstmere Green, Takapuna 8. Taumanu Reserve bridge, Onehunga



PARK LIFE: CENTRAL

Who? Ray Connor with her kids Navanah, Reef and Karlo, from Epsom. **Where?** Potters Park, Sandringham.

What do you love about this place? The water park. It's very family-friendly. **Describe an Auckland summer in five words...** Barbecues, friends, beach, sun and food. **Favourite Auckland summer event?** Christmas in the Park. **Favourite Auckland beaches?** Mission Bay and Leigh. **Favourite park?** Potters Park. **Favourite free summer family activity?** Going to the museum. **Favourite Auckland walk?** Cornwall Park. **Favourite view?** One Tree Hill and Devonport.



basketball and volleyball courts, BMX track, skate park, barbecue facilities and playground were created as part of one of the country's biggest ever roading projects, the Waterview Connection, and it now lures visitors from near and far. It's a monument to the power of community engagement and a long-term vision to ensure Aucklanders get the public amenities they need.

The Unitary Plan, which aims to help Auckland meet its housing and economic goals and provides rules for what can be built where, has clearly signalled the future of Auckland is based around high-quality, higher-density living and has largely rendered the big backyard a luxury rather than a given. And as the premium on private land continues to increase, multi-use reserves like the one at Waterview, the redeveloped Taumanu Reserve on the Onehunga

Foreshore or the revamped Potter's Park playground in Sandringham are becoming increasingly important as the city evolves and intensifies.

Auckland city centre, 3pm

With a couple of Auckland Libraries' books tucked under his arm, Bobby Gong of west Auckland walks past the terraced seating, planting and cascading water feature of Freyberg Place plaza in the High Street precinct. "Spaces [like this] are engaging communities and providing people with an attractive reason to come to the city," he says. "I really like that Auckland has become more pedestrianised."

Sam Sobt, from Iran, who is living in Auckland while studying for his PhD, agrees. He and his wife love the range of public spaces in the city.

"People need space, entertainment and fun, an opportunity to walk

PORTRAITS: REBEKAH ROBINSON. SAM HARTNETT, PATRICK REYNOLDS, ISTHMUS

around. Coming to [Freyberg Place] gives me a good feeling.”

In 2012, Auckland Council predicted that the city centre’s population of 27,000 would grow to 45,000 by 2032. That figure was reached last year, 15 years ahead of schedule. Now, around 53,000 people live in the city centre and it is growing at six times the rate of the overall region. Another 30,000 are expected to be living there in the next 10 years.

Because of this increased popularity, billions of public and private dollars have flowed into development projects in the city centre. Auckland’s concrete jungle is being replanted and new and/or redesigned public spaces are increasingly prioritising people’s enjoyment over car-based convenience. That’s a big shift from the Auckland of 20 years ago, says Campbell-Reid.

“The pavements were narrow, there was no waterfront, the streets were filled with cars,” he says. “It’s

not about a fight against the car, it’s just about reclaiming the streets and places for people.”

That momentum is continuing with the major changes planned as part of the Downtown Programme (see story page 24).

Campbell-Reid says groundbreaking projects such as Hurstmere Green in Takapuna; Westgate, which has a series of public squares; and the new Manukau Institute of Technology building have shifted the paradigm for the way people experience and think about Tāmaki Makaurau’s urban hubs.

So, what’s the plan?

At Cox’s Bay Reserve, the Rowe family are enjoying a picnic lunch in the shade, while on the cricket pitch a club match is taking place. Gina Rowe says they come to the reserve each week following their daughter’s dance class nearby. Her husband, Roger Rowe, who runs a weekly kids’ athletics club in Massey’s Moire Park, knows the importance of having green spaces. “It’s how we grew up, a real Kiwi thing, running around, barefoot in the park.”

Despite the massive changes that are occurring in the city, the plan is for that to remain ‘a real Kiwi thing’. Auckland Council’s Head of Parks Services, Mark Bowater, says the region’s extensive park network offers a wide variety of different spaces for diverse and growing communities and the council works with local boards and community groups to ensure the parks in their areas reflect demand.

“This may include responding to an increase or decrease in popularity of certain sports or recreational activities, new technology or addressing biodiversity issues like kauri dieback or myrtle rust.”



PARK LIFE: EAST

Who? Lucy Sinclair, from Waitākere. **Where?** Snakes and Ladders Park, Farm Cove.

What do you love about this place? The bike ride and the swing. **Favourite Auckland beaches?** Pt Chevalier and Bethells. **Favourite park?** Waterview Reserve. **Favourite view?** Te Henga Walkway.



PARK LIFE: SOUTH

Who? Kingston Sagisagi, from Howick. **Where?** Auckland Botanic Gardens.

What do you love about this place? The scenery. **Favourite Auckland summer event?** Waitangi Day Festival. **Favourite Auckland beaches?** Bucklands Beach and Omaha. **Favourite park?** Barry Curtis Park, Flat Bush. **Favourite view?** Eastern Beach in Howick.



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COLLISION COURSE



Many new public spaces are intended to facilitate 'collisions' and help create a sense of connectedness. And that's where public events, both large and small, come in. Frith Walker, the Place Making Manager for Panuku, Auckland Council's urban regeneration agency, says events and festivals help engender civic pride. "The events that have grown up with the city are quite exciting. I've got this memory of the Lantern Festival from when I was in my 20s in uni and there were just a few stalls. Now it's this major event [that drew more than 200,000 this year]."

Walker's first project saw the Wynyard Quarter tank farms transformed into Silo Park for the 2011 Rugby World Cup. And now Silo Park's birthday and Christmas celebrations have become a major part of the events calendar, alongside the likes of the Diwali festival, the Auckland Marathon and Matariki. But she says bigger isn't always better and smaller events also instil a sense of belonging to specific suburbs. "The aim is to give people reasons to keep coming back to feel a part of a space – something authentic and of the place."

Councillor Penny Hulse, Chair of the Environment and Community Committee, says kauri dieback track ambassadors will be out during summer, raising awareness of the disease. The council is also working with local boards and communities to protect high-value, disease-free kauri.

"Auckland has so many amazing spaces to walk, picnic and play in, but it is important that residents and visitors to the city take care of these spaces by preventing the spread of kauri dieback," says Hulse. "This includes taking note of park closures and opting to visit another of the 4000 parks across the region."

Auckland is now one of the most diverse cities in the world, and attitudes to public spaces are changing, says Paul Spoonley, Pro Vice-Chancellor at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Massey University. Many new Aucklanders aren't attracted to the idea of the 'quarter-acre pavlova paradise' that long existed in New Zealand. New kinds of housing solutions are needed, and different things are being demanded of the city.

"New sports and leisure activities are emerging," says Spoonley. "Have a look at neighbourhood basketball courts, or all-weather football pitches or table tennis facilities, and see how well used they are."

The council is addressing those demands by creating and supporting new public spaces and infrastructure – or, in the case of some city-owned golf courses such as Chamberlain Park, opening that space up so a wider range of residents can enjoy it. Embracing Māori culture and



PARK LIFE: NORTH

Who: Monica Creedon with her grandson Preston, from Campbells Bay. **Where:** Murrays Bay

What do you love about this place? It's handy, open, easy, clean and friendly. **Favourite Auckland beaches?** Takapuna and Long Bay. **Any secret or underrated spots?** Castor Bay. **Favourite free summer family activity?** There are some lovely playgrounds now. **Favourite view?** Kennedy Park, where I walk my dog. We have seen some amazing yacht races from there.

heritage is also a point of difference in New Zealand, says Campbell-Reid. The involvement of mana whenua is crucial when it comes to ensuring Auckland's public spaces hit the mark.

"Te Aranga Māori Design Principles are incorporated into new development projects. It's not just the artwork, it's the stories we're revealing through each project," he says.

Ōtāhuhu Station, the Commercial Bay precinct in central Auckland, Te Ara i Whiti – The Lightpath and Taumanu Reserve in Onehunga are all examples that incorporate the principles to ensure culturally grounded design and empowerment of the communities the facilities serve.

In many cities around the world, public space is inequitably distributed. Wealthy areas typically get more of it and it's usually of higher quality, while less affluent areas are often underserved. Research suggests the availability of well-maintained public space can improve wellbeing and social cohesion. Auckland Council has recognised that it needs to do more

PORTRAITS: REBEKAH ROBINSON, RENDER: PANUKU



to provide quality public spaces in low socioeconomic areas.

Bowater says its goal is to make sure that a neighbourhood park is within a 400-metre walk (around four minutes) in medium- to high-density areas and a 600-metre walk (around six minutes) in all other residential areas. It also aims to provide a suburb park within a one-kilometre walk in medium- to high-density areas and a 1.5-kilometre walk in all other residential areas. Destination and regional parks of more than 30 hectares accommodate large numbers of visitors from further afield.

The council will continue to acquire land for parks and open

spaces to cater for the city's growth. One recent large purchase is the Te Rau Puriri Regional Park in South Head, which will give Aucklanders another connection to the Kaipara Harbour. Added to that, planning permission for major developments typically requires a certain amount of land to be set aside for public use, as can be seen in places such as Tāmaki and Hobsonville, both of which have created more cohesive neighbourhoods by designing spaces that fit the needs of the community.

Today, Campbell-Reid says Auckland Council staff are regularly consulted by other cities to advise them on how to deal with intensification.

9. Every year Splore draws thousands to Tapapakanga Regional Park 10. A vision for the 'Tank Farm' on Wynyard Point.

"We are seen as progressive. Our cycling programme, our waterfront programme and our shared-space programme are all globally regarded. We've got a long way to go but are headed in the right direction."

A survey in 2018 by global consultancy Mercer backed him up. It ranked Auckland third out of 450 cities for quality of life, just behind Vienna and Zurich. Acclaimed American landscape architect Thomas Woltz – who has been heavily involved in developing a 100-year master plan for Cornwall Park – has also said Auckland is doing an extraordinary job of treading the fine line between beautiful, functional public spaces and high-density development.

Some of that is down to good luck: Auckland's location between three harbours and numerous volcanoes means it is naturally blessed. But, when it comes to the steadily increasing number and quality of the city's man-made public assets, that's all down to good, long-term planning.

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PARK LIFE: WEST

Who? Maurice Leaver and Veuve the Jack Russell, from West Harbour.

Where? Luckens Reserve, West Harbour.

What do you love about this place? It's quiet and good for the kids. **Favourite park?** Western Springs. **Favourite beaches?** Mission Bay and Omaha. **Favourite free summer activity?** Movies in Parks. **Favourite view?** Mt Victoria in Devonport and Scenic Drive in Waitākere Ranges. **Any secret or underrated spots?** Tāwharanui Regional Park.



Downtown on the up

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QUAY STREET ENHANCEMENT Early 2019 – late 2020

Wider footpaths, trees, and new street furniture will revitalise Quay Street, making it easier to get

around and providing more opportunities for business and events. Traffic will be reduced from four lanes to two between lower Albert Street and Commerce Street to make the area better for pedestrians and people on bikes, and new bus interchanges will improve connections between trains, buses and ferries.

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SPACE Late 2019 – late 2020

Auckland's population is growing rapidly and our

approach to public space is evolving to suit (see feature p18-23). A new waterfront public space between Princes Wharf and Queens Wharf will create a place where people can come to rest, relax and play. The design will be inspired by our coastal environment and will celebrate our unique heritage.

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A new mooring structure at the end of Queens Wharf will enable bigger ships to

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FIND OUT MORE

This is just a glimpse of what's planned for Auckland's downtown area. Other projects include seismic strengthening and work to move underground services so construction can start. Auckland Council will be asking for public feedback on some aspects of the programme in December. Visit at govt.nz/downtown to find out more.

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Beyond the frame

Art doesn't just live in the gallery; it lives outside, too. Here are just some of the many intriguing and child-friendly public artworks to explore across Auckland this summer.

UPON A POND Albany Stadium Pool

Seung Yul Oh's quirky structures are like oversized bendy straws and shiny bubbles. Children love playing with the mist that puffs out of the three tubes, and they're fascinated by the sheer scale of the work.

WIND TREE Wynyard Quarter

This sculpture by Michio Ihara was first installed in Queen Elizabeth II Square in 1977, where it stayed for 24 years. In 2011 it found a new home at Jellicoe Plaza in the Wynyard Quarter.

Stainless steel trusses float and shimmer above a pool that reflects light up through the sculpture – and also provides a place for children to play on hot summer days.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PICNIC Sandringham Reserve

Artist Katy Wallace worked with a reserve playground renewal design team to create a family picnic space, a play area and a well-defined village green space for staging community events. The woodland-themed play area uses recycled and

unprocessed materials, and the reserve has a pebble mosaic that was produced by students from Edendale Primary School.

TOKENS FROM THE GAME Todd Triangle, New Lynn

Children's boardgame pieces – a camera, a dodgem car, a bell and a tent – are scaled to giant proportions in this work by Peter Lange in New Lynn's Todd Triangle green space. The brick sculptures encourage play and exploration and are familiar objects associated with fun and games.

1. Upon a pond, Albany 2. Wind Tree, Wynyard Quarter 3. Tokens from the game, New Lynn

DROP A LOOP Albany Stadium Pool

This work by Seung Yul Oh adds an intriguing and colourful glow – both day and night – to an otherwise muted building. Kids love the work because the light boxes are cloud-shaped and involve light and colour.

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TOP WALK: TĀMAKI DRIVE

Walking along Tāmaki Drive is one of the best ways to appreciate the beauty of the city's harbour setting and the many activities on or near it. Aucklanders agreed, with 36 per cent voting it their top pick. The 10km walk curves along the waterfront from downtown Auckland, taking in several gorgeous eastern beaches before finishing up at St Heliers. It's quintessential Tāmaki Makaurau.

RUNNERS UP:
North Shore Coastal Walk,
Hunua Falls Upper Lookout
Walk, Coast to Coast
Walkway

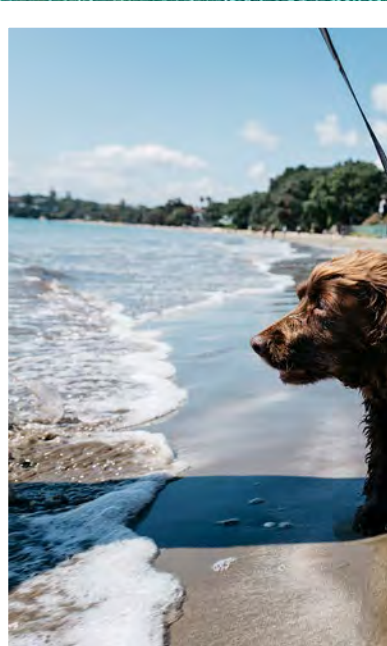
TOP REGIONAL BEACH: ŌREWA

Sitting between three beautiful harbours, Auckland is the envy of many other cities. Some of the world's best beaches are less than an hour's drive from the city centre. But there can only be one winner, and it was the 3km stretch of golden sand at Ōrewa Beach that stood out, taking 29 per cent of the vote. Just 20 minutes north of Auckland's harbour bridge, Ōrewa is the ideal spot for water enthusiasts, exercisers, families and foodies.

RUNNERS UP:
Piha, Long Bay, Tāwharanui



TOP REGIONAL BEACH



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**TOP CITY BEACH:
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It's a short trip from the CBD and, with open ocean (but small waves), stunning views out to Rangitoto, a grassy hill to picnic on, an amazing playground, numerous cafes close by and lots of space for beach activities, it's no surprise Takapuna Beach took first place, with 49 per cent of the vote.



RUNNERS UP:
Mission Bay, Saint Heliers, Cheltenham

**TOP EVENT:
LANTERN FESTIVAL**

A huge range of summer events showcase the city's diversity, and with the spectacular illumination of hundreds of Chinese lanterns, nearly 100 food and crafts stalls, and performances of traditional and modern Chinese culture, few do that better than the Lantern Festival, ranked number one by 40 per cent of respondents.



TOP EVENT

RUNNERS UP:
Franklin Rd Lights, Music in Parks, Movies in Parks



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As part of our survey we asked you what you thought was the biggest threat to our natural environment. Overwhelmingly, 65 per cent of you responded: kauri dieback.



What is kauri dieback?

This fungus-like disease kills kauri by spreading through spores in the soil. It infects the tree through its roots and damages the tissues that carry nutrients within the tree. Almost all infected kauri die. To protect trees from kauri dieback disease and prevent its spread, we closed the forested areas of the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park, 10 higher-risk tracks in the Hunua Ranges Regional Park, and some tracks in Kaipātiki, Waiheke and Clevedon.

What can I do?

You can do your part in protecting healthy kauri and preventing kauri dieback disease from spreading by scrubbing and spraying shoes and wheels and staying on designated open tracks. See aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/protectkauri for more.

Other pests

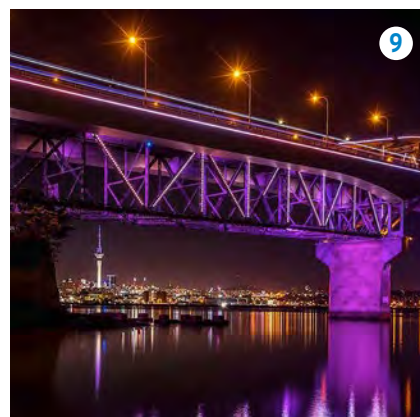
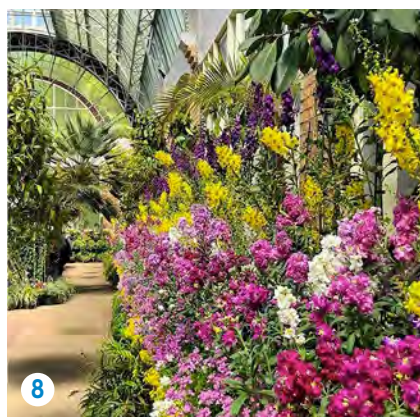
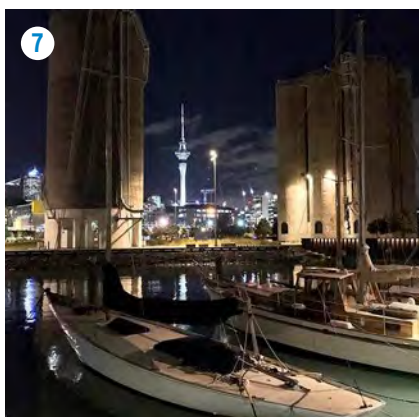
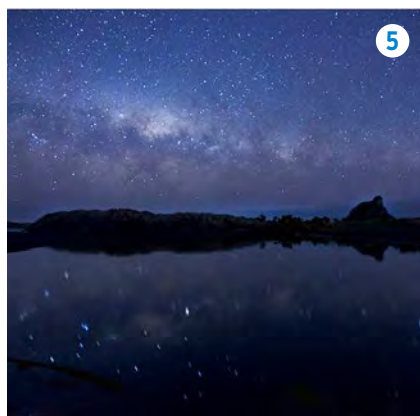
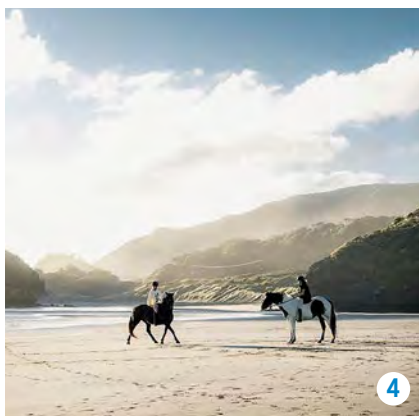
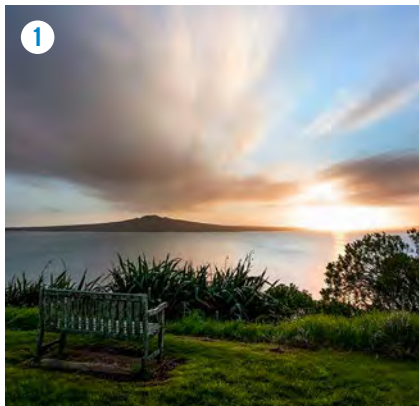
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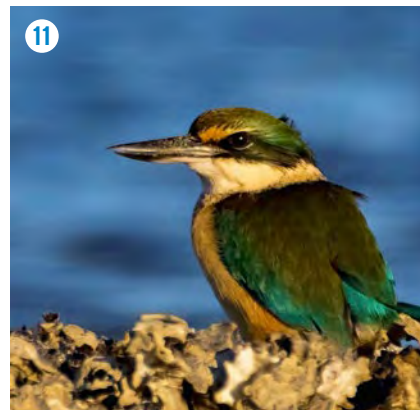
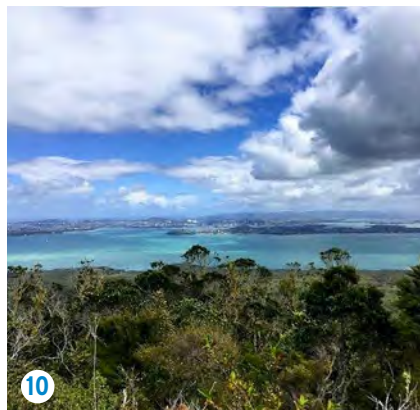
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