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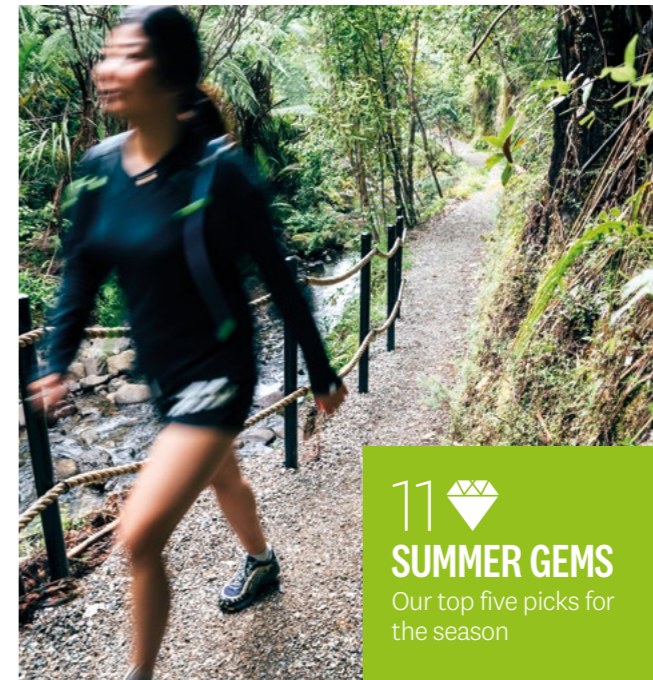
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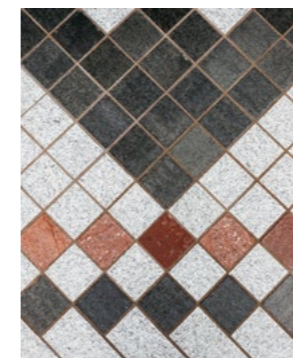
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New year, new hope

Welcome to the January/February edition of *OurAuckland*. I hope you had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends over Christmas and New Year and are enjoying your summer.

Last year was challenging for Aucklanders. I want to acknowledge the impact the COVID-19 crisis has had on our region and its businesses, and thank you all for working to constrain the virus. Together, we faced lockdowns in our city, as well as the uncertainty caused by cases of community transmission. The vast majority of Aucklanders followed the health rules, looked out for one another and helped avert a health disaster that could have overwhelmed our health system and cost thousands of lives. Thank you for playing your role and helping to achieve the best outcome for our community.

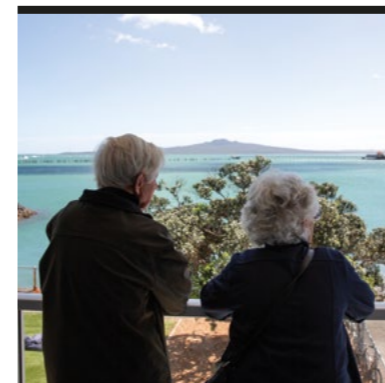
While it's difficult to predict how the COVID-19 situation will develop, we can take assurance from the fact that our health response has been highly successful. It's important that we continue to follow the rules and advice of health authorities and the government - this is the best way to ensure we avoid further outbreaks and lockdowns.

This will be a challenging year for Auckland Council. We are facing a significant shortfall in revenue due to COVID-19, and this will require difficult decisions in our upcoming 10-year Budget. We will need to reduce planned expenditure and find savings and efficiencies. However, as we did in last year's Emergency Budget, we will strive to continue investment in the transport, environmental and housing infrastructure our city needs and maintain the vital services Aucklanders rely on.

This summer, we should take time to celebrate how fortunate we are in our city and country compared to the rest of the world. We can come together and enjoy the events that our city has planned. Highlights include Music and Movies in Parks, the Auckland Pride Festival, Waitangi Day celebrations and the yacht races on the Waitemātā Harbour. I hope you have a chance to get out and enjoy these events, and make the most of our beaches, parks, bushwalks, public spaces and everything else our region has to offer.

Have a great summer and enjoy Auckland.

*Phil Goff,
Mayor of Auckland*



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BY THE NUMBERS

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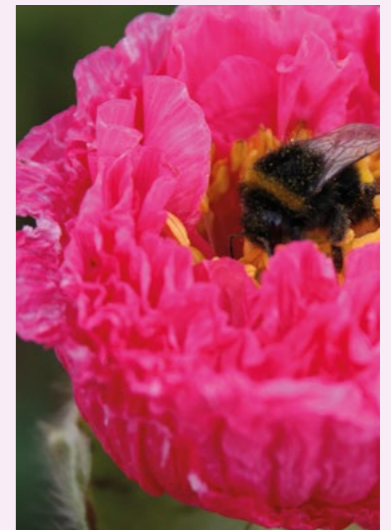
Park rangers who will be looking after our regional parks across Tāmaki Makaurau this summer.

4 BILLION

Litres of water saved by Aucklanders from May to September during the water restrictions.

500

The weight in tonnes of the soil that fills the six planters at Te Wānanga, the new public space between Princes and Queens wharves.



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Species of ngaro huruhuru (native bee) that can be found in Aotearoa New Zealand. Pollination by bees is responsible for approximately one third of all the food we eat.

8 MILLION

Kerbside waste and recycling collections will be happening around the region this summer. To check your collection day, visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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Film screenings bringing joy to our parks this summer through our free Movies in Parks programme.

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AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY AND WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS



AUCKLAND

Auckland Anniversary and Waitangi Day are just around the corner. Please remember all council kerbside collections will be collected a day later. All collections will return to normal on 15 February 2021.

Your usual collection day is:	Your new collection day is:
Monday 1 February 2021 (Auckland Anniversary observed)	Tuesday 2 February 2021
Tuesday 2 February 2021	Wednesday 3 February 2021
Wednesday 3 February 2021	Thursday 4 February 2021
Thursday 4 February 2021	Friday 5 February 2021
Friday 5 February 2021	Saturday 6 February 2021 (Waitangi Day)
Monday 8 February 2021 (Waitangi Day observed)	Tuesday 9 February 2021
Tuesday 9 February 2021	Wednesday 10 February 2021
Wednesday 10 February 2021	Thursday 11 February 2021
Thursday 11 February 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Friday 12 February 2021	Saturday 13 February 2021

Please remember all rubbish, recycling bins and bags and food scraps bins (if applicable) are to be placed out before 7am on your collection day.

Together we can protect our land and waste nothing.
For more information visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



THE BRIEFING

NEWS AND INSPIRATION FROM COUNCIL HQ



NEW ATRIUM AT THE MUSEUM

Auckland Museum has worked with iwi and Pasifika to create the new South Atrium as a space for pōwhiri, whakatau and other cultural celebrations, events and research. The refreshed Te Ao Marama / South Atrium embodies one of the museum's guiding principles, manaakitanga (hospitality). Visit this summer and you'll be greeted by a towering NASA SLS rocket built from more than 450,000 LEGO® bricks.

Game-changing exhibition of contemporary Māori art fills gallery

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki is hosting a major exhibition of contemporary Māori art from the 1950s to the present day, featuring more than 300 works by 111 artists.

Toi Tū Toi Ora: Contemporary Māori Art includes painting, sculpture, printmaking, clay-making, jewellery and body adornment, photography, digital media, film and installation art.

The exhibition, on until 9 May, presents contemporary Māori art as standing tall (toi tū) and healthy (toi ora) and is the largest in the gallery's 132-year history. **Free to the public.**



Waste-free beach trips

While you're out and about enjoying our beautiful region this summer, please don't forget to put waste in its place – even if that means taking it home with you.

"There are no bins at our regional parks and limited rubbish bins at local parks, so we ask people to please be responsible and take their waste home with them," says Councillor Richard Hills, chair of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

"Try your best to take your food and drinks in reusable containers, or bring a couple of extra bags with you to manage your waste. This way you can also recycle in your home recycling bin, reducing waste for all of us."

Please don't put rubbish on or around an overflowing bin as the refuse could end up in our waterways. If you do spot an overflowing public bin, please report it to us at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/report-it or on **09 301 0101**.

Discover the Central Interceptor

The Central Interceptor – a 4.5m-diameter tunnel that runs for 15km from Grey Lynn to Māngere – is an environmental game-changer, greatly reducing the flow of waste water into our waterways. Trouble is, the six-year, \$1.2 billion project is taking place largely underground and behind safety barriers where no one can see it.

To bring the project out of the dark and showcase its benefits, Watercare has developed a travelling Discovery Centre. Fully mobile and 7m long, the centre features a virtual-reality ride, fun touch-screen games and augmented-reality experiences, all hosted by loveable Wai Mā, the long-fin eel/tuna. It's coming to an event near you – look out for flyers in your letterbox.

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SUMMERNOVA HAS ARRIVED

Auckland's newest summer festival is your chance to celebrate our hosting of the 36th America's Cup.

There will be lots to see and do during the lead-up to the final match at this brand-new festival series

developed by Auckland Unlimited in partnership with some of the country's leading event producers, organisers and community groups.

Enjoy the festive atmosphere around the region and at the America's Cup Village, which will host activities throughout the summer and will be open every day, free to the public.

For more details, see page 20.

LOCAL NEWS / AROUND AUCKLAND

IN SHORT

Get active with Akl Paths

We have some great walkways and paths around the region if you are looking to get out and about this summer. Our easy-to-use online tool has more than 250 routes for you to try across Auckland. For more information and to plan your next adventure, head to aklpaths.co.nz

Get together this summer

Summer is a great time to meet up with family and friends and connect with your community. To find an event near you, including Movies in Parks, Music in Parks and other free activities for the whole family, visit ourauckland.nz/events

Make the most of your local park

There are plenty of games, activities and other fun to enjoy at your local park with the Out & About Auckland programme, funded by local boards. From doggy days out, to yoga, treasure hunts, Zumba classes and bootcamps, there is something for everyone. Go to [facebook.com/OutandAboutAKL](https://www.facebook.com/OutandAboutAKL)

Kids bored? Take them to your local library

It can be tough to keep your young ones amused, especially when they utter the dreaded protest, "I've got nothing to do". Check out your local library for a huge range of books, magazines and holiday activities.



Get your picnic and barbecue plans sorted this summer

Did you know there are free and bookable picnic sites in parks across Tāmaki Makaurau? Some sites even include wood-burning or electric barbecues to make your Kiwi summer complete.

The use of Auckland Council barbecue and picnic sites is on a first-come, first-served basis, but there are some you can book in advance if you're bringing a group of 10 or more. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz to find out more about our bookable picnic and barbecue sites.

Family get-togethers, with kai

If you're having a big whānau gathering, head over to Te Wai Ōrea Park / Western Springs Lakeside, where there's plenty of space to spread out and enjoy a barbecue with the whole family.

If you're after a quieter spot, settle in at Dove-Myer Robinson Park (Parnell Rose Gardens) for a romantic barbecue picnic beside the blooms.

The refurbished Sackville Reserve playground in Grey Lynn also has a beautiful space for a barbecue. You can keep the kids entertained and fed at the same time.

Explore the gulf islands

If you're keen for some intrepid picnicking, take a trip to Waiheke's Whakanewha Regional Park or Aotea / Great Barrier Island's Glenfern Sanctuary. Aotea's Okiwi Park also has a barbecue, so make sure you pack your sausages.



Plan a free family day out at Ambury Regional Park in Māngere Bridge this summer. You can see cows, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, peacocks and more. There are four barbecues – two electric and two wood-burning (BYO wood) – and picnic tables for you to use, or set up your own. Find out more at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ambury

Stay safe around water

The Auckland region is blessed with great beaches, but sometimes heavy rain or other factors can affect the water quality and make it unsafe to swim. The easiest way to check before taking a dip is to visit safeswim.org.nz. This website, which monitors more than 100 beaches across Auckland, gives you up-to-date information about water quality, surf lifesaving patrols, hazards such as rips, currents and jellyfish, swimming conditions including tides and wind speed, and any health warnings.

At the beach, it's important always to keep young children within arm's reach, never swim or surf alone, and if swimming at a location patrolled by lifeguards, keep between the flags. If you do see someone in trouble, call 111 and ask for the police.

Safeswim is a collaboration between Auckland Council, Watercare, Surf Lifesaving Northern Region and Auckland Regional Public Health Service, who are all committed to helping our communities swim safely this summer.



SHEEP EATING: ADELE KRANTZ; GIRLS READING: BRYAN LOWE; BEACH UMBRELLA: JAY FARNWORTH

There are *at least* 144 reasons* to visit Auckland Zoo this summer.



*Auckland Zoo is home to 144 animal species... we dare you to see them all!

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AUCKLAND'S NEW SUMMER GEMS

Many of us love a staycation, and there's never been a better time to stay put. Here are five of the best ways to explore Auckland's backyard this summer.

MAUNGAWHAU / MOUNT EDEN BOARDWALK, CENTRAL AUCKLAND

Visitors can see many stages of the Auckland region's cultural and geographic history from the Maungawhau / Mount Eden summit. Not only does the maunga offer one of the best panoramic views across the city, it's a visible reminder of Auckland's volcanic origins, and the site of a pā (fortified settlement) built around 1200AD.

Maungawhau means 'mountain of the whau tree', and the pā was one of the largest and most elaborate in the region. On the outer slopes are numerous flat terraces used for defence, living and working. Pits for crop storage can still be seen today.

Last year, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, which governs 14 Auckland maunga, opened a new visitor boardwalk around the crater and tihi (summit). This offers long-overdue protection for the features that are the last remnants of the pā. The large viewing deck is already a top Instagram spot.

The maunga's historical kiosk building, which dates back to 1926 and for decades served as a tea room, restaurant and wedding venue, has also had an upgrade. It's now home to the Whau Cafe – one of Auckland's few Māori kai eateries – and the authority's new visitor experience centre, Te Ipu Kōrero o Maungawhau.

The centre tells the story of Māori settlement in Tāmaki Makaurau and the network of maunga pā fortifications through informative panels, a short film and an interactive digital experience that's sure to impress.

Only visitors with limited mobility can drive to the tihi. For others, there are parking areas at the eastern and southern ends of Puhi Huia Road.

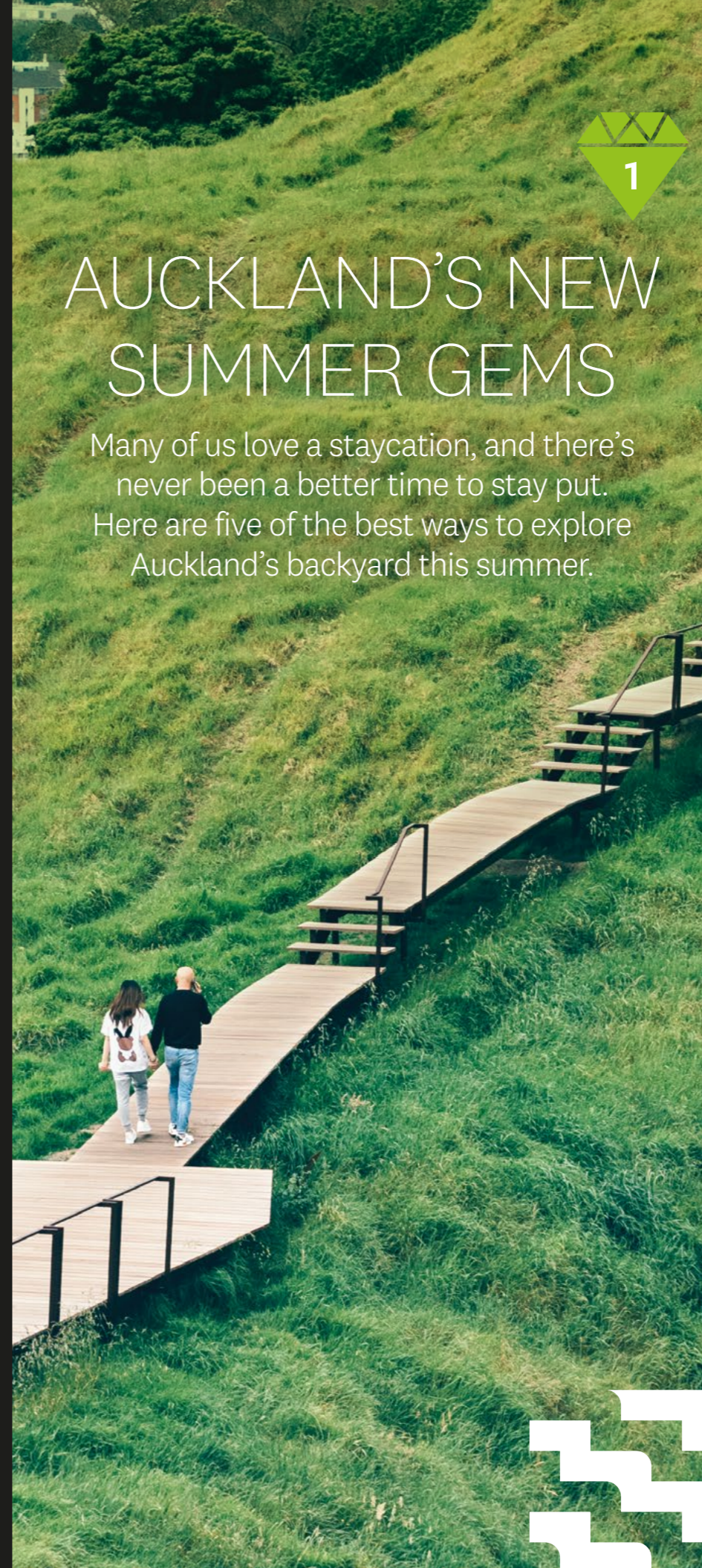


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Toi Tū Toi Ora:
Contemporary Māori Art

Hakihea 2020–Haratua 2021
December 2020–May 2021

Urunga kore utu
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WINDSOR RESERVE, DEVONPORT

The new coastal-themed playground at Windsor Reserve, just along from the Devonport Wharf ferry terminal, is already a huge hit with children from throughout the region and beyond.

Significantly larger than its predecessor, the playground features a 7.9m-high play tower inspired by the historical Bean Rock Lighthouse – which visitors to Windsor Reserve can see marking a reef out in the Waitematā Harbour – and offers play equipment suitable for youngsters up to the age of 12.

If you have toddlers, they're sure to have fun at the free Raumati / preschool play sessions at the reserve on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11am until March 30.

Once the kids have burned off energy, take them over the road to the award-winning architectural marvel that is Te Pātaka Kōrero o Te Hau Kapua / Devonport Library.

Nearby Maungauika / North Head Reserve offers spectacular views across the Hauraki Gulf and its islands and is a great place from which to watch the America's Cup racing. Because of its strategic location, the maunga has been a significant coastal defence site throughout Auckland's history.

The kids will love exploring its historical tunnels, guns, and defences that were placed on the headland to protect the city from foreign invasion.

Dogs on a leash are welcome to join the fun.



WINDSOR RESERVE SLIDE & DOG WALKERS, JAY FARNWORTH, MUSIC IN PARKS, BRYAN LOWE

Dog days

Auckland is home to many dog-friendly parks and beaches where your furry friends can get off the leash and exercise.

Put on sunblock and get outside with your canine companion this summer to explore our pick of the best beaches and reserves across Tāmaki Makaurau.

Te Tātua-a-Riukiuta / Big King Reserve, Mount Roskill

This is a lush, green paradise where dogs of all kinds can race around the off-leash area accessible off Duke Street. It's just wild enough to feel like an adventure, and the generous loop track means there's always something new to sniff out around every corner.

Leigh Coastal Path, Rodney

The on-lead walk has opportunities galore to enjoy different landscapes and watch the myriad native birds soaring high. It takes about an hour.

Kakamatua Inlet, Huia

This calm beach is very dog-friendly and is a great spot to teach your pup how to swim.

Going at low tide means you and your pet can enjoy playing fetch and running around on the hard sand.

Cockle Bay Reserve, Cockle Bay

Take your four-legged friend to Cockle Bay Reserve this summer, where you can enjoy the beach views and playground. There are picnic tables and seating available.

During summer, your pup can run free on the beach in the evenings and early mornings.

Auckland Botanic Gardens, Manurewa

Take your dog for a walk and combine



its daily exercise with a visit to the Auckland Botanic Gardens – on leash in the gardens area and bush trails, then off leash at the bottom of the gardens, where you can play with Rover with plenty of space to run.

It's a great open space for your pup to run around and meet other dogs. Bins are provided for those little 'gifts' that they often leave.

If you're keen to find a new dog-walking spot or to learn about the restrictions at your local beach or park, aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks has all you need to know about the rules that apply in public places.

MUSIC & MOVIES IN PARKS

COVID-19 has made the past year tough for local musicians, so Auckland Council is showing its support by engaging a strong line-up of them for the 43rd Music in Parks programme.

Running from January to March, the much-anticipated free events include dozens of local artists, ranging from classic legends to exciting new acts.

Twenty performers from the city's premier secondary school music and dance competition, Stand Up Stand Out (SUSO), will also be taking the stage this summer.

In August, Auckland Council reshaped the programme to replace physical auditions with video submissions for selectors to view remotely. In a year marked by widespread cancellations and postponements, the opportunity to perform is extra special.

Tens of thousands of Aucklanders have enjoyed the Music in Parks programme over the years.

For those seeking a quieter evening out, Movies in Parks will also return this summer – albeit pared back from previous years – offering viewers of all ages a chance to take in a film for free in some of Auckland's most stunning parks. Movies start a few minutes after sunset.

Go to moviesinparks.co.nz or musicinparks.co.nz for details.



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AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS, MANUREWA

For a shady spot on a hot day, head to the Auckland Botanic Gardens to immerse yourself in the tropical Palm Garden, Rose Garden or maybe the Camellia Garden. Learning opportunities for all ages abound. The focus this season is on edible gardening, with themed displays running until March aimed at helping home gardeners to grow their own vegetables and herbs. 'Better, Smarter, Greener,' a fun and informational module on site designed by MOTAT, blends digital information with the natural world to explore the ways gardening may change in the future.

Open daily from 8am to 8pm. Free.

Seven local wanders

While Auckland grows increasingly more cosmopolitan, each summer brings new precincts to discover and explore. Here are our seven picks for destination wandering.

NORTH

Tāwharanui Ecology Path, Tāwharanui Regional Park

It's hard to beat this park's glorious white-sand beaches and crystal-clear waves. Anchor Bay, where the ecology path begins, is a crowd pleaser, or perhaps try one of the

smaller beaches on the northern coastline.

Before your swim, work up a light sweat on this gentle bush trail. Keep an eye out for the eight rare takahē that often graze near the information site at Sanctuary Hut.

Te Ara Tahuna / Ōrewa Estuary Path, Ōrewa

This 7.6 km loop track is wide, mainly flat and sealed, making it suitable for all fitness levels. It's excellent for people new to cycling, or riding with children on bikes or scooters. Start at the Western Reserve (below), so you can visit the Estuary Arts Centre and cafe. Pick up a coffee or take in some culture while the kids enjoy ripping up the Ōrewa Skatepark. The path features carved pou (poles) which reference the estuary's past as a food-gathering place for Māori.



SOUTH

Ōtara Path, Ōtara

Start your Ōtara visit at the town centre, checking out the Ōtara Kai Village, a residents-led initiative offering events, plus pitstops such as a cafe, kai store, boutique and markets. Next, cross the road to Otamariki Park to shoot some hoops at the outdoor basketball court or let the kids try out the new playground.

Here you can start the 8km Ōtara Path, which follows the route of Ōtara Creek. The path traverses a colourful new pedestrian bridge that doubles as a piece of public art.

Waimahia Path, Manurewa

The real feature of this 45-minute coastal stroll is the fabulous playground at the start. Themed around the gathering of kaimoana (seafood), it lets kids of all ages run, jump, climb the large rope climbing frame, dig in the sandpit and enjoy water play. There's also outdoor exercise equipment for adults.

EAST

Tāmaki Path, Panmure

Enjoy the wide-open spaces of the

WALK OUR UPGRADED KAURI TRACKS OVER SUMMER

Aucklanders can look forward to reconnecting with the region's majestic kauri as Auckland Council's kauri dieback upgrade programme continues to make progress.

A number of kauri tracks have reopened this summer, collectively representing more than 13km of upgraded bush trails.

Three are in the Waitākere Ranges' Karamatura Valley, one is the Ecology Trail at Tāwharanui and another, near Birkenhead village, is in the North Shore's largest urban forest, accessible via the 5km Wai Manawa / Le Roys Bush track.

Stu Leighton, a senior ranger involved in kauri dieback management in Auckland's regional parks, says boardwalks and other upgrades will help protect the taonga, but he urges visitors to follow the rules to keep them standing.

"Please stay on the tracks that have been upgraded and reopened, use the hygiene stations, and make sure your footwear is clean before heading out."

Tāmaki River and Maungarei / Mount Wellington on this 7.2km path, which features a playground, barbecues and picnic spots.

You can enter from Dunkirk Reserve in the south or Wai-O-Taiki Nature Reserve. At nearby Point England Reserve, catch a glimpse of grazing cattle and horses.

WEST

Exhibition Drive Path, Scenic Drive, Titirangi

Originally a tramway used for laying a pipeline from the Upper Nihotupu Dam, then later widened to road width, this Waitākere Ranges bush track is perfect for walking, running and cycling, with great views over



the Manukau Harbour and Lower Nihotupu Reservoir.

Te Ara Manawa / Hobsonville Point Path, Hobsonville

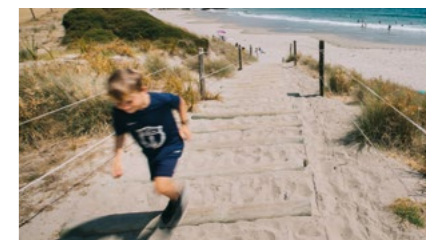
Remnants of the old Air Force base make Hobsonville Point a fascinating place for a walk. Take in the harbour views as you follow the path through the mangroves.

Look for the old rifle range (now an amphitheatre), the old munitions depot buildings, and two awesome playgrounds. One, at Harrier Point Park, includes a stunning 10m-high pied-shag sculpture that doubles as a kids' slide and viewing platform.

Finish your visit at one of the eateries and bars filling the old hangars near the ferry terminal.

Blaze your own trail

You don't have to restrict yourself to our path picks. Head to **aklpaths.co.nz** and use the handy filter tool to find paths in areas you want to walk or cycle. This lets you customise features of the path, such as wheelchair accessibility. You can even look for paths that include, for example, off-leash dog parks or basketball courts.



Where the wild things are

Auckland in summer is a great place to be a kid. And who better to give us the lowdown on the best places to have fun around the region than some of the young locals who live and play there.

NORTH

For Arlo Miller, 9 (right), Onepoto Path is number one in Northcote. The zip line is what earns this trail Arlo's vote, but Onepoto offers something for the whole whānau, including a lake, picnic areas, playground and 'learn to ride' bike path.

Arlo also recommends Smiths Bush Path, an elevated boardwalk loop in Onewa Domain. "Sometimes you can see tūis and fantails," he says. "There are trees all around you and it's just so cool."

Arlo's mum, Kelly Miller, likes the Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre for wet-weather days out. Its climbing wall, pools and the nearby bike track can keep children entertained for the whole day.

SOUTH

When Ryan Sami, 13, is thinking about a day out in south Auckland, there's one thing on his mind: football. And Jellicoe Park is his favourite place to kick a ball around with his mates. It's home to the Manurewa Association Football Club and its nine training areas.

"I like it because there's always some fun activities happening there, like athletics or sports," Ryan says. (Tennis, athletics and harriers clubs also operate out of Jellicoe Park.)

Ryan also likes going to the nearby Auckland Botanic Gardens with his family. There, they can enjoy walks, and large spaces to run around in or have a picnic. Dogs on a leash are permitted, but bikes, scooters,



skates and skateboards are not. For information about summer activities at the gardens, turn to Auckland's New Summer Gems on page 11.

EAST

Maeve Simpson, 10, and her cousin Molly Ryan, 9, both live near Cockle Bay in Howick. The local beach is Maeve's favourite destination. "I like Cockle Bay beach because it has a playground at the end, and when the tide's out you can go on a walk and see the boats," she says.

Last year, Auckland Council built a 66m-long rock revetment (wall) on the western side of the beach to reduce erosion. It also upgraded the colourful waterfront playground at Eastern Beach, Molly's favourite.

Maeve also likes walking in Somerville's Mangemangeroa Reserve. "It's nice because it has lots of native birds. I like the fantails best."

When the weather's wet, Maeve and Molly both recommend the Howick Library.

WEST

New Lynn's new Archibald Park playground (above, right) is a magnet for local kids, with its 25m flying fox, maimai-themed climbing tower, big slide, and fenced area for toddlers.

Three-year-old Healani Esau is a huge fan of the swings, and also loves walking around the park

watching what's going on.

Paradise Seve, 7, especially loves the slide and the flying fox.

Brian Luo, also 7, is learning to skate on the footpaths around the park. Asked if he can recommend any other activities for kids out west, Brian says the beach at Piha is his favourite.



CENTRAL

Annabelle Chapman, 5, lives near Epsom's Cornwall Park. She loves going for walks across the grassy parkland, seeing the animals, and getting babyccinos from the kiosk.

But her favourite farm park is in Māngere. At the sprawling Ambury Regional Park, visitors can see sheep, goats, cows, pigs, lambs, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, and myriad species of native birds, as well as enjoying biking, walking and even camping.

"Ambury Park is my favourite because I love getting stuck in the mud," says Annabelle. "I petted a horse and a lamb there, too."

Gimme shelter: five sheltered beaches for little ones

Growing up in Auckland means spending summers at the beach. With rock pools, shelly bays and pōhutukawa-fringed paddling pools, the region offers a wealth of kid-friendly seaside experiences. *OurAuckland* visits beaches especially good for young families.

Magazine Bay, Maraetai: There's something for everyone at this calm, sunny beach (pictured). The shallow water is ideal for little legs to paddle in, and the wharf offers aspiring fisherfolk the chance to catch a few sprats when the tide is in.

Older children can burn off energy walking to the bay via the 3km Maraetai Beach Path. Start at the western end of Maraetai Beach, at Maraetai Park. There's a fun beachfront playground here, and options across the road for an ice-cream or coffee stop.

Next, head east along Maraetai Beach, climbing over a short section of rocks to get to Waiomanu Beach. Continue along the coast until you reach the wharf. Parking and toilets are plentiful at each bay.

Āwhitu Regional Park, Manukau:

Take a pleasant country drive through Waiuku to this peaceful harbourside spot. Tranquil Kauritūahi Beach is great for swimming, and there's plenty of space for beach cricket.

If you're planning a child's birthday party or other event, you can host up to 100 people at a pre-booked picnic site for a small fee.

Amenities include a wood-burning barbecue, toilets, parking and a drinking fountain.

Five minutes' walk from the waterfront is Āwhitu House, a two-bedroom cottage built in the 1930s that's available for hire.

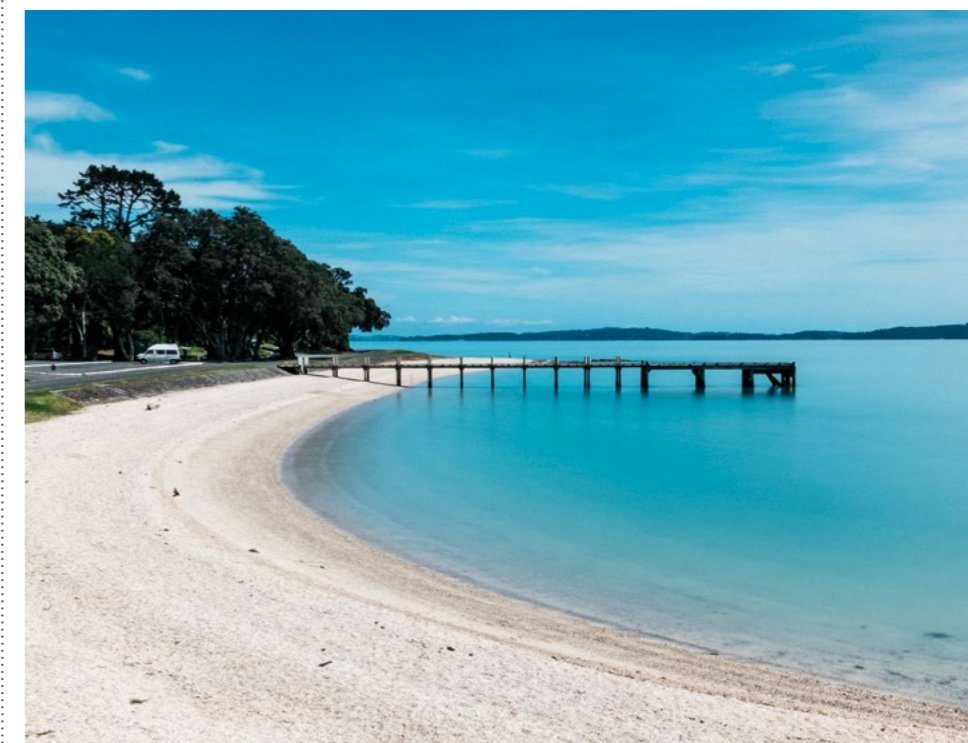
Martins Bay, Rodney: An hour's drive north of the CBD lies this sheltered, sandy beach that's great for kids learning to swim, and for building sandcastles. Pōhutukawa shade grassy areas perfect for picnics, and if you're making a weekend of it, the Martins Bay Holiday Park lets you pitch a tent right next to the beach.

Kayaks can be hired from the camp, so the bay's also a great place for kids to learn to paddle – when they're not jumping off the pontoon just offshore. Low tide offers rock pools to explore.

leads you to this beach. There's just enough room to throw a frisbee, and rock pools to search for marine life. Conveniently, Kendall Point is an off-leash area, so your two-legged and four-legged loved ones can enjoy the sea together.

On your way back to civilisation, if the kids are game, try taking the steeper 'marshlands walk', which will reward you all with a great workout and a fabulous view over Auckland city.

Cornwallis, Titirangi: Bordering the Waitākere Ranges, Cornwallis is a popular spot for swimming. The beach has a boat ramp, picnic tables and toilets and plenty of space for sports and activities. And if you have a self-contained-certified (SCC) campervan or motorhome, you can



Scandrett Regional Park is a short walk up the hill from the beach. Here, comfortable baches can be rented, and there's a working farm complete with historical buildings and gardens.

If you're looking for a more urban option with many amenities and easy parking, try the nearby shallow, kid-friendly Snells Beach. It's flanked by an extensive footpath track that is well suited to strollers and the newly mobile.

Kendall Point, Birkenhead: If your child and your dog come as a package deal, this is the day trip for you. A short (on-leash) walk through the Kauri Point Centennial Park bush

book a spot for the night.

While there, visit the 200m-long restored wharf, the last survivor of 16 that hosted the Manukau's long-gone ferries. From Cornwallis Road, a five-minute walk leads to the graves of three sailors who drowned when HMS Orpheus foundered on the harbour bar in 1863.

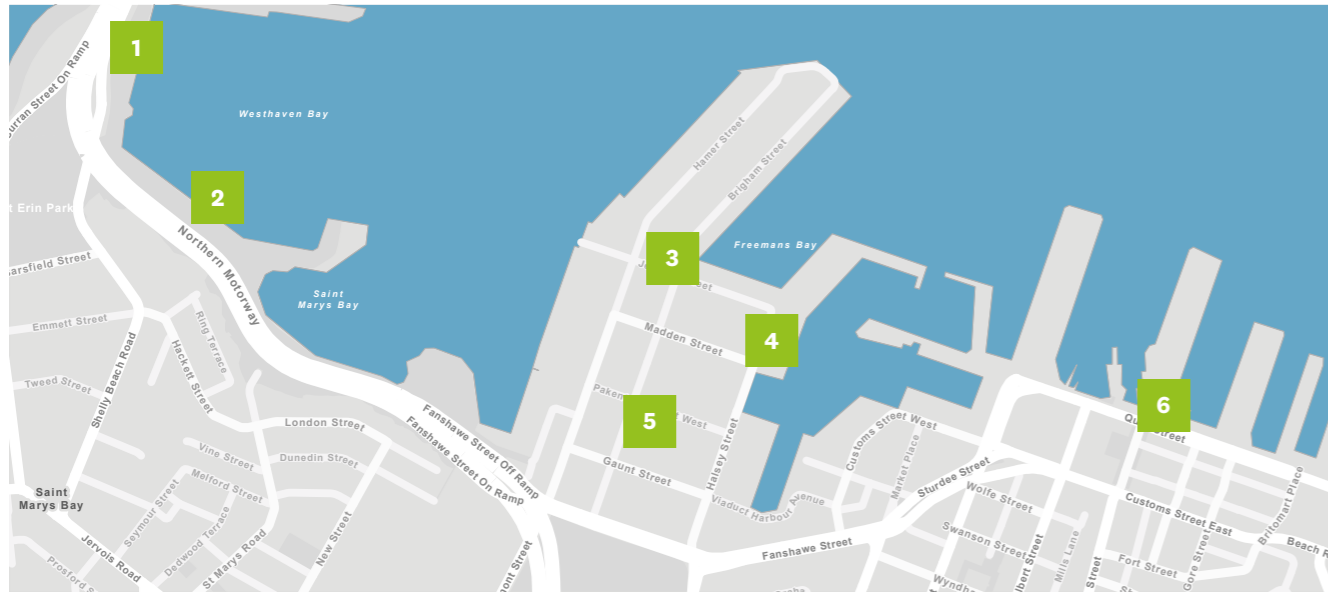
Whichever beach you visit, stay safe. Choose one with lifeguards, and swim between the flags. Make sure to visit safeswim.org.nz for real-time information on water quality, swimming conditions and hazards for many of the beaches.

Summer coverage by Sarah Dunn

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SQUARE SPACE

SUMMER IS HERE AND SO IS A FLOTILLA OF FRESH PUBLIC SPACES ALONG THE WATERFRONT FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN INTO THE CITY CENTRE FOR A WHILE, WHY NOT PLAY TOURIST FOR THE DAY AND HOP ON A BUS, TRAIN OR FERRY TO BRITOMART TO SOAK UP THE SIGHTS? HERE'S OUR GUIDE TO THE BEST NEW SPACES DOWNTOWN.



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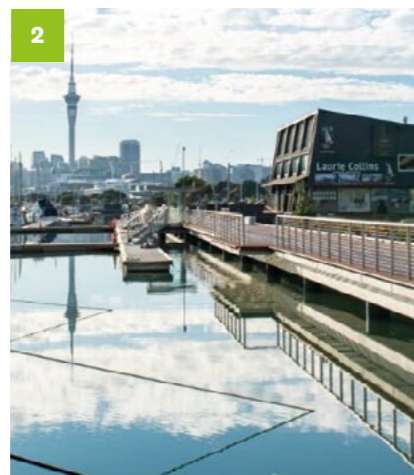


Westhaven Promenade

This long-awaited promenade extension joins up Wynyard Quarter to the Harbour Bridge, providing Aucklanders with a new harbourside walking and cycling route. Pier gates feature artwork by Graham Tipene of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. Tipene says he is proud to see his mahi toi displayed around Tāmaki Makaurau. "Seeing Māori culture and identity in our built spaces gives future generations of Māori a sense of place in this world."

Westhaven Marine Village

At the Auckland Harbour Bridge end of Westhaven Marina, the shiny new marine village is home to several tenants including an exciting eatery. Designed as a world-class facility and hub for the marine industry, the village features sustainable design elements such as rainwater tanks, shaded window glazing and cycle racks.



Silo Park Extension

Silo Park just got bigger, taking over the area between the gantry and the sea that was previously home to the bulk-storage terminal. It includes nine of the stainless-steel silos and a transparent cover that reveals the inner workings of the valve pit. Mana whenua identity is reflected in a waka-inspired pavilion called Te Nukuao, designed by artist Tessa Harris, and the area's surface design curated by Reuben Kirkwood. Both artists are of Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.



Ūrunga Plaza

This new public space close to the water's edge was previously the site of the Emirates Team New Zealand base. It includes four 9m-tall tōtara pou whenua, which have been erected on the eastern and western facades of the Park Hyatt Auckland. The tohunga toi ake (artists) who have created these pou are Vern Rosieur, Wikuki Kingi, Sunnah Thompson and Lawrence Makoare. Together, the pou whenua tell the stories of Tāmaki Makaurau

Daldy Street Linear Park and Amey Daldy Park

The linear park creates a four-block green corridor between Victoria Park and the waterfront. On the corner of Daldy and Pakenham streets is Amey Daldy Park, a new pocket square of green space for the residents and workers of Wynyard Quarter to call their own. It was named by Waitemata Local Board in honour of Amey Daldy, a leading suffragist in early Auckland.



Get to know your waterfront

Download the free AKL City Tours app and hit the pavement to learn stories of Tāmaki Makaurau's past, present and future. The app has a multitude of self-guided walking tours around Auckland's inner city. The Wynyard Quarter walk explains the design of the waterfront's newest residential and entertainment precinct and its history as a former base for timber and fuel-storage companies. It's a great way to learn about your surroundings as you walk through the neighbourhood.



Te Komititanga

At the Waitemata Harbour end of Queen Street, in the space between Commercial Bay and the Britomart Transport Centre, is a vast open square called Te Komititanga, a name gifted by mana whenua that means to mix or to merge. In front of the entrance to the former Chief Post Office is a whāriki (mat) designed by mana whenua weavers to depict a woven harakeke (flax) mat

welcoming visitors to Tāmaki Makaurau from the sea. The pavers' other designs also reference a meeting point – of two waters, the harbour and the Wai Horotiu stream that flowed down Queen Street in the early days of the city's settlement and now runs through underground pipes. The design was led by artist Tessa Harris (Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki), together with other weavers from Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki and from Te Ākitai Waiohū, Ngāti Te Ata and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. The intricate paving design includes more than 137,000 individual pieces of basalt.

WHAT'S ON



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Auckland Anniversary Weekend

Celebrate Auckland's 181st birthday over Auckland Anniversary Weekend.

Auckland International Buskers Festival

(Fri 29 Jan - Mon 1 Feb) serves up a great line-up of performers with energetic displays of circus arts, acrobatics and more along the waterfront.

Enjoy a magical evening under the stars at the free **SeePort Concert & Fireworks** (Sun 31 Jan) on Captain Cook Wharf.

See maritime history in action as hundreds of vessels take to the water under sail, steam and paddle power for the **Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta** (Mon 1 Feb).



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Summernova

Summernova wraps around the 36th America's Cup with a dynamic line-up of festivals, sporting spectaculars, arts and cultural showcases, live music and more.

The PRADA Cup (15 Jan - 22 Feb) sees challengers facing off for the chance to battle defender Emirates Team New Zealand in the 36th **America's Cup Match** (6-21 Mar).

Sunsetter Food and Wine Festival (Sat 13 Feb) at Smales Farm in Takapuna features local acts including Stella, RVMES, Tim Phin and more, plus wineries, craft breweries and popular eateries.

The **119th Helensville Show** (Sat 27 Feb) offers an insight into rural life with competitions and displays, plus food, entertainment and family fun.

Waterbourne Beach Festival (27 Feb - 21 Mar) offers live music, professional sports, food and beverages, movies, beach clean-ups and more at Takapuna Beach Reserve.



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Arts, culture & diversity

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Celebrate the rich Māori history and culture of Tāmaki Makaurau through music, arts, craft and storytelling at **Tāmaki Herenga Waka Festival** (Sat 23 Jan) on Captain Cook Wharf.

Welcome the Year of the Ox with food stalls, family entertainment and cultural performances at the **Chinese New Year Festival & Market Day** (Sat 30 Jan) at ASB Showgrounds in Epsom.

Auckland Pride Festival (3-28 Feb) presents a month-long programme for our rainbow community, including the free **Ending HIV Big Gay Out** (Sun 14 Feb).

Experience te ao Māori with friends and whānau on **Waitangi Day** (Sat 6 Feb). Auckland Council supports events where you can enjoy live music and delicious kai, and don't miss the **Vector Lights for Waitangi** (3-8 Feb) on Auckland Harbour Bridge. Visit ourauckland.nz/waitangiday for details about Waitangi Day events.

Auckland Fringe (14 Feb - 6 Mar) offers some of Auckland's most outrageous and unique events with theatre, comedy, dance and music, and everything in between.

Experience south Auckland's rich cultural diversity through food, music and dance at **Diversity Festival** (Sat 20 Feb) in Manukau.

Auckland Lantern Festival (25-28 Feb) celebrates Chinese New Year with hundreds of lanterns, music and dance performances, food stalls and more on Captain Cook and Marsden wharves.



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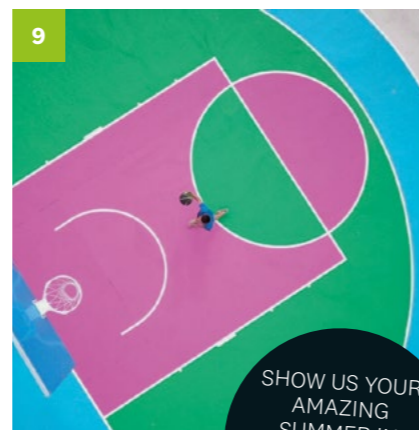
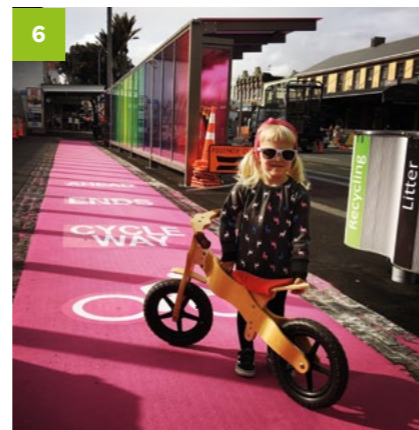
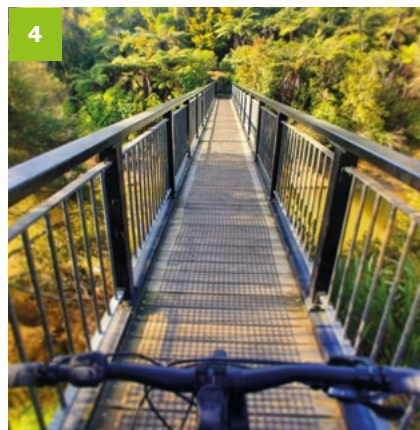
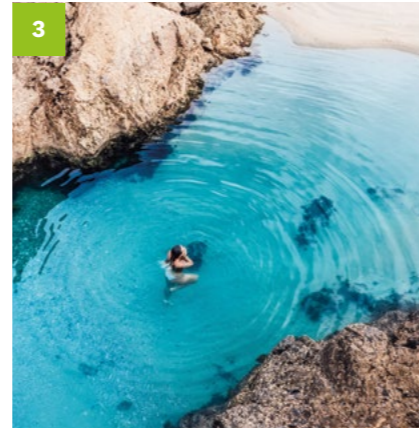
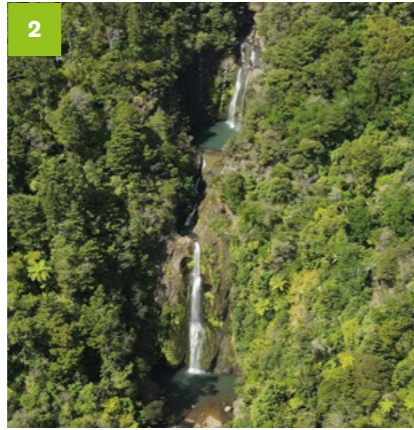
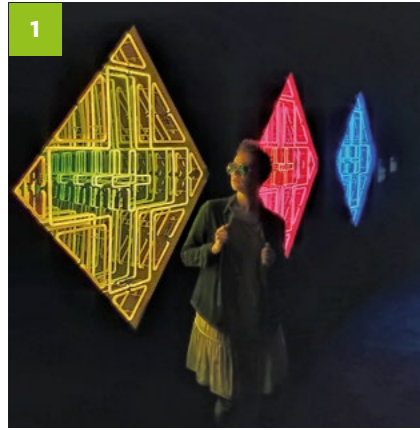
Music in Parks (16 Jan - 28 Mar) offers 20 free open-air concerts supported by iHeartRadio. The line-up includes Jordan Luck, Midge Marsden and Three Houses Down.

Movies in Parks (5 Feb - 27 Mar) has 14 free screenings including *Frozen 2*. This local board-funded programme is supported by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and The Hits.

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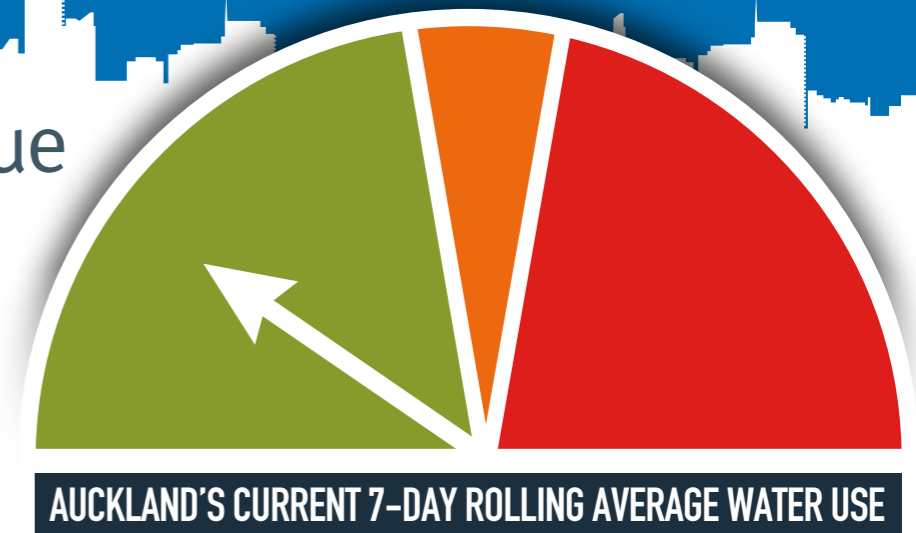


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