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NEED TO KNOW

9 January 2023. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/collectionday to check dates for your area.

Illegal Dumping
Your rubbish is your responsibility. If you have too much rubbish for your bin, or items that are unsuitable for your roadside collection, visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling for more about donating or properly disposing of unwanted items.

Stay safe around drains
Some catch pits or street-side drains hold excess water. Make sure children don't play near drains – open or covered – as grated

covers can occasionally become dislodged. And if you drop something in, don't lift the cover yourself. Report missing or damaged manhole covers via our call centre (09 301 0101) so we can attend urgently.

Septic tank maintenance
Wastewater systems need to be looked after. Smelly, boggy and blocked septic tanks are dangerous to people and the environment. If you've noticed issues or haven't had a service recently, contact your provider. Auckland Council may ask for proof of regular maintenance. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/septic tanks for more information.

Holiday rubbish collections
Roadside collections will continue during the holiday period with some changes to collection dates. Services will return to normal on

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A century of growth
When the Zoo opened in 1922, Auckland's population was just 82,000. Now there are more than 1.6 million of us, and the Zoo has kept pace, evolving into a modern wildlife conservation organisation.

Guest editorial

What a way to celebrate Auckland Zoo's centenary year!

As you read this, we will have just fully opened the Zoo's largest ever redevelopment – the South East Asia Jungle Track. Visitors will take an immersive journey through the different habitats of Indonesia, from the High Canopy where siamangs and orangutans swing across 22m-high aerial pathways, under tiger bridges in the Lowlands and into the hot and humid Swamp Forest to get a close-up view of Sunda gharial crocodiles and thousands of tropical freshwater fish.

Although today's Zoo is both physically and philosophically unrecognisable from the well-intentioned (and mostly treeless) menagerie that opened on

16 December 1922, there is one thing that has remained constant: our community.

The Zoo exists to bring people together to help build a better future for wildlife, a mission I am hugely proud of, and I feel privileged that we can bring you on that journey. With your support, we can remain optimistic in the face of great adversity.

We are at a time when the impact that humans are having on our planet – climate change, habitat loss, species extinctions, emerging infectious diseases – has never been more apparent. People have been the problem but, critically, people acting together is now the only solution.

Kevin Buley
Director of Auckland Zoo



BE IN TO WIN

We have three amazing prize packs to give away, each containing a copy of the book *Auckland Zoo: 100 Years, 100 Stories*, a T-shirt, a tote bag and a family day-pass to the Zoo. Visit ourauckland.nz/zoo100 to enter. Competition closes midday 9 December 2022.

BY THE NUMBERS



35 million+

visits since Auckland Zoo opened on 16 December 1922.

7000

hours are spent on conservation field projects each year throughout New Zealand and the South Pacific by specialist Zoo staff.

178

permanent staff work at Auckland Zoo, alongside 200 volunteers, caring for more than 2200 animals of 137 different species.



2km

of rope was used to create the aerial pathways in the orangutan and siamang High Canopy habitat in the South East Asia Jungle Track.

400+

kiwi have been incubated, hatched, reared and released to safe areas in the wild by dedicated Zoo staff.



KEVIN BULEY IMAGE / BRETT PHIBBS – NZ HERALD

THE BRIEFING

News and inspiration from Council HQ.



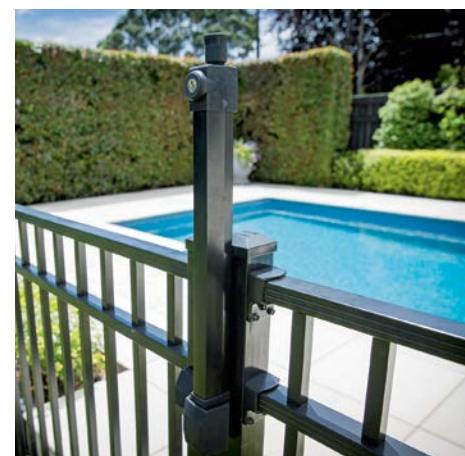
THE PATH TO SAFETY

Upgrades provide more space to move.

Part of the Northwestern shared path is safer and more enjoyable after a recent upgrade on the popular route between Central Road in Kingsland and Haslett Street in Eden Terrace. It now includes dedicated lanes for those on foot and those on wheels – including cycles, e-bikes, scooters and other mobility vehicles.

The refreshed 850m-long section of path features low-lying native plants in colourful planters, berms and kerbs to separate pedestrians from other users. While some vegetation was removed to widen the existing path and improve visibility, more native trees and plants were added to enhance the look of the track.

Zane Bray, Auckland Transport's sustainable mobility team leader, says there's already positive feedback about the path being safer, better looking and more user-friendly. Keep an eye out for his team along the path this spring and summer – they're holding free 'pit stop sessions' offering safety checks and basic bike tuning for cyclists.



SWIMMING POOL IMAGE / JAY FARNWORTH

LOOK, LOCK, LEARN

Take care with kids around pools this summer.

On hot days, few things are as tempting as a dip in the pool. An easy way to ensure everyone stays safe while staying cool is to remember these three words: look, lock, learn. Look at what your child is doing and don't lose sight of them, lock gates to prevent children entering the pool area unsupervised, and make sure they learn to swim so they feel confident in and around the water.

Faulty gates need to be secured until they can be fixed, and climbable objects should be kept away from fences. Most temporary above-ground pools also require fencing. Search 'pool safety' at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz to find out more.

PEST-FREE ON THE GULF

Protect our precious islands.

The islands of the Hauraki Gulf / Tikapa Moana attract thousands of visitors each year, but if the beaches, bush and wildlife are to thrive, we need to make sure pests don't make the trip there with us. Here are some simple ways to help keep these special spots pest-free:

CHECK – For signs of stowaways, be sure to check clothing, vehicles, freight and building materials. Shake out tents and equipment and make sure rodents, plague skinks, Argentine ants or soil containing plant diseases aren't hitching a ride – tell-tale signs include nests, droppings and tracks.

CLEAN – Once checked, clean all gear before travelling, especially boats and vehicles. A 'pack in, pack out' approach also helps keep the environment clean. Carry any food in well-sealed reusable containers and take any rubbish with you when you leave.

CLOSE – Keep all bags and containers closed when not in use.

Small 'check, clean and close' actions like these can have a big impact on protecting our kauri trees and looking after kiwi and other rare birds that share the islands with us, safeguarding this taonga for future generations.

AROUND AUCKLAND

LOCAL NEWS

The latest from your community



Children from New Lynn Kindergarten decorating the tunnel boring machine they named.

What's in a name?

Kindy kids get creative.

We all have memories of our preschool days: playtime, dancing, painting, sandpit action and stories on the mat.

But the children of New Lynn Kindergarten will remember something larger than life. They'll recall the day they named a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) and painted their handprints

onto her metal exterior, wishing her well as she prepared to begin her underground mahi (work).

Following the tradition of TBMs carrying a female name, these imaginative tamariki definitely came up with a memorable one: Princess Twilight Super Worm.

The teachers at New Lynn Kindergarten explain that the children drew on their literary knowledge, connecting the actions of the TBM with one of their favourite stories, *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson.

The TBM works on the Clinker and Ambrico Place stormwater

improvement project, tunneling a distance of 550m underground from Rankin Avenue to an outfall in Manawa Wetland Reserve, which will take around eight months. This \$25 million project will support growth in the area by paving the way for new homes and a new community park.

Auckland Council and contractors Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure Limited are involving the local community as much as possible, with plans to host a community day next year when the nearby Ambrico Reserve is reinstated.

Safety first

Check before you swim.

By providing accurate monitoring and up-to-date information about your favourite Auckland beaches, Safeswim can help you make informed decisions about when and where to take a dip.

There are numerous locations across the Auckland region that

are monitored by Safeswim. Water quality and water safety alerts for these locations – as well as weather conditions, lifeguard patrol information and long-term health warnings – can be accessed online or via digital noticeboards at some beaches.

Visit safeswim.org.nz or look for the beachside noticeboards before swimming at your favourite spot this summer.



Take a step back in time at Howick Historical Village.

175 years of Howick

Marking a major milestone.

This year is Howick's 175th anniversary, celebrating the arrival of the first retired British army servicemen known as the 'Fencibles'.

There's a variety of fun activities on offer, with the main event being the picnic at Howick Beach on Saturday 12 November. There'll be paddleboards, kayaks, small yachts, swimming, a bouncy castle and lots of food trucks. At 2.30pm there's a ceremony at Fencible Walk on Picton

Street, where a plaque commemorating the anniversary will be unveiled.

On Sunday 13 November, Howick Historical Village is hosting a 'Settling In' live day, with reenactments showing challenges the Fencibles faced when they arrived.

The 175th celebration is proudly funded by Howick Local Board, and there are a lot more events planned right up until Christmas. Visit howick175.co.nz for more.



NEW LYNN KINDERGARTEN IMAGE / GINO DEMEER; BEACH AND HOWICK HISTORICAL VILLAGE IMAGES / JAY FARNWORTH

STUCK FOR SOMETHING TO DO? Auckland Council's Out and About team has an amazing programme of events taking place this summer. They're all paid for by local boards, but some require a booking, so visit the Out and About Facebook page for details.



A view of the sugar refinery in 1909.

Sweetening the archives

Check out the Chelsea Sugar heritage project.

Historical records of more than 4700 Chelsea Sugar employees have been digitised and made available to the public thanks to funding from Kaipātiki Local Board.

The Auckland Libraries Heritage team digitised and transcribed the records from a collection of 10,654 physical employee record cards held at Birkenhead Library. Part of the library's Chelsea Archives, the cards date from 1921 through to 1974, but some also cover earlier periods of service going back to the 1880s.

One of the notable names in the collection is New Zealand poet James K. Baxter, who worked at the sugar refinery for a short period in 1969. The remark on his employee card reads: "Unsatisfactory. Do not reemploy."

The board was happy to initiate and fund this project as the records form an important part of the area's history and will be an invaluable resource for local historians, genealogists and anyone keen to research their local family history.

You can find the Auckland Libraries' Kura Heritage Collections online. Visit kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz and search for 'Chelsea Sugar Refinery employees' to bring up the records.

DID YOU KNOW?

How to reduce your water use in the garden during summer.

We use huge amounts of water in our gardens. In fact, in households with gardens, up to 25-50 per cent of water use is outdoors, so it's worth trying out more sustainable practices. Some tips to keep your water use down are:

- Only water your garden once every three to five days that pass without rain. It's better to water deeply and infrequently rather than giving your garden a light sprinkle every day.
- Water your plants in the early morning or evening to minimise the volume of water lost through evaporation.
- Reuse water where possible. Use a bucket to collect water while you're in the shower, or save the water in your sink.
- Learn the watering needs of your plants and group those with similar needs. This will prevent you overwatering them.
- Adding a few centimetres of mulch to your garden will help slow water evaporation. You can use wheat or pea straw, bark or grass clippings.
- Install a rainwater tank. They allow you to collect rain from the stormwater system for later use on your vegetable patch, garden or lawn.



FAMILY SPACE

Fun for the whole whānau.

CELEBRATE IN THE CITY CENTRE

Enjoy the festive season on land and at sea.

CHRISTMAS PAVILION AT TE KOMITITANGA

Get into the holiday spirit with live music and performances at the spectacular Christmas pavilion at Te Komititanga, brought to you by Auckland Council and Heart of the City. Then head up a revitalised Queen Street to admire stores decked out with festive decorations – and do a spot of shopping – before heading to Aotea Square for the Auckland Live Christmas in the Square free activities. Visit heartofthecity.co.nz/christmas for more info.



SANTA CRUISES ON THE HARBOUR

Rather than sleigh bells, you'll hear the whoosh of a gentle breeze at the New Zealand Maritime Museum Hui Te Ananui a Tangaroa. On a Santa Cruise aboard the heritage scow *Ted Ashby*, you'll join Santa and an elf or two for an hour of sailing across

the sparkling Waitematā Harbour, complete with Christmas treats! Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December at 1.30pm. Check out maritimemuseum.co.nz/whats-on/events to book.

VECTOR LIGHTS ON THE HARBOUR BRIDGE

It wouldn't be Christmas without twinkling lights – and the Vector Lights show on Auckland Harbour Bridge definitely adds some extra sparkle to Tāmaki Makaurau's festive season. This year, it features a spectacular light interpretation of the much-loved children's book *A Pūkeko in a Ponga Tree* accompanied by a soundtrack synced to the show. You can see it from Tuesday 13 December until Saturday 24 December, every 30 minutes from 9pm to midnight. Visit vector.co.nz/lights to find out more.



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MY TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU

FOUNDER OF I LOVE AVONDALE DAYNE SMITH

Dayne Smith helped set up the community initiative I Love Avondale, which provides free dinners, a dedicated space for youth recreation activities, and storytelling projects that celebrate the people and the place.

My family moved from Ponsonby to Avondale in 1961. I'm of Samoan and Cook Island descent on my mum's side and English and Irish on my dad's side, so I feel like I'm from all sorts of places. But for me, Avondale is home. It's my tūrangawaewae (place to stand). I love the town centre, the shops, the market, the schools, the faces, the places – everything about it.

I started I Love Avondale in 2014 as a storytelling project on social media. At that time you'd only hear about Avondale for crime and other negative reasons, so I wanted to shine a light on the interesting people and the stories I grew up with.

It evolved into a community development project in 2017 when we started hosting free fortnightly community dinners called Feed the Streets. That led to a social supermarket and a network of breakfast clubs in schools.

I also work with Eke Panuku Development Auckland curating a monthly series of posters by local artists, which are displayed along Great North Road in the town centre and showcase Avondale's people, places, culture and creativity.

I have mean memories of the dairy on Mead Street. I used to go there to play *Spacies* and buy *Rugby League Week* and a chocolate bar. Sometimes when I go in now, Ray, the owner, remembers me and asks, "How's the family?"

DAYNE SMITH IMAGE / JACOB LEAF

CELEBRATING 100 years

Auckland Zoo has brought joy to the people of Tāmaki Makaurau for a century. As it marks this amazing milestone, the Zoo whānau reminds us that conservation is at its heart.



Giraffe calf Jabali is the latest addition to the Zoo's herd.

In the days before television and the internet, zoos were menageries that entertained and amazed people with 'curious' animals from parts of the world they would likely never visit. But things have definitely changed for the better, as the centenary of Auckland Zoo shows.

Conservation champions

Part of the Auckland Council whānau, today the Zoo's focus is on advocacy, engagement and conservation projects through a variety of activities that range from education programmes, wildlife rehabilitation and fieldwork where staff partner with iwi, the Department of Conservation and community groups. Right now, staff are working on some 30 different field conservation projects within Aotearoa and the South Pacific, while supporting many more around the world.

The Zoo's commitment to integrating te ao Māori into its work is helping to enhance its connection with Aotearoa's unique culture. It is the right thing to do to increase appreciation of our own flora and fauna, but also positions the Zoo distinctly of this land.

Better together

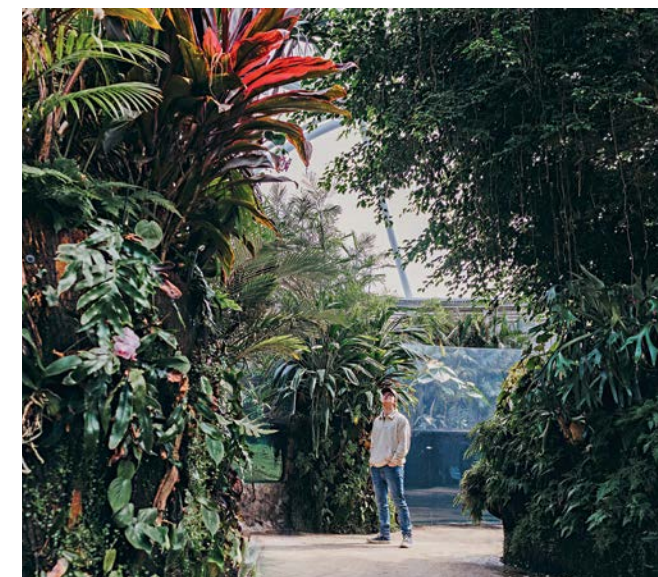
Auckland Zoo Director Kevin Buley says that while individuals certainly fought for change and drove these shifts, they could not have happened without funding from Auckland Council and ongoing community support.

"Not only will the ongoing investment in the Zoo continue to provide incredible experiences for our visitors, but it's also vital for us to stay at the forefront of animal care and conservation science. And we cannot underestimate the impact that connecting with nature and whānau at the Zoo can have on our visitors, which was never more evident than when we reopened after both long COVID-19 lockdowns. We could see the relief on people's faces and hear it in the kind words they shared on their return.

"In an increasingly urbanised Aotearoa, the Zoo is a beautiful oasis Aucklanders can escape to and know that they're doing something good for wildlife in the process."



Rhinoceros Jamila with her beautiful newborn daughter Amali (Swahili for 'hope').



The Zoo's new Swamp Forest (above) is home to thousands of fish and recent arrivals, a pair of Sunda gharial crocodiles (pictured below at Krokodille Zoo, Denmark, ahead of their relocation).





Golden lion tamarins take to the trees in the South America Rainforest Track.



A view of the new South East Asia Jungle Track.



Baby orangutan Bahmi clings on to mum Melur.



During her years of caring for the Zoo's primates – including spider monkeys – Christine has been part of an ever-evolving organisation.

CHRISTINE TINTINGER

SENIOR PRIMATE KEEPER

Christine Tintinger, a senior primate keeper at Auckland Zoo, ignored the old saying 'never work with children and animals'. Originally a Karitane nurse, Tintinger's lifelong interest in animals from around the world has seen her working at the Zoo for more than 40 years. Through TV series and documentaries about the Zoo, she's become one of its best-known faces.

As part of the team since 1979, Tintinger has seen the Zoo transform from what she describes as a menagerie to an organisation with conservation and best scientific practice

at its heart. She also recalls encountering gender bias early in her career and is relieved those norms and stereotypes have been challenged and broken down. "As we look to the future, I think it's important to acknowledge and pay homage to our history."

She speaks fondly of the animals she has cared for, including gentle giant Charlie, the Bornean orangutan she's known since he was young (and who is enjoying swinging around the new High Canopy habitat), as well as former 'tea party chimpanzee' Janie, who lived to 60 and needed extra love and attention in her final years. "I have great memories of sitting next to her, talking, and tickling her," says Tintinger. "She would burst out laughing and it was wonderful to hear."

LYNDELLE PANIORA

KAUPAPA MĀORI ADVISOR

Whenever Lyndelle Paniora needs to re-centre during her work day at Auckland Zoo, she heads to Te Wao Nui to watch kea. It reminds the former teacher of her South Island childhood and the times she would accompany her mother – also a teacher – on school trips to Arthur's Pass, where all the children were warned not to leave anything shiny around in case it attracted the attention of the inquisitive birds.

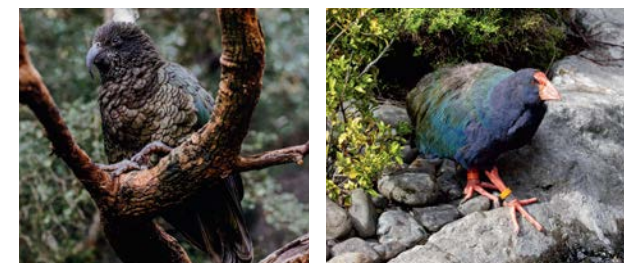
With the Zoo marking its 100th year, Paniora is the first full-time Kaupapa Māori Advisor, a recently created role to help navigate the next steps in the Zoo's bicultural journey. Previously a visitor to the Zoo with her own five children, Paniora appreciates the evolution from a place of entertainment to one with an emphasis on conservation, education and animal wellbeing.

She says she will be involved in future developments such as learning more about animals through the stories and languages of the indigenous people in their countries of origin, or hearing announcements in te reo Māori.

"It's about ensuring kaupapa Māori, mātauranga Māori and te reo Māori are seen and heard in truly meaningful ways so the Zoo is located firmly in Aotearoa," says Paniora. "It's about enriching what we do here."



Lyndelle is passionate about enhancing the Zoo's connection with te ao Māori.



Many native birds live at the Zoo, including inquisitive kea and endangered takahē.

IMAGES / EMILY CHALK

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE PAST

The Zoo's look has changed dramatically in the last century.



Californian sea lions in the 1960s.



Keeper R. Pakes outside the new kiwi house in 1971.

Visiting pandas attracted big crowds in 1988.



A floral sign welcomes visitors to the Zoo in the 1950s.

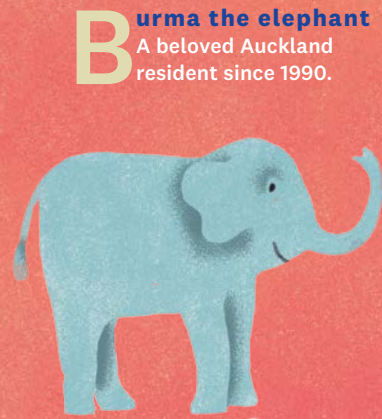


Kids enjoy the 'Willow Island' castle and the Peter Pan bridge in the late 1950s.

AUCKLAND
ZOO
CELEBRATES
100
YEARS!



A rowana
These South East Asian beauties are making a splash in the new Swamp Forest habitat.



Burma the elephant
A beloved Auckland resident since 1990.

100!

Centenary
Your Zoo since 1922. Happy 100th birthday!



Dragon
Playground favourite Cedric was built more than 60 years ago by former groundsman and talented artist Cedric Storey.

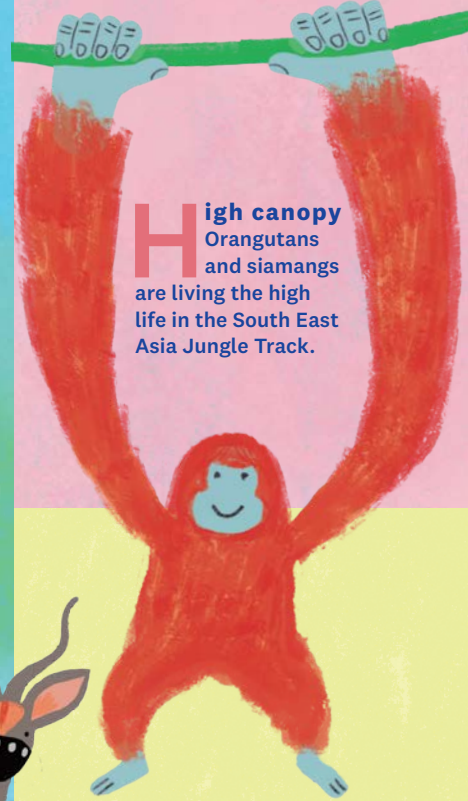
Emperor tamarin
Sporting the best facial hair of any primate at the Zoo.



Flamingo
Their feathers turn pink thanks to a diet of algae, shrimps and crustaceans.



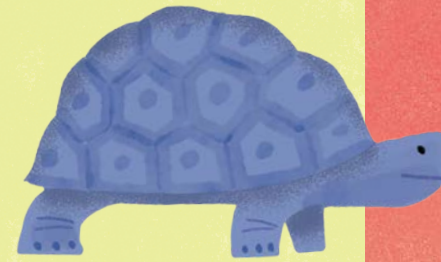
Giraffe
Their spotted patterns are as individual as human fingerprints.



High canopy
Orangutans and siamangs are living the high life in the South East Asia Jungle Track.



Ice cream
No Zoo visit is complete without ice cream!



Jumbo tortoise
Auckland Zoo is home to four adult and six juvenile Galápagos tortoises.

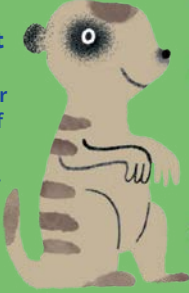


Kiwi
The first kiwi arrived at the Zoo in 1949 – an injured rescue named David.

Lion
The Zoo's pride and joy is a trio of lionesses.



Meerkat
Better together is the mantra of the Zoo's most sociable bunch.



Nyala
You'll find these spiral-horned antelopes mingling with rhino and waterbuck on the Africa Safari Track.



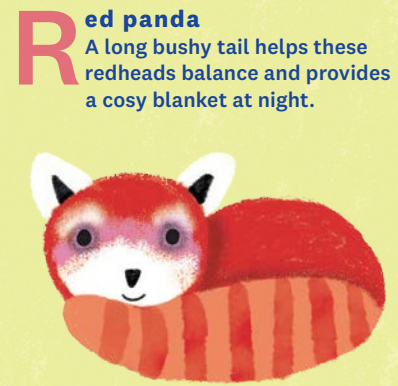
Orangutan
Come and meet Bahmi, our beautiful baby orangutan!



Panda
Giant pandas Xiao Xiao and Fei Fei visited from China for three months in 1988.



Quill
A group of porcupines is called a prickle because of their sharp quills.



Red panda
A long bushy tail helps these redheads balance and provides a cosy blanket at night.



Sumatran tiger
There are fewer than 400 Sumatran tigers left in the wild today.

Te Wao Nui
One-fifth of the Zoo is dedicated to the unique wildlife and plants of Aotearoa.

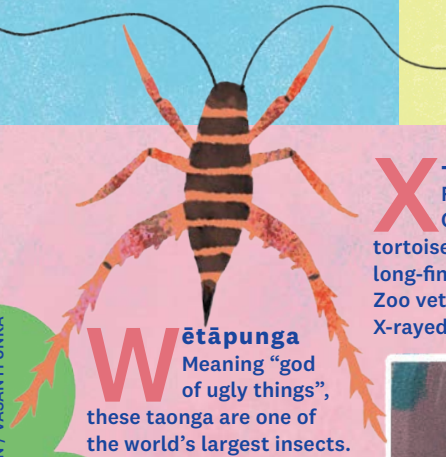


Ungulates
A name for hoofed animals, ungulates at the Zoo include zebra, giraffe, rhino, nyala and waterbuck.

Veterinarian
You can watch the vet team in action from the Zoo hospital's viewing gallery.



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Wētāpunga
Meaning "god of ugly things", these taonga are one of the world's largest insects.

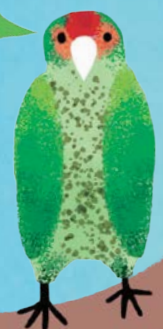
X-ray
From a 250kg Galápagos tortoise to a long-finned eel, Zoo vets have X-rayed them all.



YOUR ZOO!

Your Zoo!
All Zoo visitors are welcomed as friends and kaitiaki (guardians) of our environment.

Zookeeper
Every day the hard-working animal experts give talks about the special creatures in their care.





Centre director Ron Muavae at the Onehunga Re-Use shop, which features a colourful mural made from recycled bottle and jar lids.



Drive in and drop off unwanted items to be sorted and resold.



There's a cafe on site as well as a shop selling recycled items.



SEPARATE YOUR FOOD SCRAPS

Tāmaki Makaurau is set to reduce its carbon footprint even further in 2023, when Auckland Council rolls out its food scrap collection service across urban areas.

It's been running in Papakura and selected North Shore streets for a number of years, but now residents in other suburbs will be supplied with a 23-litre bin for food scraps that will be collected on their normal rubbish day.

Unlike a home compost system – to which you should avoid adding food that attracts pests – you can put meat, bones, bread products, pasta and dairy in your council food scraps bin.

Instead of breaking down in landfill and emitting harmful greenhouse gases, the scraps will be taken to a food-processing plant in the central North Island. Scraps will be broken down into a biogas that will then be converted into renewable energy and liquid fertiliser.

Waste-free FUTURE

With facility upgrades and new community recycling centres, we're taking steps towards our zero-waste goal.

When it comes to waste, we humans sure create a lot of it. In fact, an average Aucklanders sends around one tonne of rubbish to landfill each year. Fortunately, improved recycling services and new facilities that prioritise sustainable living are progressing Tāmaki Makaurau's journey to being a zero-waste city by 2040.

Recycling is one of the main things you can do to prevent rubbish going to landfill, and thanks to the \$16.6 million central government-funded upgrade at Visy Onehunga Materials Recovery Facility – the place where the contents of your recycling bin go every fortnight – we're getting better at it. A more accurate sorting system has enabled the facility to increase its capacity by 28 per cent, from 140,000 tonnes to 180,000 tonnes of recycling per annum.

But what do you do with items you no longer need or that are broken and aren't suitable for your recycling bin – things like an old computer monitor,

worn-out clothes, a broken fridge or wood offcuts? You can take them to one of Tāmaki Makaurau's 10 community recycling centres to be recycled, reused or repurposed.

The newest of these facilities is Onehunga Community Recycling Centre (OCRC) at 37 Victoria Street. As well as diverting waste from landfill, it's also creating new jobs and volunteer opportunities for locals – and it's the first Māori-Pasifika-led recycling centre in Aotearoa. Director Ron Muavae says it provides opportunities to reintroduce the local community, particularly young people, to traditional waste-management practices, such as composting.

"Composting is not a new thing," he says. "As a young boy in Samoa, I recall returning to the land what came from the land, and we'd find ways to recycle anything that was foreign. The centre is a great opportunity to revive some of that stuff."

How it works at OCRC is you drive into the centre with a load of unwanted items and the staff go through and salvage what can be recycled or given a new home. Unlike landfill, where you pay for dumping your entire load of rubbish, here you only pay for things that can't be reused.

Many of the salvaged items are cleaned up and repaired if necessary, then sold cheaply in the centre's Re-Use shop. There's also an on-site cafe, and an education centre which is itself recycled, having been donated by a local school.

"We get a lot of comments from people when they're coming through that this isn't a commercial place – it's a real community place," says Muavae.

Get sorted

- OCRC accepts everything except asbestos and other dangerous goods.
- Divide your rubbish into separate categories – such as metal, wood and plastic – before you arrive. This will make it easier for the staff to sort through it.
- Put products that can be reused in their current state at the top of the pile so the staff can remove them first.
- For more information, check out OCRC's website at onehungacrc.nz or visit Auckland Council's website to find your local recycling centre.



The Visy recycling facility's recent upgrade will help to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.

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WHAT'S ON NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022



From short vineyard strolls to all-day adventures, there's something for everyone during the 11 days of free and paid guided walks that are part of **Waiheke Walking Festival** (10-20 Nov).

At the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ **Pink Ribbon Walk** (Sun 6 Nov), join thousands of others to walk either 5km or 10km in Auckland Domain in an effort to help change the future of breast cancer.

Sheepdog trials, farmyard animals, wood chopping and chainsaws, live music, food and more are all on offer at **The Clevedon Show** (5-6 Nov), Clevedon Showgrounds.



Parnell Festival of Roses (Sun 13 Nov) celebrates the bloom of spring as the roses come to life. There's food, crafts, family fun and more at Parnell Rose Gardens.

Soak up the sights and sounds of summer with free live music at Auckland Council's **Music in Parks** (from Sat 14 Jan) and films at **Movies in Parks** (from Fri 27 Jan). Visit musicinparks.co.nz and moviesinparks.co.nz from Sat 30 Nov for a full list of what's on.



Grey Lynn Park Festival (Sat 19 Nov) is a delight for all with live music, food, art and craft stalls, tent talks, family entertainment and more.

Explore 18 of the very best professionally designed gardens that are part of **Auckland Garden DesignFest** (26-27 Nov).



Outdoor photography exhibition **Bon Voyage, Good Trip, Be Good: Dreams of the Pacific** (1 Dec - 23 Jan) at Takutai Square, Britomart, documents travel and fashion from the 1950s and 60s.

Press play on **Code Breakers: Women in Games** (1 Dec - 23 Mar) at MOTAT, an exhibition celebrating the achievements of women working in the video game industry.

Head to Newmarket for a day of Italian music, food, design, culture and a bustling street market at **Festival Italiano** (Sun 13 Nov).

Festive season events

Ready your singing voice and come along to **Carols on the Green** (Sun 27 Oct) in St Heliers, **Carols at the Kings** (Sat 3 Dec) in Three Kings and **Carols at Potters Park** (Sun 11 Dec) in Mt Eden.



Head to the city centre for the 89th **Farmers Santa Parade** (Sun 27 Nov) where a dazzling display of floats, marching bands, entertainers and beloved characters will make their way up Queen Street followed by Santa on his sleigh.



Pack a blanket and head along to watch the **Stockade Hill Lights** (Fri 18 Nov) in Howick or the **Onehunga Christmas Lights** (Fri 25 Nov), and visit **MOTAT** (7-24 Dec) for light displays, entertainment, music and more.

Get into the festive spirit with the APO's annual **Celebrate Christmas** concert (16-17 Dec) in Parnell, and bring your tamariki to **APO 4 Kids Christmas** for a lively hour of fun in the city centre (Sat 3 Dec) and Takapuna (Sun 18 Dec).



Shop for gifts and take in the festive atmosphere at Estuary Arts Centre's **Maker's Market** (Sat 12 Nov) in Ōrewa, the **Merry Christmas Market** (Sat 19 Nov) in Pukekohe, Corban Estate Arts Centre's **Kirihimete Sale** (1-21 Dec) in Henderson, and the **Ōrewa Christmas Twilight Market** (Fri 2 Dec).

Gather your friends and family for a night of world-class entertainment from some of Aotearoa's top singers, dancers and musicians, topped off by a fabulous fireworks finale at **Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park** (Sat 10 Dec) at Auckland Domain.

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Celebrate Christmas with **Auckland Choral: Handel's Messiah** (18-19 Dec) at Auckland Town Hall and experience some of the most glorious choral writing of all time.



Celebrate, eat and be merry at the **Howick Village Christmas Fair** (Fri 18 Nov) and **Christmas in Panmure** (Sat 3 Dec), or keep an eye out for Santa and a host of live entertainment at **Blockhouse Bay Village Santa Parade** (Sun 4 Dec) and **Howick Santa Parade** (Sun 11 Dec).

EVEN MORE FESTIVE FUN
Visit ourauckland.nz/festive for details of local parades, festivals, markets and lots more events taking place across the region.

Captains, Collectors, Friends & Adventurers



Exhibition on Dec 2022 – June 2023
New Zealand Maritime Museum
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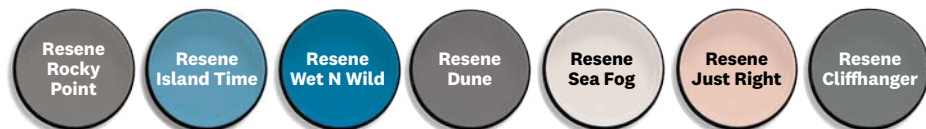
ŌREWA TO HATFIELDS BEACH

Access via Arundel Reserve, Hibiscus Coast Highway, Ōrewa

While Ōrewa is most famous for its long stretch of sand and surf along Hibiscus Coast Highway, the quieter northern end of the beach harbours a different kind of magic. At low tide, a 15-minute walk will take you north to neighbouring Hatfields Beach. The towering striped cliffs and views back along Ōrewa Beach are worth the walk, but the real fun can be had peering into caves and rock pools, or spotting birds nesting in crevasses. You can also continue further north to Waiwera, or do the walk in reverse. Make sure you wear shoes that are suitable for slippery surfaces, keep an eye out for falling rocks, and definitely check the tides before you head out as this walk is only accessible at low tide.

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Tāmaki Drive



New footpath means easier travels on Tāmaki Drive



Improvements to Tāmaki Drive footpath are under way from Solent Street to Ngāpipi Bridge

We're upgrading the footpath, replacing the worn asphalt with concrete. The new surface will be flatter and smoother for everyone. And there'll be a new handrail.

We'll also be building a new pedestrian bridge beside the existing Ngāpipi Bridge.

It's a big project but we'll minimise disruption as much as possible during construction work, which starts soon.

It's part of a series of improvements along Tāmaki Drive.

We're also making travel easier on shared paths that link up the central city with Ōrākei and eastern areas including Glen Innes.

On foot, on a bike, on a scooter, however people want to move – more options, better connections, smoother travels.

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