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Rubbish and recycling, rates information, local board enquiries, noise control, dog ownership, graffiti removal and much more.

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We have more than 25 customer service centres throughout the Auckland region. Services vary between branches, so visit our website or call us to check.

#### **OurAuckland**

OurAuckland keeps you up to date with council services, projects and events, and helps to fulfil our legislative obligations to keep Aucklanders informed. We conduct regular research to ensure OurAuckland is an efficient way of doing this.

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#### Te reo Māori

We're proud to use te reo Māori in OurAuckland. If you come across a word you don't know you can learn what it means at maoridictionary.co.nz

### Council meetings

Auckland Council's governing body and local boards hold monthly meetings that you can attend. Visit our website or call **09 301 0101** for details. Some meetings are streamed live online. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/councillive for more information.

#### **Auckland Transport**

- ★ AT.govt.nz
- **1** 09 355 3553 (24/7)

Roads, footpaths, public transport, parking and parking tickets, traffic signals and street lights.

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Public transport queries.

#### Watercare

- **☎** 09 442 2222 (24/7) Water and wastewater services.

If you have problems with your street drain, please phone the council.

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### **IN BRIEF**

### Help us plan for our changing climate

Auckland needs to be more resilient and better able to cope with extreme weather events and the other effects and implications of climate change. We want to talk with you about our changing climate and we want you to help us develop a climate action plan especially for Auckland. Visit climateAKL.nz to help influence the development of Auckland's climate action plan.

### Do proposed boundary changes affect you?

Changes to Auckland Council's ward and local board subdivision boundaries have been proposed under a statutory representation review required by the Local Electoral Act. The proposed changes will affect how some people would vote at next year's local body elections. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay for more detailed information and to give your feedback on the changes.

### Work as a summer lifeguard

Paid lifeguard positions are available at pools across
Auckland this summer. If you're a confident swimmer with effective communication skills and an interest in community wellbeing, this is the role for you. Visit summerlifeguards. aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for more information and to apply. Applications open 27 August to 23 September.

Message from the mayor

This month, Auckland Council shines a light on some of our local heroes who fight to protect our region's precious native species and habitats. During Conservation Week (15-23 September), we'll be celebrating the work of Aucklanders who demonstrate excellence in conservation with the first Mayoral Conservation Awards. Our environment is precious and I'm proud to recognise those who work so hard to protect it.

In September we are also working with Housing First Auckland to carry out Ira Mata, Ira Tangata:
Auckland's Homeless Count. It's the

first region-wide count of people living without shelter in Auckland, and will deliver important data we need to better understand the shape and scale of homelessness in our city. It will inform our planning and policymaking and help us work with our communities towards ending homelessness in Auckland.

Have a great month.

Phil Goff
Mayor of Auckland

## Te reo Māori in our communities

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week runs from 10 to 16 September. The theme is *kia kaha te reo Māori – let's make the Māori language strong*.

One of the ways Auckland Council's local boards are doing that is by working with mana whenua to highlight the stories of Auckland's rich Māori history and revitalise the language, so that it becomes more widely spoken, heard and seen in Tāmaki Makaurau.

The Te Kete Rukuruku programme involves collecting and telling the unique stories of Auckland, including adding Māori names to some of our parks and community facilities.

Eleven local boards are participating in a naming project, which will involve mana whenua researching selected sites to add Māori names to some of our parks, and to community facilities such as libraries. The research will take place over the next year, and names and narratives will be given to local boards to add to existing names.

Participating local boards are: Henderson-Massey, Whau, Waitākere Ranges, Manurewa, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Papakura, Albert-Eden,



Puketāpapa, Hibiscus and Bays and Kaipātiki. Visit **ourauckland.nz** for more information.

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Our story starts in 2018, when we set a goal BUT...HOW DID for all Aucklanders: to ensure we preserve, WE GET HERE? protect and care for our natural environment. We were challenged to manage growth, and to better protect what we love while repairing the damage we'd done. This goal inspired a generation of ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES who championed CONSERVATION and a BETTER AUCKLAND ...



Name: Faiza Aboobacker Mission: To rid Auckland of rats Tools: traps, peanut butter The Rat Catcher is Auckland's secret weapon in the fight against the pests that threaten our precious native species.



Name: Tim Lovegrove Mission: Communicates with native birds Tools: lips, ears, notepad, pencil He's on tweeting terms with hundreds of Auckland's native birds, keeps count of them by listening to their songs and even knows where many of them live - the Birdman has Tāmaki Makaurau all atwitter.



Name: Shelley Hackett Mission: Builds habitats for spawning Inanga Tools: water, hay bales, waders Also known as Madam Inanga, Whitebait Woman transforms humble hay bales into habitats for threatened fish to spawn and

ensures they're not left high and dry.



Name: Kerry Gillbanks Mission: To raise true weaving varieties of harakeke Tools: flax, compost & mulch, digging tools & knives

The Weaver is our fearless flax champion. She divides and plants out harakeke to maintain a "true" collection for weavers to use in raranga and whatu.

### Do you have what it takes to be an environmental hero?

Visit ourauckland.nz to find out more about the work our heroes do, and how you can use your super powers to help protect our environment.

## HEROES COME MAILS STATES

For some, the call to heroism comes early, as a team of young heroes from Browns Bay proved. In 2017, the Taiaotea Environmental Project launched, aiming to transform Sherwood Reserve and attract native birds and fish back to the area.

A squad of small superheroes from Northcross Intermediate and Sherwood and Browns Bay primary schools contributed ideas and designs for their neighbourhood park.

From fish bridges to cascading waterfalls and play equipment, the young heroes created a vision for their reserve. Now they're about to see that vision become a reality.

Isabella Mumford from Sherwood Primary School is one of our heroes. "It's so exciting that we're seeing our ideas become real," she says. "Everyone is going to visit and enjoy the new reserve for years and we'll have helped make it happen!"

So remember: you're never too young to put on a hero's cape.

## FIRMS MILITIES

Would you be surprised to learn that Auckland Council is the largest urban farmer in the region? The council's farmland spans nearly 1500ha across 19 regional parks, and provides a cost-

effective way to maintain some beautiful open spaces while allowing Aucklanders to enjoy the region's rural farming heritage in an "urban" setting.

Duder Regional Park is just one of the working farm parks. Farm Manager Dene Noonan says sustainability is key.

> "We optimise the use of the soils so that the right plants are grazed by the right animals at the right time to ensure the farms are efficient and sustainable."

Technology helps manage the health of pasture and animals, and close attention is paid to fencing waterways and to riparian planting.

The council takes its role as custodian of the land and environment seriously, and aims to manage farms' environmental footprint while maintaining the rural character of the regional parks.

## ARE YOU OUR NEXT

Know your enemy
Keep your eye out for
pest animals. If you
think you have one on
your property, head
to pestdetective.
org.nz to help identify
your intruder and
to find out how
to get rid of it.

Get trapping

You don't need to master bird

songs like The Birdman to become an environmental hero. Here are

five simple things you can do right

now to help Auckland's environment.

Help take down possums and rats – two of the biggest threats to our native species.

Go to the Predator Free NZ website at shop.

predatorfreenz.org

to grab a rat trap that suits your situation.

Timms possum traps are available for \$40 from selected council service centres – call 09 301

0101 to find out more.

Whack those weeds
Defend your garden!
Go to aucklandcouncil.
govt.nz/plantsearch to
identify weeds and find
out how to control them.

Join a superhero league

Join a neighbourhood conservation group – visit **ourauckland.nz** for a list of amazing environmental groups working across Auckland.

### Preserve our parks

Give our fulltime heroes – park rangers – a hand with ecological work in our beautiful public spaces. Search "volunteer in our parks" at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz to find out more.

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AROUND THE REGIONS

Queen Shirl'e has been running her Pathways to Performing Arts at Mängere Town Centre Library and Otähuhu Library.

## Performing arts workshops inspire the next generation

A desire to give south Auckland's restless youth something to do has turned into a sought-after performing arts programme.

Queen Shirl'e runs Pathways to Performing Arts, a free after-school programme for young people that teaches the basics of singing, rapping and acting.

Shirl'e has performed and collaborated with some of New Zealand's biggest hip-hop acts, but it wasn't until she was launching her own solo career that she stumbled onto the idea of empowering the next generation.

She began teaching basic performance skills at a local community hall and turned it into a regular programme at Ōtāhuhu Library.

Her workshops include subjects like songwriting, rapping, singing, acting and music mixing.

Most importantly, she aims to help students build confidence to perform in public. She's now expanding into other parts of Auckland.

Shirl'e says the key aspect of her programme is not just passing on technical skills but showing young people they can chase their dreams.

"I keep doing it because I was one of those kids [hanging around the streets] with no role models," she says.

"One thing I tell these kids is that despite the challenges we face, we can be whatever we want to be in life."

### Sign up to OurAuckland

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



Film explores experiences of

**Deaf community** 

Members of the Auckland Deaf community have helped create a film about Deaf culture in the Whau.

The Village follows a young woman who arrives at a Deaf school and experiences the culture shock of full immersion into a sign language environment.

The film reflects the challenges and daily experiences of being Deaf and speaks to the participants' desire that more people become fluent in New Zealand Sign Language.

It was filmed at Totara Village, part of the Kelston Deaf Education Centre (KDEC) complex, which provides a safe, nurturing environment for up to 23 Deaf and Hard of Hearing residents.

"One thing we were sure of going in: this was going to be their story, not ours," says filmwriter James Littlewood. "I wrote things down, and shaped them a bit, but this story came from the people you see on screen."

Go to **ourauckland.nz** to watch the film and find out more about KDEC.



Supporting surf life saving



Three more surf life saving facilities in Auckland are getting an upgrade thanks to funding from Auckland Council and other organisations.

The three facilities, at North Piha, Kariotahi and Ōrewa, have been included for funding through the Surf Life Saving Northern Region's Surf 10:20 programme.

The works will assist in delivering crucial life saving work and increase public safety at these sites.

## Kauri dieback confirmed on North Shore

Kauri Park in Beach Haven was closed to the public on 27 July after a tree was confirmed to have kauri dieback disease by the council's surveillance team.

"This detection is a blow to an area of highvalue kauri," says Auckland Council Biosecurity Manager Phil Brown.

"The park will remain closed until we have further test results back and a plan in place for managing our response."

Visit **kauridieback.co.nz** for more information.



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### **Ambury Regional Park**

Get up close to sheep, lambs, goats, cows, calves, pigs, chickens, turkeys, rabbits and maybe even the elusive peacock.

### **Ōmana Regional Park**

Ōmana has sheep, lambs and chickens to see. You might also catch our park ranger moving our sheep flocks with their farm dogs from time to time.

#### Mahurangi Regional Park

With approximately 100 breeding ewes, lambing attracts many visitors to this park in springtime.

### Mutukāroa - Hamlins Hill Regional Park

Young cattle graze on the hill and can be curious about visitors.

### **Ātiu Creek Regional Park**

Lambs are a popular sight at this working farm.

#### Please look out for the animals!

Lambs and calves need to have important bonding time with their families, so please don't disturb them. Supervise children at all times, follow site instructions and always leave gates as you find them.

Visit **ourauckland.nz** for more information.

### Pest management in the Hunua Ranges

Between August and October, sodium fluoroacetate (1080) will be aerially applied to around 21,500 hectares of parkland in the Hunua Ranges area, including Waharau and Whakatīwai regional parks, Department of Conservation reserves and some adjoining private land. The programme will also include some ground-based control on private properties adjoining the operational area.

This programme is focused on protecting the significant forest and the native species that live in it, including kōkako.

The last operation in 2015 resulted in the lowest-ever recorded figures for rats and possums across the forest.

As expected, possum and rat numbers have increased in the area because of reinvasion from untreated areas and it is time to repeat control.

Carrying out such an operation in a water catchment area requires careful planning and we are working closely with Watercare.

The parks will be closed during the operation and a track clearance programme carried out before they are reopened.

Exact timings for the operation are weather dependent.

Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hunuaproject or ourauckland.nz for more information and updates.

## Zero-waste grants on offer for great ideas

Do you have an innovative idea for reducing waste? Grants of up to \$50,000 are available from our zero-waste fund to help bring your idea to life. Auckland Council's Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund (WMIF) supports projects from businesses, iwi/Māori, and education and community groups that will reduce waste to landfill.

Environment and Community Committee Chair Councillor Penny Hulse says about \$3 million has been allocated to more than 350 projects since the fund started in 2013.

"These ideas are exciting and play an important part in Auckland becoming a zero-waste city by 2040," she says.



Previous successful grant applicants include:

- Sylvia Park in Mt Wellington, which used a \$46,000 grant to help divert food waste from its food court from landfill
- KiwiHarvest, which used a \$20,000 grant to upgrade its

warehouse and double the amount of food that could be rescued and redistributed to people in need.

Applications are open from 1 to 30 September.

Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ wastefund to find out more.

## Have your say to protect the health of Aucklanders

We are proposing changes to the Health and Hygiene Bylaw 2013. This bylaw protects Aucklanders' health by minimising risks from services that contact the body, including beauty and health treatments, tattooing, body piercing and swimming pools.

The main changes include:

- requiring services that pierce or risk breaking or burning tissue (not just the skin) to be licensed
- requiring therapeutic massage, water play parks and splash pads to meet minimum standards
- banning eyeball tattooing unless carried out by a qualified health practitioner

- requiring public display of licences
- clarifying rules about traditional tattooing like tā moko and traditional Pacific tattoo.

You can have your say from 26 August to 1 October 2018.

### Go to aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay

for more information or ways to have your say online, or go to one of our Have Your Say events across the region. Free internet access is available at our libraries for you to have your say.



## HIKOIA TE KORERO

Two free parades to celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori will be held in Tāmaki Makaurau in September, and we'd love to have your company. Visit ourauckland.nz for more information and to register your interest.

## "Walk the Talk"

### Auckland central parade, Thursday 13 September, 11am-2.30pm

Assemble at Albert Park, opposite the Auckland University Clock Tower, Princes Street, Auckland CBD.

The parade will finish at Aotea Square with food stalls, app launches, stage entertainment, prizes and giveaways.

### Manukau parade, Friday 14 September, 11am-2.30pm

Assemble at the grassed courtyard area outside the MIT atrium, Davies Avenue, Manukau City.

The parade will finish at Hayman Park with food stalls, app launches, stage entertainment, prizes and giveaways.

## Group effort delivers savings



Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Watercare have achieved \$112.4 million of savings and benefits in the 2017/2018 financial year through a joint programme for procuring products and services.

Mayor Phil Goff says, "Using the council's scale and a joined-up and collaborative approach to procurement is delivering value for money to Aucklanders.

"Through joint procurement, we have avoided unnecessary expenditure of \$71 million, saved \$20 million in operating costs and realised \$5.2 million of productivity improvements through initiatives such as our online building inspection book

and schedule platform."

Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore, who chairs Auckland Council's Strategic Procurement Committee, says the smarter, sustainable approach is reaping rewards.

"In addition to the financial benefits of this new approach, it's working better for the environment, with a significant number of sustainable projects and initiatives enabled through the process.

"This is another tangible demonstration of how the council has been smarter, more unified and more efficient in order to deliver some significant results."

Visit ourauckland.nz for more information.

## WHAT'S ON

September 2018

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

### 1 Sep **Lake House Open Day**

Entertainment, displays, art activities, giveaways & more

Sat 10am-3pm

Lake House Arts Centre, Takapuna

### 2 Sep

### Wild Wheels for Father's Day

A fun family event with live music, vehicle displays & more

Sun 10am-4pm MOTAT Western Springs Adult \$19, child/student \$10. family \$45.

under 5/SuperGold Card holders free

### 5 Sep **Hauraki Gulf Marine Park** Seminar

Be part of securing a healthier future for the Hauraki Gulf

Wed 9am-4pm Auckland Museum, Parnell \$47 (+ fees) includes lunch

### 6 & 7 Sep **Okalani Film Festival**

A selection of short films from Tongans around the globe

Thu 6 Sep, 5pm-7pm – Te Oro Music & Arts Centre,



Fri 7 Sep, 7pm-9pm – Mangere Arts Centre – Ngā Tohu o Uenuku Image: Malani Wolfgramme, Tonga

### 6-8 Sep **Black Grace** presents **Crying Men**

A new dance work exploring

masculinity through a Pacific lens

Thu & Fri 7.30pm, Sat 5pm ASB Waterfront Theatre, Wynyard Quarter | From \$55 (+ fees)

### 8 Sep Top Dog Film Festival

A heart-warming selection of short films about dogs & their people

Sat 8pm-10pm The Vic Cinema, Devonport Adult \$26.30, child \$24.30



8 & 9 Sep **North Island Ice Figure** Skating Champs

### Experience the beauty, skill & artistry of some of NZ's best skaters

Sat 10.15am-12pm & 4.45pm-8pm, Sun 6am-9.30am & 4.45pm-8pm Paradice Ice Arena, Botany Downs | \$2

9 Sep **Ellerslie Fairy** Festival & **Pirate Party** 



Fairies, face painting, the General Collective Kids Market & more

Sun 10.30am-12.30pm Ellerslie Village

9 Sep - 1 Oct Into the

**Underworld** An art-science exhibition revealing ancient lava

12pm-9pm daily Silo 6, Wynyard Quarter Koha entry (pay what you want)

caves under Auckland

14-23 Sep **Festival of Architecture** 

70+ events including open days, design competitions, walking tours & debates Region wide

Prices vary – most events are free Image: Warren and Mahoney Architects

### 21 Sep **Grad Gala** 2018

Students from the University of Auckland



Auckland Town Hall, CBD



### 22 Sep **Sandringham Book** & Comic Fair

Comics, books, collectors' items & more

Sat 9am-12pm

Sandringham Community Centre

27-30 Sep **Auckland On Water Boat Show** NZ's largest



on-water boat show

Thu-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm ANZ Viaduct Events Centre, Wynyard Quarter | Adult from \$19, child free

29 Sep - 7 Oct **Greater Auckland Art** Awards & **Exhibition** 

An exhibition of artworks for this art, sculpture,

ceramics & photography competition (entries close 7 Sep)

10am-4pm daily

Corban Estate Arts Centre, Henderson Image: People's Choice 2017: 13-15 Art - Daniel Kwon, Chameleon

30 Sep & 7 Oct **Korean Food Night Market** An outdoor

Korean street-food market Sun 5.30pm-11pm

Glenfield Mall car park









### Region wide | Prices vary - many free events

Celebrate the people and cultures from all over the world that have made Tāmaki Makaurau the diverse city it is today. From exhibitions, walks, talks and tours, to a vintage market day and havea-go gold panning, there's a huge range of events to suit all tastes and ages. Keep an eye out for the October 2018 Our Auckland magazine or visit heritagefestival.co.nz (from 27 Aug) for details.



### Giltrap Audi Season of Rendered

with Pakuranga Chinese Association.

18 Sep - 3 Oct | ASB Waterfront Theatre, Wynyard Quarter | \$20-\$67 (+ fees)

of cultural entertainment, and food and craft stalls. This free family event is funded by

Howick Local Board and delivered in partnership

Auckland Theatre Company premieres renowned Kiwi playwright Stuart Hoar's latest work. In this torn-from-the-headlines thriller, six lives are inextricably entwined in a world-wide web of intrigue, danger and espionage.



# SPRING School Holidays

### 29 Sep - 14 Oct | Region wide

Visit ourauckland.nz/schoolholidays or keep an eye out for the October 2018 OurAuckland magazine for details of school holiday events happening across the region.



### 1-16 Sep | Various west Auckland venues | Prices vary – some free events

NZ's leading authors, poets and playwrights offer a fortnight of fresh ideas, future thinking, language and laughter at the 23rd Going West Writers Festival. Including Fiona Kidman, Lizzie Marvelly, Moana Maniapoto, Paula Morris, C.K. Stead, Charlotte Grimshaw, Russell Brown, Toby Manhire and Scotty & Stacey Morrison at the Festival Weekend (14-16 Sep), Albert Belz's Cradle Song theatre premiere (5-8 Sep), Te Pou Theatre's Kōanga Festival (1-16 Sep) and the Poetry Slam Finale (8 Sep).

### **Stand Up Stand Out Finals 2018**

Sat 1 Sep, 3pm-6.30pm

**Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau | \$5** 

From RnB, reggae, folk and rock to jazz ballet, contemporary and hip hop, this is your chance to see the stars of our future. Auckland's premier secondary school music and dance competition is brought to you by Auckland Council.





### **Suffrage 125**

September 2018 marks the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in NZ. Below are some of the events being held in Auckland to celebrate. For more information, visit ourauckland.nz (search: suffrage).

Until 6 Oct

**To Uphold Your Name** An exhibition upholding stories of Pacific female resilience

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm

Mängere Arts Centre – Ngā Tohu o Uenuku

Until 31 Oct

**Are We There Yet? Women & Equality** in Aotearoa

A contemporary exhibition on gender equality's successes & speed-bumps

10am-5pm daily Auckland Museum, Parnell

Wāhine

Until 11 Nov **Take Action** Workshops, ACTION

craftivism & more celebrating 125 years since NZ women led the way to the polling booths Central City Library, CBD

3-7 Sep

Kororāreka: The Ballad of Maggie Flynn

A play about the women too wild to be captured by history books

Mon 3 & Tue 4 Sep, 7pm – Mangere Arts Centre – Ngā Tohu o Uenuku

Fri 7 Sep, 7pm – Underground Theatre, Massey University, Albany

Adult \$40, concession \$30, student \$16 (+ fees)

4-16 Sep **Bright Star** A play about

Beatrice Hill Tinsley, who championed women's rights while redefining the universe

Tue 6.30pm, Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 4pm

Aotea Centre, CBD \$25-\$39 (+ fees)



19 Sep **Sunrise** Celebration Join Prime Minister lacinda Ardern & special guests to honour the fight for gender equality in NZ Wed 7am-8.30am Aotea Square, CBD

22 Sep

Barbara Else – Go Girl Author **Talk & Book Signing** An inspirational talk on girls,

goals & grit Sat 11am-12pm

Ellen Melville Centre, CBD

23 & 25 Sep

**NZTrio Loft Series 2018** - Loft 2: Braid

This concert features an all-female cast of composers for the 125th anniversary

Sun 5pm, Tue 7pm | Q Theatre, CBD \$25-\$50 (+ fees)

22 Sep - 25 Oct **Building Bridges** An exhibition featuring North Shore women artists from the 20th century & today Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm, Sat & Sun

Mairangi Arts Centre, Mairangi Bay



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