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NEED TO KNOW

Rubbish and recycling
Due to the Waitangi Day holiday on 6 February, council kerbside collections for 6-8 February will be one day later than the normal day. Visit makethemostofwaste.co.nz for more information.

Protecting your health
Last year, we made changes to the Health and Hygiene Bylaw 2013. Operators whose services are required to be licensed – such as manicure and body piercing – will now have to display their licences. Other changes include banning eyeball tattoos and setting

minimum standards for massage operators. To read the bylaw, visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/bylaws or drop into your local library or council service centre.

Be prepared
Visit aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz to find out how to prepare for summer storms.



BY THE NUMBERS

70%

of New Zealand's population growth over the next 30 years will be in Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty; 34.6% the population already lives in Auckland

65%

of the waste in the average Auckland rubbish bin could be recycled or composted. Currently, 120,000 tonnes of recyclable material is diverted from landfill a year and our short-term goal is to reduce the amount of household waste going to landfill by 30%



100,000+

people used Lime's e-scooters in Auckland in the first two months of the company's trial. This has been extended by 10 weeks to gather more info about demand and to look at new safety features

45,000

Waiheke's population in summer, up from 9000 in winter

\$900m

is to be invested by the council and New Zealand Transport Agency over the next 10 years into safe cycling infrastructure, including the SkyPath

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Auckland's position in the Global Cities Index, an international benchmark around future planning in 24 cities by consultancy WSP Opus

You're welcome

I hope you're enjoying Auckland's summer and making the most of our beautiful beaches and outdoor environment. It's been good to see people out and about on our harbours and the Hauraki Gulf and taking advantage of our regional and local parks and amenities.

This month kicks off with the celebration of Waitangi Day at Manukau, Ōkahu Bay and Hoani Waititi Marae; and the Lantern Festival in the Auckland Domain.

Around the city you will see the continuing development and transformation of Auckland, with \$73 billion worth of construction

planned or taking place. This unprecedented growth is contributing to jobs and prosperity in our region but has also created the need for major and overdue investment in public infrastructure.

In our current 10-year budget, we have put aside \$26 billion for infrastructure for housing, transport and the environment, the highest amount ever in the history of Auckland.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope 2019 will be a great year for you and your family.

Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland

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

Auckland is growing fast, and it's important we grow in the right way. After all, Vector shares Auckland's history as well as looking after its energy future.

CREATING A NEW
ENERGY FUTURE



THE BRIEFING

INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION FROM AUCKLAND COUNCIL HQ

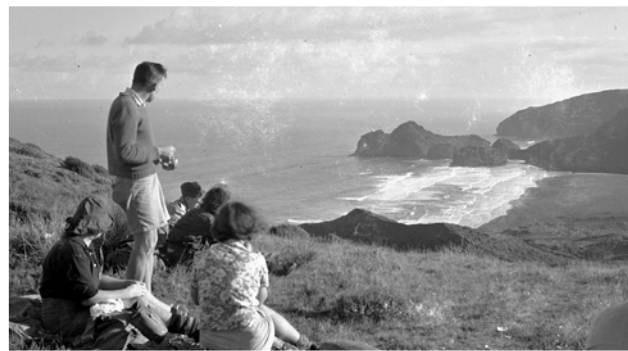


KEEP THE SUMMER VIBES ALIVE

If your summer break already feels like a distant memory, it might be time to book your next holiday.

Auckland Council has more than 100 holiday places, so you don't have to venture far from home.

Accommodation options include three family-friendly holiday parks, 20-plus baches, lodges, a backpackers on Waiheke Island, glamping tents and campgrounds across the region. Often located in the rugged beauty of Auckland's local and regional parks, they'll give you access to incredible beaches, walks and tranquillity. 'Find Another Auckland' and book your holiday now at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/holidayplaces.



PAST LIVES

Are you keen to explore Auckland's past? Auckland Libraries has made it easier to find out about the people and events that helped to shape Auckland through past centuries right up to the present day.

Kura Heritage Collections Online contains a wealth of photographs, historic maps and other resources from the Auckland region

and beyond – all for you to search or browse online without charge.

Choose to search across hundreds of thousands of records or browse by collection. You can download items that interest you or share your finds on social media.

Learn about an ancestral connection, a place you cherish or a topic of interest by visiting kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Each year we ask Aucklanders what they think about our budget and investment priorities. Following this consultation the council will finalise the budget in June. We are proposing some rating policy changes for 2019/2020 relating to rates for waste management, food scraps collection, religious use properties, rural onsite sewage services in Waitākere, the urban rating boundary and increases to some fees to maintain cost recovery.

We'll also be asking for your input on developing our water strategy for Auckland. This will help us plan our response to challenging water issues in Auckland.

Consultation opens soon. Check out akhaveyoursay.nz for more information.

LIGHTLY DOES IT

With the Christmas break over, how about cycling to work once a week instead of driving. That could save you up to \$800 a year in petrol and avert 237kg of carbon emissions. Live Lightly is a programme that encourages Aucklanders to live more sustainably, helping to achieve our city's target of net zero emissions by 2050. Changing how you travel, the energy you use, the food you eat and what you buy can make a difference. Visit livelightly.nz for more information.



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A GARDEN SO GOOD, IT GROWS ITSELF.

Who needs green thumbs when you've got a brilliant mind? Mikayla won the top female award at 2018 ASB Bright Sparks, an awesome tech competition for young aspiring inventors, with her ground-breaking invention, MyVegeWall. It's an automated garden controlled entirely through a phone app. ASB is thrilled to help Mikayla cultivate her dreams.



LOCAL NEWS / AROUND AUCKLAND

COMMUNITY EVENTS, A NEW BRIDGE, TRAMS ROLL AGAIN AND A 'ONE-STOP SHOP' FOR THE NORTH-WEST



IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

CELEBRATE / WAITANGI DAY (ABOVE)

Mark February 6 with music, culture, food and family fun at the popular Waitangi ki Manukau event at its new home, the Manukau Sports Bowl on Te Irirangi Drive. Or enjoy arts, crafts, kids' activities and delicious food at Waitangi@Waititi at Hoani Waititi Marae, 458 West Coast Road, Oratia, 9am-5.30pm. And don't miss the Waitangi Day-themed Vector Lights show on the Harbour Bridge every half-hour from 9pm to midnight from 2 to 7 February.



WANDER / TIROHANGA WHĀNUI BRIDGE

Albany's new big red walking and cycling bridge will open in February, providing an off-road connection across the Northern Motorway between Pinehill and the Albany metro centre.

EXPERIENCE / MOVIES AND MUSIC IN PARKS

Auckland's parks are already amazing. But they're even better when you add free outdoor movies and music. Visit musicinparks.co.nz to check out the 25 concerts, and moviesinparks.co.nz for the 26 free movies on offer across Auckland this summer.



DISCUSS / FREEDOM CAMPING

Of 1000+ council sites in the region, 422 have been tagged for restrictions on camping in vehicles. Have we chosen the right ones? Send your thoughts to auckland.council.govt.nz/have-your-say.

EXPLORE / AKL PATHS

Check out the new Akl Paths website at aklpaths.co.nz and explore some of the more than 200 walking and cycling paths across Auckland. The detailed information makes it easy for you to get active on wheel or foot.



RIDING HIGH

Riding for children with disabilities at the Meadowbank Pony Club's new training arena has been greatly assisted by a \$10,000 grant from Ōrākei Local Board. The arena opened in October, and the board grant has helped fund a new watering system that will suppress dust, which is particularly important for riders with disabilities who sometimes struggle to cope with wearing goggles.



WATERFRONT TRAMS TO ROLL AGAIN

The historic tramline at Wynyard Quarter has been given a lifeline by the mayor and councillors, who voted to reinstate the original 1.5km route until the America's Cup in 2021, then review its future.

Waitemata and Gulf Ward Councillor Mike Lee set up and championed the service. "The idea of a waterfront heritage tramway caught my imagination and I've thrown my support behind it from the start," he says.

The 15-minute tramway circuit loops around Halsey, Gaunt, Daldy and Jellicoe streets between the Viaduct Basin and Westhaven Marina. The heritage trams, which offer tourists and locals alike a taste of times gone by, have been off the tracks since last August.

Panuku Development Auckland, which owns the trams, is considering the option voted on by councillors.

Cr Lee says the trams are a real point of difference for Wynyard Quarter and he supports those campaigning for the tramway to be extended across Te Wero bridge to link with the Maritime Museum, Princes and Queens wharves and Britomart.

"It's important that the trams be given a fair go. They've been a magic experience for people. You just have to see their faces."



A NEW HEART

HUB A 'ONE-STOP SHOP' FOR THE NORTH-WEST

The new Auckland Council community hub at Westgate, called Te Manawa, will herald a new way for you to interact with the council and fellow Aucklanders.

Whether it be enjoying the library, spaces, technology, programmes and events or registering your dog or enquiring about your rates, you will experience an entirely new 'one-stop' service.

Waitākere Ward councillors Penny Hulse and Linda Cooper are excited by the development, which is a significant investment for the community.

"The north-west is going to be one of the highest growth areas in Auckland over the coming years, so the council needs to be able to handle the growth with new innovative ways of working, which Te Manawa provides," says Cr Cooper.

"This will be one of the jewels in the council crown," says Cr Hulse.

"The name Te Manawa, gifted to Tāmaki Makaurau by Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara, means the heart, which is exactly what it will be for the community. It marks a real step change in the way we interact with people and will be beneficial for all."

Te Manawa will officially open in April.

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Melissa Atama (left) and Angela Castles with one of the signs in Clendon Park.

Clendon Pride also contributed to the project in a number of ways, and putting up signs featuring local youth was considered to be an effective way of building pride in the area.

"It's just really nice to be able to see the faces of local people who are respected within our community saying, 'Let's keep it good in our hood,'" says Clendon Pride director Melissa Atama, a lifelong resident of the area.

Signs featuring smiling faces were put up in 14 known local hotspots to try to stop illegal dumping, and when any was found, the Manukau Beautification Community Trust would put up a sad-face sign and report the incident to the council, which would sticker the refuse material and then clear the area as soon as possible.

The turnaround was impressive. Data collected over the first four months of last year across the hotspots in Clendon Park showed a significant decrease in dumping, and Atama says that at the start of 2019, things remain positive for the project.

"I do think it has been successful. It's not just data, although the data speaks for itself; I can definitely see a change."

Mayor Goff agrees there has been definite progress in combating illegal dumping and says the Clendon Park scheme has helped to change attitudes in the area. "This initiative is a great example of what is possible when the council and community work together."

Parul Sood, programme director for Auckland Council's Waste Solutions unit, says very little illegal dumping was reported at the end of last year in the 14 hotspots included in the project, which is a significant win for the community. She's excited about the results and says the council is "looking forward to collaborating on more of these kinds of efforts in the future".

Both Atama and Castles say education and connection from within their community will be key to keeping the numbers down.

"Empowering a community to make change for themselves through education and a project like this is going to have far longer sustainable change than maybe some other way the money might have been spent in the city," says Atama.

FLEUR MEALING

IF YOU SPOT ANY ILLEGAL DUMPING, CALL 0800 NO DUMP (0800 663 867) AND REPORT IT.

Pride turns tide

A new approach to dealing with illegal dumping has brought impressive results in Clendon Park, and the collaboration between Auckland Council and local community groups is being looked at as a textbook example of how to combat the problem in other areas of the city.

Driving south from Auckland, you pass by a suburb called Clendon Park in Manurewa. People from near and far would come to visit the area, but they wouldn't stay for long: many were only really there to leave their rubbish.

Across Auckland, more than 1500 tonnes of waste was dumped illegally in the year to last June, a 13 per cent increase on the previous 12 months. Not all of this was left in south Auckland, but for years Clendon Park had been known as a hotspot. Everything from furniture and household appliances to rubbish bags and vehicles was abandoned on the side of the road in unsightly, dangerous piles.

The problem was so bad it became a key focus for Mayor Phil Goff, who injected \$200,000 last year into tackling the problem across the city.

"It's really important to live in a clean environment, rather than one trashed by people dumping their rubbish around it," he says.

Illegal dumping is punishable by fines of up to \$400 (or \$30,000 if convicted under the Litter Act 1979),

but in Clendon Park the council decided to take a different approach. As part of a trial, it brought together a number of local community organisations to draw on their expertise and enthusiasm and conducted research to discover the multiple 'drivers' of dumping.

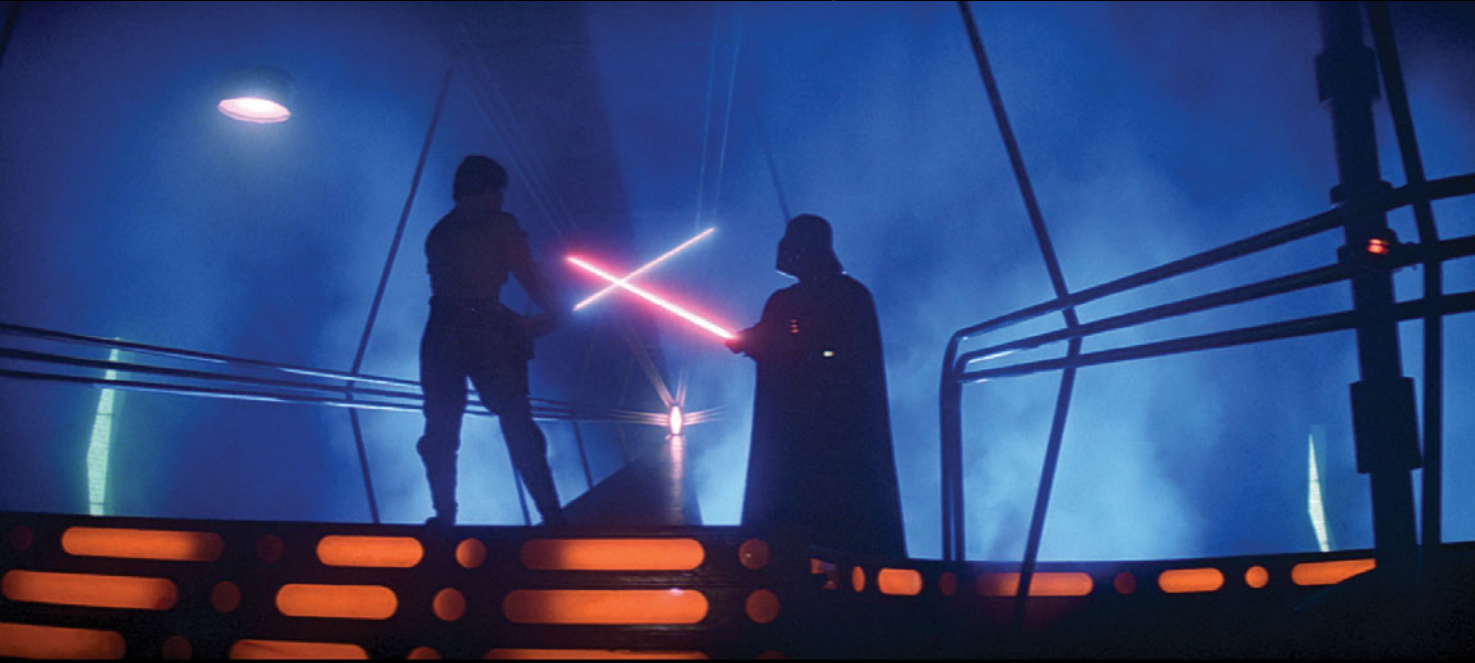
"I think it's always beneficial when working with groups because the more people there are to spread the right messages, the better," says Angela Castles, the community waste facilitator for Talking Trash NZ.

She and her volunteers door-knocked 350 homes in the area over two days to spread the message about how to dump waste legally. In that time, bookings for 60 inorganic collections were made and assistance was given to 61 other households to do it themselves.

"We are well received in our community," Castles says. "As soon as we get to the door we tell them we are not here to sell them anything, we are just here to help. So knowing that we come from their community and are just trying to make things a bit easier for them is always helpful."

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Lights, culture, action

As Māori culture has increasingly been embraced, how Auckland marks Waitangi Day has changed. This year, as well as three major events, the history of Tāmaki Makaurau will be brought to life through the medium of light.

February 6 will mark 179 years since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and Auckland Council has partnered with Vector and local iwi to dazzle city-goers with a light display on the Harbour Bridge.

Two years ago, Vector and the council began lighting up the bridge, with special shows choreographed for events such as Matariki and Christmas. Local iwi Te Kawerau a Maki and its chairman and historian, Te Warena Taua, were the hosts of last year's Matariki light display and have been engaged again for this year's Waitangi Day celebrations.

For the show (2-7 February, every half hour from 9pm to midnight), Taua and his iwi have designed a unique, new narrative. The story is set around islands in the Waitematā Harbour which formed part of the tribe's Treaty claims. Accompanying the eight-minute show is a soundtrack on which Taua recites ancient karakia (prayers) about the Tainui waka, from which the iwi, and many names in the Auckland area, originate.

Auckland Council's arts and culture programmer, Ataahua Papa, says the council recognises 19 different mana whenua groups, and each will get the opportunity to tell its own story.

The story the lights will tell on the bridge is part of a wider focus on recognising the importance of the Treaty. "Celebrations have changed drastically in the last few years," says Papa. "The council worked with a local arts group in Manukau 20 years ago to produce the biggest Waitangi event outside of Waitangi; 40,000 people would go some years because it was the only one. Now there are three main



events every year and the council is involved with supporting each of them."

Aside from the longtime event in Manukau, Aucklanders can celebrate Waitangi Day with music and food at big events in Ōkahu Bay and at Hoani Waititi Marae in Oratia. Each has its own perspective, Papa says, but they are all unified by a single theme.

"We have lots of different mana whenua and mataawaka stories out there. We're trying to give everybody an experience that educates them about Waitangi – it's more than just a protest up north."

Our nation's indigenous culture is being embraced by more and more New Zealanders, as seen in the increasing use of Māori language and symbols on signage, infrastructure, in place names and in the media; the growing number of people learning te reo; businesses and groups recognising Matariki, the Māori New Year; and Māori concepts being considered as part of the Te Aranga principles in

1. Te Warena Taua
2. Vector Lights
3. Waitangi ki Manukau event, 2018.

the Auckland Design Manual. Culture is recognised as a powerful point of difference, and in Auckland, residents now expect to be able to celebrate it and Waitangi Day at major events in their own city.

Seeing the stories of iwi up in lights or spending the day at a festival isn't just about the parchment signed 179 years ago. "Manukau was actually one of the sites where the Treaty was signed," Papa says. "There are lots of stories people don't know about Auckland. So this year, our narrative takes it back to a time before the islands in the Waitematā were even islands."

She says learning our history will give Aucklanders a better appreciation of where they live. "It hasn't always been skyscrapers." SAM BUTTON

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Pick a path

Whether you're looking for a short stroll, a bike ride or a place to picnic with the family, there are hundreds of different paths across Auckland that are waiting to be explored – and they will soon be even easier to find and navigate, with the launch of the new Akl Paths website. Here are six top picks to get you started.

1. BEACHLANDS TO MARAETAI PATH (8KM)

This path along the beautiful Pōhutukawa Coast is perfect for a family day out and affords stunning vistas of the Hauraki Gulf, Waiheke and Rangitoto islands and the Coromandel Peninsula. Pop in for a coffee or ice cream in Maraetai or Beachlands, stop for a swim at one of the wonderful east coast beaches, or visit the Ōmana Regional Park. There are playgrounds, barbecues and picnic tables along the route, as well as a skate park and tennis courts if you're feeling energetic. The path is mostly concrete, with small unsealed sections. Dogs are allowed either on-lead or off-lead (but under control) on most of the walkway, but are prohibited from the regional park, except for around the perimeter walk. You can start at either end, from Maraetai Park or from the end of Second View Avenue in Beachlands. Or start at one of the access points from Ōmana Esplanade Reserve, the regional park or Te Puru Park. On weekdays, combine your day out with a ferry ride from Auckland to Pine Harbour (this does not operate on weekends).

2. TE ATATŪ PENINSULA NORTH PATH (2.8KM)

You'll feel a long way away from the city, but you still get great views of the skyline, the harbour bridge

and Waitemata Harbour on this easy and mostly paved path. Start at the boat ramp on Chapman Road and then wend your way around the coastline, past mangroves and bush. There are some stairs, so bear this in mind if you want to take a pram, and there's seating along the way to enjoy the view or stop for a peaceful picnic. At Kelvin Crescent there's a small playground with swings and a slide. The path then follows a sandy beach and ends at Spinnaker Reserve. Here you can either turn back or proceed onto the Harbourside Path to continue exploring the Te Atatū Peninsula coastline.

3. NARROW NECK TO DEVONPORT PATH (6KM)

This gently undulating shared path passes tranquil local beaches and reserves and offers stunning views of Rangitoto Island, Maungāiika / North Head and the Auckland city skyline. Start your journey at Narrow Neck, a white-sand beach that's great for swimming and picnics. There is also a cafe, public toilets/ changing facilities and a great playground for children of all ages. Head along Vauxhall Road and take a detour up to Fort Takapuna Historic Reserve for some military history. Cheltenham Beach is close by and perfect for an afternoon swim or a rest under a shady pōhutukawa.



1. TOP FOR BIKES

2. GREAT HARBOUR VIEWS



3. HIT THE BEACH



4. GREAT FOR KIDS



5. ROCK ON

End your walk in Devonport village, where you can check out the architecturally acclaimed Devonport Library, local cafes, art galleries and shops. A trip to the city by ferry takes just 12 minutes.

4. WAIMAHIA PATH (3.2KM)

A short, leisurely stroll in coastal Manurewa, with great views of the estuary and a brilliant new playground themed around the gathering of kaimoana (seafood). The fully paved path is ideal for prams, walking and jogging. You'll also find some outdoor exercise equipment to combine your walk with a workout. There's plenty of parking on surrounding streets, including Becker Drive. And there's seating along the way to relax and enjoy the sun, as well as a tree branch perfect for little ones to climb and explore.

5. FISHERMAN'S ROCK PATH (1.6KM)

A stunning coastal route with secluded rocky coves, great views, secret picnic spots and one of Waiheke's longest staircases. Start at Little Oneroa beach, with its popular playground, safe swimming, barbecues, toilets, shop and food

outlets, and head up the track to the right along the coast. When you get to Fisherman's Rock, you can roam around the rocks at low tide, right around the headland. Come back the way you came and enjoy the views back across to Oneroa. There are some steep sections and it can get a little muddy in winter, but it's very rewarding.

6. THE ŌPANUKU STREAM PATH (8KM)

This shared path stretches from Great North Road in Henderson, through Palm Heights to Henderson Valley Road. It follows the stream and weaves through lush native bush. This is a very sheltered area, perfect for walkers or joggers even on cool or windy days. The route is sealed, but sometimes narrow, with some short steep sections. The Corban Estate Arts Centre is a good starting point and is worth a visit. Keep an eye out for the fantail, tūi and kingfishers as you venture towards Henderson Valley Park, which has public toilets and a great kids playground with a climbing web.

CHECK AKLPATHS.CO.NZ FOR MORE INSPIRATION.



6. GO BUSH



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Rollin' with it

Ralph Johns biked 140km around Auckland in one day. And as the city's cycling network grows and gets connected, he's confident more people will start living life in the bike lane.

Auckland's cycling network is rapidly improving. And Ralph Johns would know: he biked most of it in a day last year. Johns is an avid bike rider and the CEO of Isthmus, a design company that aims to "deepen the relationships between land, people and culture", so, both personally and professionally, he loves seeing more people on bikes.

And that's certainly happening in Auckland, where 3.5 million cycle movements were recorded across 26 monitors in the year to December, up 3 per cent on the previous 12 months. Johns puts this down to more cycleways and shared paths, as well as the lure of efficiency. "You go when you want and you don't waste any time."

Within 10km of the central business district and with good cycleways, he says, pedalling is generally the quickest way to travel at peak time, and with the increasing popularity of electric bikes, some people are commuting 20-30km. It's also cheap, good for the environment, a great way to experience the city, and a "magical pill" for your physical and mental health, he says.

Cities in Europe that are renowned

for their cycling cultures have built infrastructure over decades and have largely separated cars and bikes. Johns says some new neighbourhoods are now even being designed to be car-free. New Zealand certainly isn't there yet, but he believes there will be a tipping point soon. The work the council and its partners have done over the past few years is starting to bear fruit as the network is connected up to form what he calls a "cycling superhighway".

Research on New Plymouth and Hastings has proven investing in cycle lanes and walkways encourages people to drive less and cuts carbon emissions.

"All over the world, when you build cycling infrastructure, there's this latent demand. People start to use it when it's there ... But some of this stuff you have to push through. You need political courage because if you compromise the infrastructure, you set the city back."

THE AUCKLAND BIKE CHALLENGE, WHERE WORKPLACES COMPETE TO GET THE MOST STAFF ON BIKES, IS TAKING PLACE IN FEBRUARY. SO HEAD TO LOVETORIDE.NET/AUCKLAND AND SIGN YOUR BUSINESS UP.

RALPH'S TOP RIDES



1. Explore the Whau River's disconnected sections of shared path, early parts of a big plan for a walking and cycling network that will link the Waitematā and Manukau harbours.

2. Ride east out of the city, past the port and over the pōhutukawa roots of the soon-to-be-upgraded Tāmaki Drive shared path, then carry on around the bays to Achilles Point.



3. Mix it with the urban traffic down the arrow-straight Dominion Road. Stop to consume large quantities of dumplings.

4. Quietly crunch along the gravel paths of bucolic Point England Reserve, an undeveloped rural block on the Tāmaki Estuary that complements the surrounding state-house streets.

5. Scurry along the hidden Waikaraka Cycleway, which follows the heavily modified northern edge of the Manukau Harbour, between the muddy mangrove harbour and the high-security fences of industrial sites, to Onehunga Wharf.

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PERIPHERAL VISION

While there is plenty of attention on the huge changes happening in Auckland's city centre, billions of dollars are being invested in regenerating the region's town centres. Hayden Donnell visited four of the places earmarked for large-scale development to find out what they look like now, what they'll look like in the future and how that change is going to take place.

On Queens Road in Panmure, Deborah Cope is going through her morning routine. She buys a few things from the dairy and sits on the bench outside talking to people she recognises. Cope has been living in Panmure for 30 years and recognises almost everyone. The locals are familiar. But the town centre itself is vastly different from the one she discovered when she first arrived in Auckland. She remembers a bustling shopping hub dotted with brand-name stores, banks, cafes and restaurants. These days, the bigger stores have shifted 3.5km down the road to take up residence at the Sylvia Park shopping centre; others have closed due to the struggle to compete with the giant mall.

When we talk about the future of Auckland, we don't always think about places like Panmure. We debate waterfront stadiums, or point to the high-rise apartments under construction. Even when it comes to a project with the city-defining scope of the City Rail Link (see page 22), we usually note first how many more people it will shuttle in and out of the city centre. In many ways that's justified: not only is it a vital business and transport hub, it's also the fastest-growing residential area in Auckland.

But it's only one part of the story. Billions of dollars are being invested into making sure it isn't an island and that it's supported by a city-spanning chain of town centres where people can buy affordable homes, make a living, or just enjoy a coffee and some shopping. Thousands of new homes are planned in and around these areas that will help to revitalise them. Whole new business districts that will provide employment

opportunities are in the works. It's a vast undertaking that will shape the city in decades to come. We may zone in on Queen Street in the CBD, but many planners believe it's what happens to places like Queens Road in Panmure that will truly transform Auckland into an international city.

Panmure

Cope doesn't know it, but her seat next to the dairy is at the heart of the largest urban transformation project in New Zealand. As the council's redevelopment arm, Panuku, plans the revitalisation of the Panmure town centre, the Tāmaki Regeneration Company is building 7500 homes in the area.

"We know that urban regeneration on the city fringe is an important part of Auckland's long-term development, alongside greenfield developments slightly further out on the isthmus," says Shelley Katae, the company's general manager of strategy and performance. "It's about accommodating the city's growth and providing people with options to live and work. As part of this, it is important to maintain a range of places where businesses can locate, innovate, grow and deliver quality jobs in close proximity to the city centre, along with good access to transport and infrastructure."

When you look at the project's main areas of focus – social transformation, economic development, placemaking and housing resources – you see how complex and multifaceted regeneration is. It's not just about physical space. So along with better,



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healthier housing options, Panuku's revitalisation of the town centres and the development of Tāmaki's parks and reserves, the company is also establishing a 30-year education strategy with the government and local schools to develop a skilled labour force and working with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development on a Tāmaki employment precinct strategy. As part of that, the company launched the Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub in December 2016 to connect local

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1. Onehunga 2. Deborah Cope 3. The Tāmaki precinct from above 4. Sandra and Tongi Turua 5. Panmure

employers with local job seekers, and more than 400 local people have been placed in employment so far.

Cope is happy to hear about the plans. More people in the area will help inject some life back into it, she says. "We want our Panmure back. We've got the bus station right here, the train station right here. So why not have more business right here?"

Penny Pirrit, Auckland council's director of urban growth and housing, says part of the challenge in town centres like Panmure is that we have

changed the way we shop. "We need to encourage the community, businesses and landowners to think of opportunities other than retail, such as housing, business start-ups and community activities that can bring new life to these town centres. The council can partner with local landowners on new developments but sees it has a key role in showing what can be done by using its own land. This is often enough to spur the private sector into doing changes of its own. Though that may not result

in a Panmure town centre that looks exactly like the retail-dominated shopping strip of the past, it will make the area a better meeting place for the community. More people will bring more services. And when new employment and job opportunities are created, that means that sense of community, that sense of place, can keep on happening."

Ben van Bruggen, urban design strategy manager at the Auckland Design Office, says the economic and social health of a place like Panmure is inextricably linked with the rest of Auckland. The city can't survive with a strong city centre if its town centres are decaying, he says. "Some may think that a city centre is the icing on the cake, but nobody likes just icing. You've got to have the cake as well."

Back at the dairy, Cope waves at a passing bus driver and shouts, "Thank you, driver". "I love this place," she says. "I do everything here. I don't want to go anywhere else. I like the people. I like the shopkeepers. I believe that everybody round here has got each other's backs."



6. Takapuna's new playground 7. Carrie-Ann Webb and Dean Henderson 8. What Takapuna's proposed town square could look like 9. Henderson 10. Peggy Cheung

Onehunga

If Panmure is waiting to realise its potential, Onehunga is already flourishing. Its bustling main street looks like a distillation of Auckland – vibrant, multicultural and prosperous. There are second-hand stores and flash cafes. Jewellers and Chinese takeaways. It's evidence of what can happen when private investment is paired with public infrastructure. The centre is making heavy use of two big advantages: a train station that puts it within 25 minutes of the city, and the Dressmart retail mall.

Tongi Turua is in town to have sushi with her mum, Sandra Turua, on the main street, Onehunga Mall. She says the area used to feel unsafe at times, but that's changed in recent years. "I think the good thing about it is there's so many different shops now. It pretty much has everything here. It's got everything and it's close to everything."

Panuku has plans to build on Onehunga's success. It owns 3.8ha in the town's lengthy 10-block centre and is looking to establish about 720 new apartments and residential units, including 240 in the next three years, along with 13,600sq m of commercial space. Its acting head of design, Deborah Lee Sang, says places like Onehunga are vital as both secondary economic hubs and showcases for Auckland's culture. She points to places like Sydney, where the central business district is supplemented by outer centres and villages that give a truer sense of the city's identity.

"One of the great things about Onehunga is its diversity. If you walk down Onehunga main street, that's



what Auckland looks like. So that's a real defining quality of Onehunga that would be sad to lose. We have to find a way of maintaining that."

Takapuna

At 10.30 on a Tuesday morning, Takapuna beach is already buzzing. Children are climbing through the town centre's new \$1 million playground. People are sunbathing and swimming. The beachside cafes are filling up. By comparison, the town's main street, Hurstmere Road, is a bit lifeless. A few people are lining up at the cafes, but most of the stores are still empty.

Carrie-Ann Webb and Dean Henderson are having a coffee about halfway down the road, just metres from the Anzac Street car park. The centrally located lot is at the heart of a heated debate over the future shape of the area. Panuku plans to develop part of it into a town square, while working

with the private market to create shops, offices and apartments.

Henderson, who works in construction, is in favour of the move. "Development's a good thing. It'll bring in more people from the city to the Shore. It's good for the economy. I know a lot of shops are worried about it but I think it's a good thing because there'll be more foot traffic." Webb isn't so sure. She worries about being able to park near the beach. "I have kids and they're all little," she says. "Being able to park easily with them is my main thing."

Lee Sang says developing the Anzac Street lot is not an effort to cut down on parking, but to make it less of a main feature of our town centres. By bringing more people and shops into the town centre, Panuku is trying to create a community where locals can work, shop and socialise in one place. "Think about the cities where you go on holiday and they have services right on



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SHOW ME THE MONEY

Big things are planned for town centre redevelopments.

PANMURE

In the next 10-15 years, the Unlock Panmure project will cost about \$50 million and see around 1000 new homes built in the town centre.

ONEHUNGA

Over the next 10-15 years, the Transform Onehunga project will cost \$150-180 million and see up to 2500 homes built, as well as new public spaces and around 105,000 sq m of new commercial space.

TAKAPUNA

Over the next 5-7 years, the Unlock Takapuna project will cost about \$40 million and see around 250 new homes, a new parking building for 420 cars, and a new town square.

HENDERSON

Over the next 10 years, the Unlock Henderson project will cost about \$50 million and deliver a far greater number and variety of new homes into the town centre.



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3000 extra homes in the next decade. But few people there seem keen to talk about the economic opportunities awaiting the town.

Peggy Cheung says she would love to see more parks where she can go on walks with her grandson. Bipasha Chowdhury says she'd like more public spaces where she can meet up with friends. "We need more places to hang out. There's not too many options if you want to just hang around," she says. David Poulson would like more of the shared spaces that are being successfully developed in the city centre. "I've been here nine years. I just like the people. They're friendly. Everybody gets on. Everybody looks out for each other."

When you look at the council's plans, you get a sense of the structural changes it wants to achieve in town centres like Henderson. It wants to transform the city into a chain of humming economies, linked by an upgraded train network, cycleways and better bus services. That overarching strategy can seem impersonal, a little removed from what people like Poulson, Chowdhury or Cheung are saying they want: more community. But when it comes down to it, that's what's behind every seemingly dry planning document.

Every new busway, or business, or community centre is fundamentally about human interaction, whether it's allowing people to buy jeans, creating jobs that are closer to where they live or giving them an opportunity to have lunch at a nice cafe with their mum. All these billions of dollars, all these strategies, are really aimed at achieving

their doorstep. Those are the things that Auckland hasn't been doing well. We're used to a sort of monocentric way of thinking, where we focus on the city centre as the place we all commute to. That creates problems. There's so much more to Auckland. Spreading business round does make sense and when people can see opportunity in their own area, that's got to be better. Better and more time-efficient for people and better for the environment."

Henderson

Of all the four centres, Henderson may have the most opportunity. The western suburb is in a prime location for redevelopment. Being on a major rail line will put it within 46 minutes of Aotea Square once the City Rail Link is built, cutting the time it takes to get there by 16 minutes. The council has designated it as one of 10 major regional hubs and earmarked it for

one thing: a bit more connection.

That's important, not just for our town centres, but for the future of Auckland. The only other option is for the city to sprawl outwards and become increasingly dislocated. Instead, the council is trying to bring more businesses, homes and services into centres, in the hope it will make Auckland a better place for people.

Councillor Chris Darby, chairman of the planning committee, says town centres are truly renewed when people feel like they can shape them in some way. "We're human beings. We're herd animals. And we like to socialise. And I believe there's an increasing love affair with things local. With local centres. When you get a sense of belonging, a sense of ownership in a place, you get a whole renewed strength in that place."

His words bring to mind what Cope said in Panmure about people in her town always having each other's backs. It can't be measured on a spreadsheet as well as economic growth or transport outcomes, but the main thing people want out of their town centre – whether it's Panmure, Onehunga, Takapuna or Henderson – is to connect with other people, to feel part of a community.

MISSING LINK

The City Rail Link is one of the biggest infrastructure projects in Auckland's history. But some myths persist and many people still don't appreciate the scale or the benefits of the project. Hayden Donnell explains how this huge underground undertaking will help connect the city and improve the lives of Aucklanders right across the region.

The City Rail Link, two 3.45km-long tunnels up to 42m below the city centre, is the single most transformational undertaking in the history of Auckland's transport. When complete, it will reshape not just communities in the city centre, but along every rail corridor in the region: from Ōrākei to Ōtāhuhu in the east; Grafton to Swanson in the west; Penrose to Pukekohe in the south.

So why don't more people know that? CRL chief executive Sean Sweeney admits branding has been part of the problem. But another factor was the miseducation, or sometimes wilful ignorance, of the project's critics, he says. "If we had a clean sheet of paper and I was asked to name it, I'd probably call it Auckland Metro," he says. "But you can wilfully distort any name if you want to."

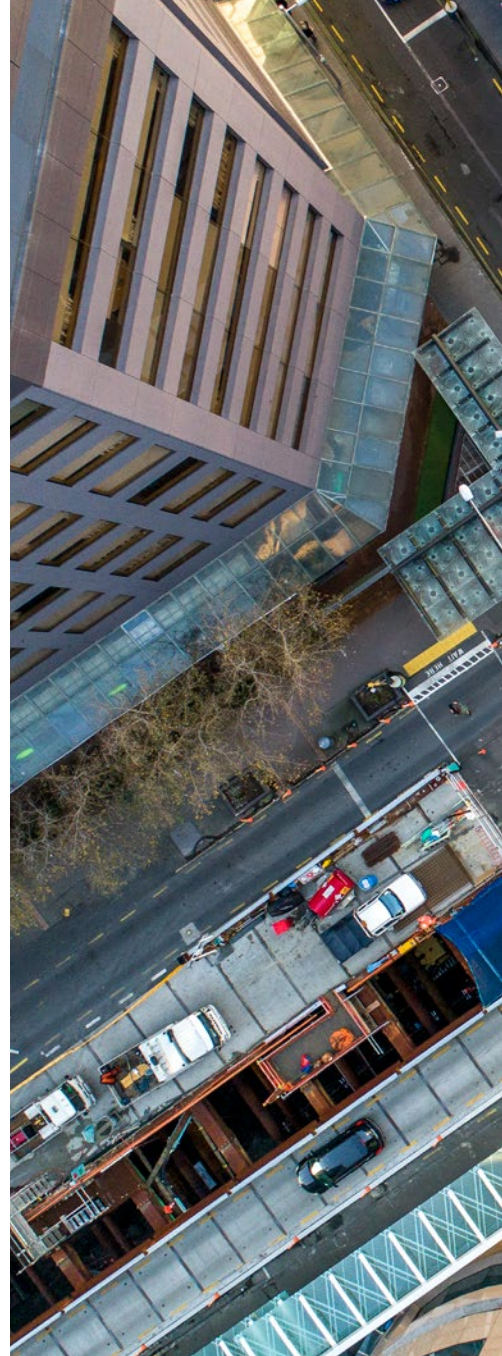
The PR problems started when the City Rail Link was little more than a concept on some planning documents. Opponents of the project sought to paint it as a pointless waste of time and money, some kind of Sisyphean nightmare disguised as public transport, a white elephant that would saddle Auckland with massive debt while achieving nothing. People would board a train, check their texts, and arrive back where they started half an hour later, critics said. In an interview with John Campbell on TV3, then-Transport Minister Gerry

Brownlee called the link a "very short little loop that goes around". Others simply rolled their eyes and complained about then-mayor Len Brown's "train set".

The narrative persisted even after the project was officially named the City Rail Link. Even now, many people still don't understand the project's true scope. They may think it's a happy development for the residents of Albert Street or Karangahape Road. But here's what it actually does: above all, it stops Britomart, Auckland's busiest rail station, being a dead end.

Right now, trains arrive in the city centre, then reverse out past a queue of other engines waiting to get in. The CRL will allow them to flow through to other parts of the city via new stations at the corner of Wellesley and Victoria streets and Karangahape Road. That might not sound like much, but its impact is profound. Rail frequencies will increase markedly everywhere in the city. Instead of every 10 minutes in peak times, trains will come every five minutes on just about every line. Travel times will drop substantially across the network, but particularly in places like Mount Eden, which will be within a 10-minute journey of Britomart.

"In simple terms, it'll more than double the number of people who can get into the central city and out again," Sweeney says. "The numbers that we see show that an extra 40,000 people can get into



FAST FACTS

The CRL will benefit the region
The project will spur housing and business development in communities across Auckland, while better connecting them to the city centre.

The CRL will benefit everyone
It will allow thousands more people to commute to the city by train, which will help free up the roads for drivers and bus users.

The CRL is a good investment
The CRL unlocks Auckland's existing rail network, creates a spine for development across the city and will lead to streetscape upgrades around a number of stations.



the central city per hour, which is equivalent to 16 lanes of traffic.” He’s baffled when people argue the project’s \$2.8 billion cost would be better invested in roads. “This is 16 lanes of traffic we’re talking about,” he says. “What I said to someone was, ‘Which suburbs are you going to demolish to build this superhighway?’”

Those improvements are important, but they still don’t fully illustrate the wider effects the increased connection will have on Auckland’s communities. The CRL is expected to be a vital catalyst for town-centre redevelopments like those taking place in Henderson, Onehunga or Panmure. A recent analysis by Auckland Council Chief Economist David Norman showed that in the city’s eastern suburbs, houses within 260m of a rail station are priced 19 per cent higher than those 500m away or more. Housing

and commercial space near reliable and rapid public transport is more desirable. Auckland Councillor Chris Darby says that means places like Henderson have the potential to become thriving centres when the CRL is completed. “When we’ve made rapid-transit investments, people have actually flocked to where they can live in proximity to that rapid transit,” he says.

Sweeney is equally enthusiastic about the CRL’s potential to change not only Auckland’s transport, but its culture and urban fabric. “This is the public transport project that will transform Auckland. The development opportunity it brings. The accessibility it brings. It is fundamentally what will enable Auckland to become the city that it wants to be. It will help Auckland grow up.”

Pretty good for a little rail loop that goes around.

HAPPY TRAVELS

Here are some examples of what the CRL will do for travel times into and out of the city centre.

HENDERSON TO AOTEA SQUARE

16
MINUTES
SAVED

Current journey time:

62 MINS

🚆 Henderson Station to Britomart: 46 mins / 🚶 Britomart to Aotea Square: 16 mins

Journey time after CRL:

46 MINS

🚆 Henderson Station to new Aotea Station: 43 mins / 🚶 Aotea Station to Aotea Square: 3 mins

PAPAKURA TO BRITOMART STATION

17
MINUTES
SAVED

Current journey time:

55 MINS

Journey time after CRL (on fast train): 38 MINS

KINGSLAND TO BRITOMART STATION

8
MINUTES
SAVED

Current journey time:

20 MINS

🚆 Kingsland Station to Britomart: 20 mins

Journey time after CRL:

12 MINS

🚆 Kingsland Station to Britomart: 12 mins

PANMURE TO MERCURY LANE

14
MINUTES
SAVED

Current journey time:

35 MINS

🚆 Panmure Station to Britomart: 16 mins / 🚶 Britomart to Customs St West/Queen St: 4 mins (+ wait time) / 🚆 Custom St West/Queen St to Pitt St: 3 mins / 🚶 Pitt St to Mercury Lane: 5 mins

Journey time after CRL:

21 MINS

🚆 Panmure Station to new Karangahape Station: 21 mins

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MUSIC & MOVIES IN PARKS UNTIL 20 APR FREE

Music in Parks highlights in February include Kiwi Anthems, featuring Jordan Luck, Annie Crummer, and AutoMatic 80s with New Romantic and New Wave hits. And don't miss Blues Legends with Midge Marsden. For Movies in Parks, soak up the romance of open-air cinema on Valentine's Day with *La La Land*, compete to win a Ferrari ride at *Oceans 8*, race the kids through an obstacle course at *Smallfoot* and sparkle as one of the Pink Ladies at *Grease*. *Region wide*

POP 22 FEB - 12 MAR FREE

These pop-up art projects in public spaces include multi-sensory Pop Ping Pong, giant interactive Pop Marbles, posing on Pop Plinths, the super-sized water-filled Pop Drop, and Pop Poetry. *Central Auckland*



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

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



AUCKLAND FRINGE FESTIVAL 19 FEB - 3 MAR Prices vary – some free events

Presenting some of the most outrageous events in Auckland's cultural calendar, this year's festival includes a Nazi vampire's erotic mime, a nursing cabaret with Beyoncé in the ICU, the Grim Reaper with showbiz ambitions, and feminist punk-rock group Pussy Riot (pictured). *Region wide*



WAITANGI KI MANUKAU WED 6 FEB, 9AM-5PM FREE

At this fantastic family day, you can experience a traditional Māori welcome with a pōwhiri at 9am, taste Māori and Pacific kai, learn about the Treaty of Waitangi, check out arts and crafts, and enjoy a music line-up including Maimoa, Rob Ruha and The Witch Dr, Tone 6 and NRG Rising. Presented by Music in Parks and supported by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, this Auckland Council event is zero-waste, smoke-free and alcohol-free.
Manukau Sports Bowl, Clover Park

WAITANGI @ WAITITI WED 6 FEB, 9AM- 5.30PM FREE

Celebrate our national day with live music, kids' rides, food and craft stalls, and giveaways. *Hoani Waititi Marae, Oratia*

AUCKLAND PRIDE FESTIVAL 1-17 FEB Prices vary – some free events

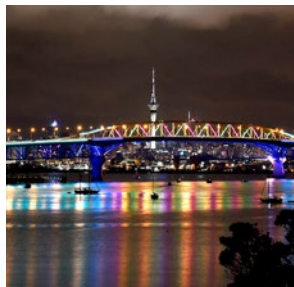
New Zealand's largest programme of events for our rainbow communities and their friends and families includes theatre, music, art, film, poetry, debate, youth events, sport, gardening, pets, pageants and parties. A highlight is the free Ending HIV Big Gay Out at Coyle Park in Point Chevalier, this year celebrating its 20th anniversary (Sun 10 Feb, noon-7pm). *Region wide*



Celebrate Waitangi Day

**WAITANGI DAY KI
ŌKAHU WED 6 FEB,
10AM-3PM FREE**

This whānau-friendly event features New Zealand musicians live on stage, complemented by delicious food and market stalls and interactive activities and exhibitions. A zero-waste, smoke-free and alcohol-free event presented by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei with Auckland Council. *Ōrākei Domain, Ōkahu Bay*



**VECTOR LIGHTS FOR
WAITANGI DAY
2-7 FEB, 9PM-MIDNIGHT
FREE**

Local iwi Te Kawerau a Maki presents a colourful and dramatic representation of the stories relating to the islands in Waitematā Harbour (see page 12). *Auckland Harbour Bridge*



ALADDIN: DEEN VAN MEER, PRIDE PHOTO: PETER JENNINGS



WATCH AND LEARN

Once again, Auckland Council's Movies in Parks is bringing new meaning to the term 'green screen', with 26 different free films being shown in the region's parks (and a range of entertainment and food options on offer before they kick off around sunset). *New Zealand Listener* film critic Russell Baillie recommends five of his favourite flicks.

ANT-MAN & THE WASP

In the first outing as Ant-Man, Paul Rudd proved the funniest combo of actor and suit since Robert Downey Jr's Iron Man. He's just as witty in his second outing, which partners him with Evangeline Lilly as fellow shrinking bug-superhero The Wasp in a goofy screwball romp that is a blessed relief after all that apocalyptic Avengers business. *8 February, 6.30pm (movie 8.35pm), Luckens Reserve, West Harbour.*

LA LA LAND

This isn't just a great modern musical, it's also an exceptional movie. It turned Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling into a 21st-century Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, and seeing them tap-dancing to *A Lovely Night* at dusk or experiencing the planetarium scene under actual stars comes highly recommended. *14 February, 6.20pm (movie 8.30pm), Nixon Park, Kingsland.*

INCREDIBLES 2

Arriving 14 years after the original, the sequel doesn't quite touch the same spots as the first one. But it's still spectacularly and hilariously animated and has some actual ideas to its story, which, among superhero movies, makes it almost unique. *1 March, 6pm (movie 8pm), Brains Park, Kelston / 15 March, 5.40pm (movie 7.50pm), Lloyd Elmsore Park, Pakuranga.*

HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE

An obscure New Zealand flick based on a little-known book by a struggling though reportedly promising director that stars no one in particular, though we hear good things about the kid who plays the lead and apparently the scenery is nice. Go on, give it a shot. *2 March, 6pm (movie 8pm), Rugby Park, Waiuku.*

PADDINGTON 2

If anything, the sequel is better than the enchanting 2014 original. The London-based Peruvian bear with the serious marmalade habit has been sent to jail for book theft, and the Brown family try to prove his innocence. It comes with some brilliant visual gags and a scene-stealing turn by Hugh Grant. *22 March, 5.40pm (movie 7.45pm), Mairangi Bay Park, Mairangi Bay / 23 March, 5.40pm (movie 7.45pm), Sunkist Bay Park, Beachlands.*

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AUCKLAND LANTERN FESTIVAL
14-17 FEB, THU 7PM-10.30PM (LANTERNS ONLY, NO STALLS, FOOD OR ENTERTAINMENT), FRI 5PM-10.30PM, SAT & SUN 4PM-10.30PM FREE

In the Year of the Pig, New Zealand's largest Chinese festival is celebrating 20 years. Be dazzled by hundreds of lanterns and entertained by a range of activities for all ages, including music and dance performances, martial arts demonstrations, and traditional Chinese arts and crafts. Plus, treat your taste buds to delicious dishes from the wide range of food stalls. *Auckland Domain, Grafton*

**CHINESE NEW YEAR
- DROP-IN FAMILY
ACTIVITIES**
**SAT 9 & SUN 10 FEB,
10AM-1.30PM**
FREE

Drop-in family activities to celebrate Chinese New Year. *New Zealand Maritime Museum, Viaduct Harbour*



**CHINESE NEW YEAR
FESTIVAL & MARKET DAY**
SAT 2 FEB, 9.30AM-4PM
FREE

Experience the sights, sounds and pageantry of a traditional Chinese New Year celebration with food stalls, arts and crafts, entertainment and children's activities. *ASB Showgrounds, Epsom*



**NORTHCOTE CHINESE
& KOREAN NEW YEAR
FESTIVAL SAT 9 FEB,
11AM-6PM FREE**

Enjoy performances, food stalls and activities for the whole family. *Northcote Town Centre*

LITTLE PIGS EXHIBITION
9-24 FEB, 10AM-6PM
DAILY FREE

View 22 pig sculptures created by artists and celebrities on display in Parnell. The exhibition and auction are to raise money for Starship. *Parnell*

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GARDENERS OF THE GALAXY
UNTIL 10 MAR,
8AM-4.30PM DAILY
FREE

Fun for kids to discover how plants are essential for life in space.
Auckland Botanic Gardens, Manurewa

VANTAGE BLACK STICKS V BELGIUM MEN & WOMEN
FRI 1 FEB, 5PM
Adult \$40, concession \$26, junior \$13, family \$90 (+fees)

Catch these world-class hockey teams going head to head in the FIH Pro League.
North Harbour Hockey Stadium, Albany

SKYCITY BREAKERS NBL HOME GAMES
FRI 1 FEB, 7PM (V MELBOURNE UNITED) & THU 7 FEB, 7PM (V ADELAIDE 36ERS)
Adult from \$15, child from \$12, family from \$50 (+fees)

Exciting live basketball action and halftime events.
Spark Arena, CBD

THE DAYLIGHT ATHEIST
7-23 FEB

From \$30 (+fees)

Auckland Theatre Company presents Tom Scott's Kiwi classic.
ASB Waterfront Theatre, Wynyard Quarter



WHITE FERNS & BLACKCAPS V INDIA FRI 8 FEB, FROM 3PM
Adult from \$52, senior/student from \$36, junior from \$6 (+fees)

See our national cricket teams taking on India in this T20 double-header.
Eden Park, Kingsland



JOAN 8-23 FEB
From \$30 (+fees)

Auckland Theatre Company presents Tom Scott's sublime ode to motherhood.
ASB Waterfront Theatre, Wynyard Quarter



PANMURE BASIN FUN DAY SUN 10 FEB, 10AM-3PM FREE

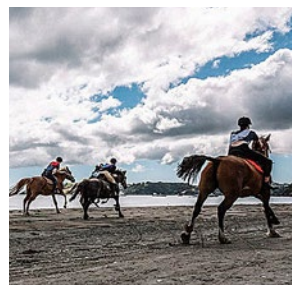
A fun day with family activities, food stalls, local talent and prizes to be won.
Panmure Basin

ALOFAGIA: LE OPERA 14-16 FEB, 8.30PM
Waged \$20, unwaged \$15 (+fees)

A multisensory experience featuring Sol3 Mio as part of Nathan Homestead's Summer Theatre in the Gardens.
David Nathan Park, Manurewa

BOULEVARD ARTS FIESTA & MARKETS SAT 16 FEB, 1PM-6PM FREE

Market stalls, food trucks, entertainment, kids' activities and amusement rides.
Hibiscus Coast Highway & Moana Reserve, Ōrewa



ONETANGI BEACH RACES SUN 17 FEB, 10AM-4PM FREE

Horse, tractor and dog races, family activities, food stalls and more.
Onetangi Beach, Waiheke Island



MYERS PARK MEDLEY SUN 17 FEB, NOON-4PM FREE

A fun festival with family entertainment and surprises.
Myers Park, CBD

FOLK IN THE PARK SUN 17 FEB, 1PM-4PM FREE

Live music, a preschool play zone, and food and drinks for sale.
Windsor Reserve, Devonport

ONEHUNGA FESTIVAL SAT 23 FEB, 10.30AM-3PM FREE

Celebrate summer in Onehunga with free entertainment, stalls and family fun.
Onehunga Bay Reserve

KAHUNA NUI POOL PARTY SAT 23 FEB, 11AM-5.30PM FREE

Celebrate 30 years of Ōtara Music Arts Centre with good vibes, great music and family fun in the sun.
Ōtara Pool & Leisure Centre

SUMMER MAGIC SUN 24 FEB, 6.30PM-9PM \$30 (+fees)

An evening BYO picnic concert with opera and musical theatre.
Couldrey House & Garden, Wenderholm Regional Park, Waiwera



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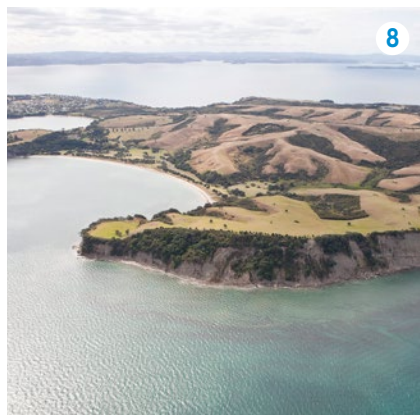
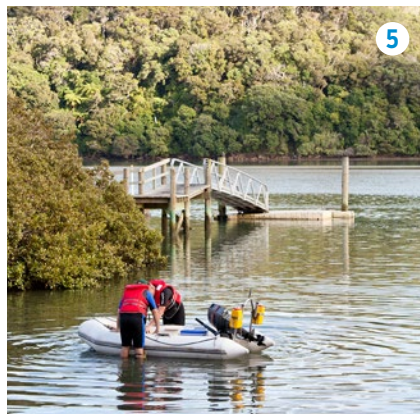
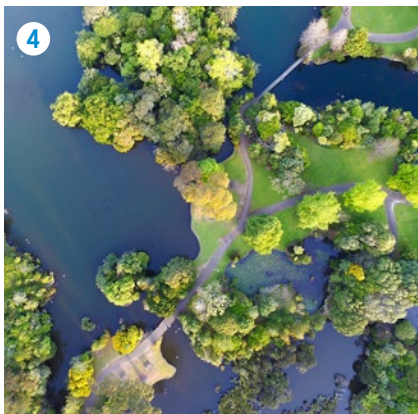
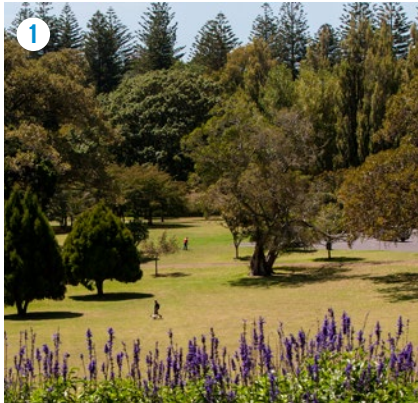
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