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NEED TO KNOW

Old4New

Coastguard New Zealand's Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade Campaign is starting again in early January in Auckland as part of a nationwide mission to remove as many ill-fitting, damaged and old lifejackets from circulation

as possible. People can trade in their old lifejackets for a discount on a range of new and fit-for-purpose Hutchwilco lifejackets. For details see old4new.nz

Check your tank

Rural residents and property owners who don't use mains water supply should know the importance of being prepared for long dry summers. Check tank levels regularly and book refill deliveries early,

ensure tanks are well maintained, monitor water usage, install water saving devices and consider the installation of another tank. To help boost water supplies, extra boreholes have reopened to support commercial operators with deliveries. And Auckland Council has waived the resource consent fee for most rainwater tank applications. Search for rainwater tank installation at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rainwatertanks

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From our Mayor

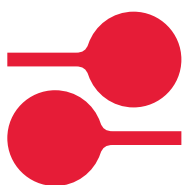
After a tough year in 2021 I hope you had a relaxing break over summer. Our beaches and parks are hugely popular at this time of year, and it is a good time to enjoy the new public spaces in our city, such as Te Wānanga on our downtown waterfront.

In February and March, Auckland Council will consult on its Annual Budget for 2022/2023. Responding to climate change will be a focus. I have proposed a billion-dollar Climate Action package that will help reduce carbon emissions by providing more frequent and accessible bus services and better walkways and cycleways; progressing the decarbonisation of our ferries, and

increasing urban tree canopy.

It will be funded by a Climate Action Targeted Rate of around \$1.10 per week for a ratepayer with a median-value house worth \$1.18 million, supported by matching subsidies from government and fares from increased public transport use.

While we have made a start in taking steps to reduce emissions, we need to do much more. The proposed Climate Action package will lay the foundation for the transformational change we need to ensure our children and grandchildren enjoy a better future. Consultation opens on 28 February and you can find out more at ourauckland.nz



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BY THE NUMBERS



216

hectares in Tōtara Park in Manurewa. This mountain biker's paradise is criss-crossed with a network of tracks for novices through to experienced riders. It also boasts open spaces, bush walks, a playground and the popular Tōtara Park Pools.

21

tracks across Auckland that have been upgraded in time for summer, providing great activities for whānau and friends all within the region's borders.



350

volunteer groups that spent 180,000 hours working in regional and local parks and Auckland Botanic Gardens.

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gigalitres in Hays Creek, originally built to supply Papakura. The smallest of the Hunua Ranges dams, it has an 18.2-hectare lake holding more than two billion large glasses of water.



THE BRIEFING
News and inspiration
from Auckland
Council HQ.



BEACHY CLEAN

Check before you swim.

Choosing a beach for a day out this summer is simple and easy with Safeswim, Auckland Council’s water-quality and water safety website. Safeswim’s real-time information allows Aucklanders to decide when and where to swim, with advice on water quality, swimming conditions and safety hazards such as jellyfish, sharks or dangerous rips. There’s also a three-day water-quality forecast to help with planning ahead. To check before you swim go to safeswim.org.nz



HAVE YOUR SAY

Annual budget consultation open soon.

The council’s annual budget for the 2022/2023 financial year will be open for public consultation on 28 February 2022. This is your chance to have a say on what Auckland Council is planning over the next year in response to the challenge of managing climate change, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial stresses it has caused. To have your say, read the consultation document and see supporting information, see akhaveyoursay.co.nz/budget or you can phone 09 301 0101 or visit your service centre or library. Final decisions will be made in early June 2022 and the final budget will be available at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



PLAY YOUR PART, BE WATER SMART

A few helpful tips for our rural communities:

- monitor your water usage and levels regularly
- inspect your water system for blockage and leaks
- book your tank refills early
- ensure roof guttering is free of debris.

Act now to prepare for summer.

aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rainwatertanks



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Mentoring the future

Potential leaders sought for Tuia programme.

Young Māori across southern Auckland keen to develop their leadership skills are invited to apply for the Tuia mentoring programme.

Franklin, Manurewa, Papakura, Ōtara-Papatoetoe and Māngere-Ōtāhuhu local boards are offering places in a New Zealand-wide programme that sees local government members mentoring young Māori to enhance their leadership skills.

Tuia provides an insight into local government and is aimed at building a network of young people who can give back to their communities.

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Chair Apulu Reece Autagavaia references the old Samoan proverb, E so’o le fau i le fau –

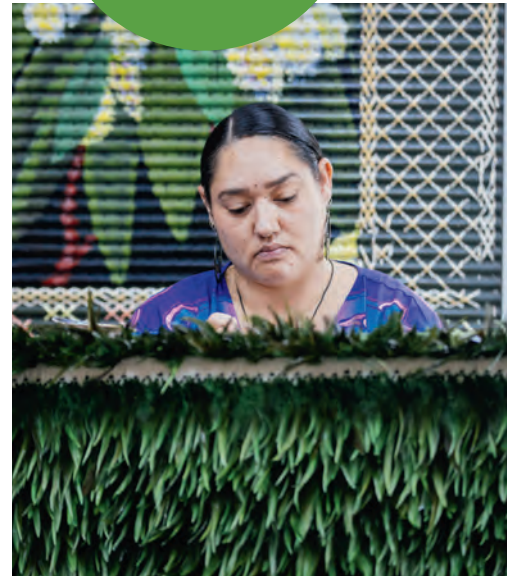
joining the hibiscus fibre to the hibiscus fibre, which speaks to transitioning from one leader to another.

“Tuia is an excellent opportunity for leaders to pass knowledge and experience on to our rangatahi, our future leaders, so that we move forward stronger together.”

Franklin Local Board member Logan Soole says it’s a unique chance for rangatahi with leadership potential.

All five boards are looking for potential leaders aged 18 to 25 who are contributing to the wellbeing of their communities. Applicants will need the support of their iwi, hapū, marae, whānau or community-based group.

Those chosen will build networks with others on the programme and receive leadership training at weekend wānanga on marae, monthly mentoring meetings, and other opportunities. They also contribute to a community project, which can be an area



Rangatahi are receiving the support they need to become the leaders of tomorrow.

they are already involved in.

Applications close on 28 January; find more information by searching for Tuia at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Tree action

Halfway to canopy target.

Henderson-Massey is halfway towards achieving its tree canopy cover target, having increased it by two per cent in the past three years.

Canopy cover in the area sits at 15 per cent, half the 30 per cent target set by the regional Auckland’s Urban Ngahere Strategy Te Rautaki Ngahere ā-Tāone o Tāmaki Makaurau.

A three-stage action plan is being developed to direct tree planting and increase canopy cover, which will be finalised in 2022.

Henderson-Massey Local Board Chair Vanessa Neeson says that the board is committed to increasing tree canopy cover.

“There are so many benefits to having higher levels of canopy cover,” she says. “From helping to reduce greenhouse gases, through to helping counter increased temperatures, reducing stormwater runoff and creating more habitat for native species, increased canopy cover plays a big role in caring for the environment.”

The latest from your community



Swim safely

Check before diving into summer.

Safeswim has real-time information about beach safety and water quality at many Auckland beaches and swimming spots.

Rodney Ward Councillor Greg Sayers says that the

information comes from multiple sources to tell you what swimming conditions are like right now.

“The water quality status is updated every 15 minutes and a three-day forecast of water quality means you can make the best decision about where to swim.

“The online tool not only provides information about water quality but also other safety hazards that may be present such as jellyfish, sharks or dangerous rips.”

Safeswim predictions are based on the analysis of weather forecasts and meteorological

data, water quality sampling results, rain radar and rain gauge readings, as well as information from sensors on wastewater and stormwater networks.

Operating at 127 beaches in the Auckland region, Safeswim pilots will soon get underway at beaches around Northland, from Mangawhai Heads to as far north as Ahipara.

The award-winning programme is a joint initiative between Auckland Council, Watercare, Surf Life Saving Northern Region and Auckland Regional Public Health Service. You can check before you swim by visiting safeswim.org.nz



Saving Hauraki Gulf

Could an Ahu Moana approach work?

Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is in rapid decline with increased pollutants present in waterways as Auckland’s urban sprawl expands faster than expected.

Aotea / Great Barrier Island Local Board Chair Izzy Fordham says increased marine protection for the gulf is desperately needed.

Aotea / Great Barrier Island was recently earmarked by the government as a location for an Ahu Moana pilot. Ahu Moana is

where local community and iwi work together informally to co-manage coastal areas.

“We’re excited about this approach because it gives a holistic aspect to protecting our moana and enabling species in decline to recover,” says Izzy. A community hui led by Ngāti Rehua Ngāti wai ki Aotea Trust Board will be held on Aotea / Great Barrier Island early this year to consider next steps in the process.

Making tracks

Recycled pathway for maunga summit.

If you explore the maunga Te Tātua a Riukiuta / Big King in Three Kings this summer you can do so on a new boardwalk created out of recycled materials. Winding through one of the tracks to the summit road, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority project also uses minimal impact technology to provide a safer pedestrian experience, says Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillor Cathy Casey.



DID YOU KNOW?



Moth plant is one of Auckland's most noxious weeds.

Don't be fooled by its pretty white flowers – moth plant (*Araujia hortorum*) is an invasive weed that wreaks havoc on our native species.

It grows fast, spreads aggressively and can quickly take over the space, light and nutrients that our native plants need. In summer, the moth plant is distinctive for its large green choko-like seed pods. Each pod releases 250-1000 seeds that ride on the wind with tiny parachutes.

Top tips for removal:

- if your neighbours also have moth plants, it's best to remove them all at the same time
- if you spot a moth plant you can't easily remove, break off the summer seed pods before they can disperse and dispose of them in the rubbish (not compost)
- always wear gloves – moth plant sap is a skin irritant
 - revitalise areas of bare ground with desired plants to avoid creating weed habitats.

For more information on how to get rid of moth plants on your property visit tiakitamakaurau.nz

Celebrate summer this year with FREE entertainment in one of Tāmaki Makaurau's many parks. Music in Parks runs 15 Jan – 3 Apr and Movies in Parks from 28 Jan – 2 Apr. See page 20 for event details. Grab a picnic basket and blanket and head out for a fun day.

FAMILY SPACE

Enjoy movies and music at these free events near you.



MOVIES IN PARKS 2022

AUCKLAND-WIDE

Bring your own picnic or enjoy treats from food vendors before the films start.

What you need to know:

- Remember warm clothes, a torch and water bottle.
- Movies begin as it gets dark, and family-friendly pre-entertainment kicks off about two hours before the event starts.
- There are closed captions for the deaf and hard of hearing.
- The events are alcohol-free and smoke-free, including vaping.
- Movies in Parks are FREE and tickets aren't required.
- Dogs are welcome in many parks. Search for places to walk your dog on the Auckland Council website for details.
- COVID-19 information: A My Vaccine Pass will be required for entry. Visit moviesinparks.co.nz for full details.
- Check the Movies in Parks Facebook page for cancellations or updates due to weather.
- Plan your public transport journey at at.govt.nz



MUSIC IN PARKS 2022

AUCKLAND-WIDE

An opportunity to enjoy Auckland's unique music scene.

What you need to know:

- Pack a picnic and a water bottle; some events may have food vendors.
- Remember a rug, sunscreen and a hat, too.
- These are FREE events, so there's no need to buy tickets.
- If you sit near the stage, you may want ear protection like headphones or earplugs, particularly for children.
- The events are smoke-free, including vaping.
- Dogs are welcome in many parks. Search for places to walk your dog on the Auckland Council website for details.
- COVID-19 information: A My Vaccine Pass will be required for entry. Visit musicinparks.co.nz for full details.
- Follow the Music in Parks Facebook Page for event cancellations or update notifications.
- Plan your public transport journey at at.govt.nz

MY
TĀMAKI
MAKAURAU

**HEAD OF ZOO
ENVIRONMENT,
DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION**

MONICA LAKE

(AUCKLAND ZOO, TE WHARE
KARAREHE O TĀMAKI
MAKAURAU)

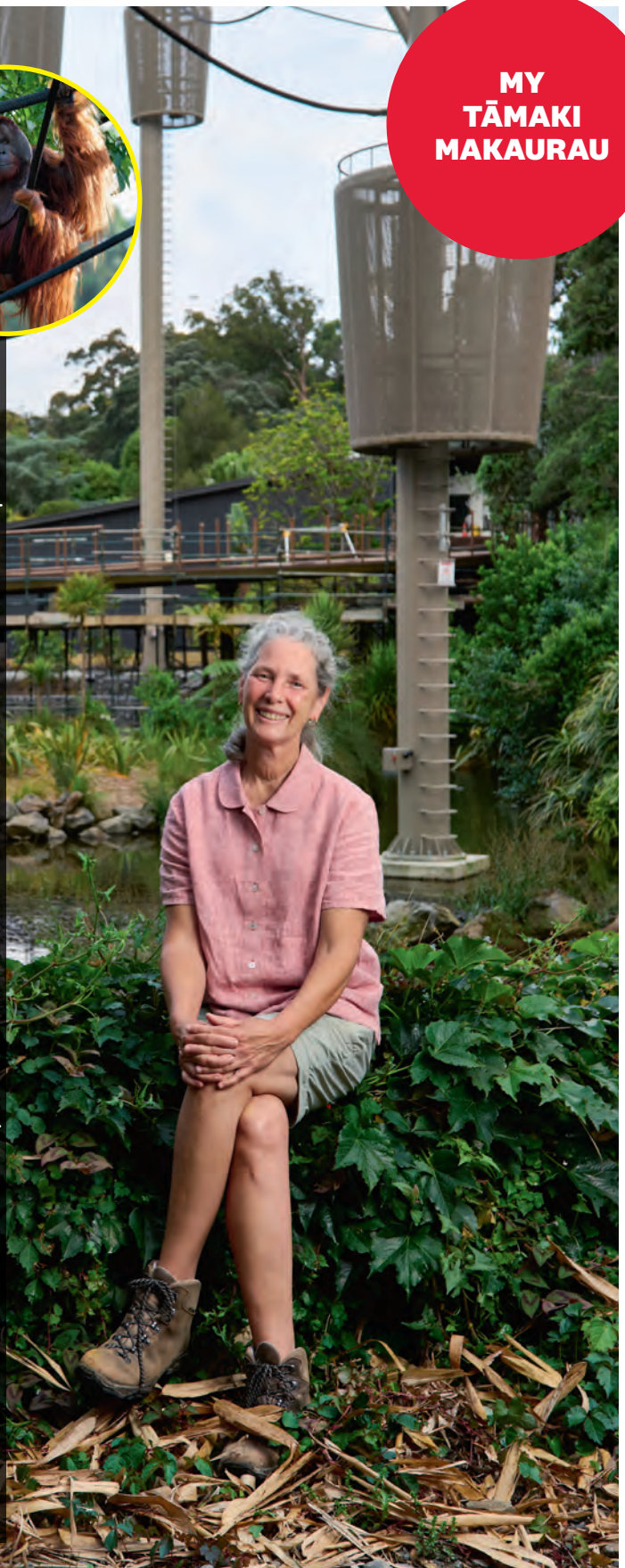
Visitors to Auckland Zoo will soon experience a new habitat that Monica and her team have been developing over the past five years. The South East Asia Jungle Track – the biggest project in Auckland Zoo’s history – is about to welcome visitors.

“I grew up in Pasadena, California, and from very early I was interested in plants and landscapes. I studied ecology and architecture, volunteered at an aquarium, and after moving to Seattle, I joined the Woodland Park Zoo, focusing on integrating landscapes and habitats to create an immersive experience for visitors.

“Auckland Zoo was developing a similar zoo landscape, and in 2017 I was asked to submit my resume. I haven’t looked back. This job is living the dream; it’s wonderful to contribute to a beautiful zoo that is so uniquely New Zealand.

“The challenge has been to use exotic plants and animals without losing local flavour. How do you build an arboreal habitat for orangutans, which are strong and clever animals? It has to be robust and safe for them, and visitors, and look natural. Trees must be resilient to survive the animals’ activities, and the plantings show visitors how these animals would inhabit a rainforest.

“The orangutans loved watching the construction. They were really curious.”



Summer fun out west

Black sand beaches and beautiful bush walks are two of the many delights of spending a day out west... and summer is a great time to explore hidden and unexpected corners of our amazing city.



For busy working couple Anji and Corey Rambhai and their three energetic boys, Shayan (11), Rehaan (9) and five-year-old Kiyaan, a day out in west Auckland was a real eye opener.

“Today we discovered parts of Auckland we hardly knew about – so many wonderful, hidden spots. The beaches, the bush tracks and walks in west Auckland are really amazing, and such beautiful views, so many cool little spots we’ve never visited before. Even the kids were amazed and really enjoyed doing something different,” says Anji.

The family lived in the UK for about 10 years before returning to Auckland seven years ago.

Anji, a financial advisor at Auckland Zoo, and Corey, who owns his own building renovation

business, both say it took time to adjust to being back in Auckland, but now they love it.

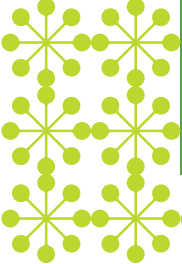
“Auckland has changed a lot since we went away,” says Anji. “The restaurant scene has a good vibe; the theatres and arts – the comedy and arts festivals – are more vibrant; there’s so much on. Auckland Live is a great source of information, and there are so many things to see and do.

“In the weekends we can get out and enjoy Cornwall Park and the really great bike paths around the city. And now, with Kiyaan learning to ride his own bike, we’re excited about setting off as a family on bigger cycling adventures.”

Anji says it’s easy to stay in your comfort zone, and enjoy all the parks and walks that are close to home, but it’s also great to explore other areas.



There are some great coffee choices in the once bohemian village of Titirangi, historically home to musicians, artists, writers and potters.



Shayan, Rehaan and Kiyaan race along the boardwalk over bridges and through unspoiled native bush. For a trio of city boys, the almost-two-kilometre Zigzag Track from Titirangi Village to the beach is an eye opener – and they're surprised a when a fat kererū swoops past.



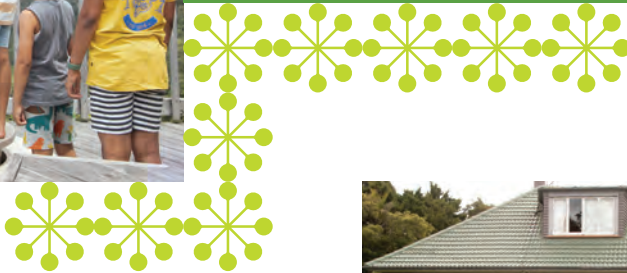
Like all kids, the boys hit the playground at the end of the track by Titirangi Beach.



Next stop on their adventure west, the Rambhai family stops off at Arataki Visitor Centre in Waitākere Ranges. The centre is a great starting point for walks in the bush, while inside are fascinating displays of some of the bugs and lizards found in Waitākere Ranges.



On a clear day, views from the visitor centre over Lower Nihotupu Dam out to Manukau Harbour are truly spectacular. The boys take great delight in leaping out of the giant picture frame to create a natural masterpiece and a fun souvenir of their day out.



One hidden gem along Scenic Drive is Rose Hellaby House. While indoors is closed for renovations, the lawn and stunning views make for a pleasant picnic spot, where the boys let off energy with a few ball games. Rose Hellaby, who lived there from around 1935, was an explorer and an enthusiastic gardener and gifted her home to the people of Auckland.





The Upper Nihotupu Dam Track is an easy stroll through the bush. Along the way to the dam, there are streams and epic waterfalls to check out, and the dam is an impressive sight at over 30 metres high. For a longer walk there's an old tramline leading to the base of the dam.



Heading back to the city, the playground at Coyle Park in Pt Chevalier is a natural stopping point. The boys make the most of the playground, which features a push-along train ride. Who can resist whirling through the air on a flying fox... not these lads!



At the end of an adventurous and action-packed day spent discovering a few of the treasures out west, it's time to relax, stroll along the sand and cool down with a splash in the sea at Pt Chevalier Beach, which is swimmable at high tide. For mum and dad, it's an opportunity to sit quietly and enjoy the views across the harbour.

Downtown discoveries

With the city opening up again and summer in full swing, here's how you and your family can get out and enjoy all our wonderful new spaces.



Wanting something to do? There's plenty on offer around Auckland, with many activities freely available. *OurAuckland* recently took mum Kim and her five-year-old daughter, Hayley, on a much-needed day out.

For anyone working from home, and particularly for Kim as the sole caregiver, the last year or so has been challenging.

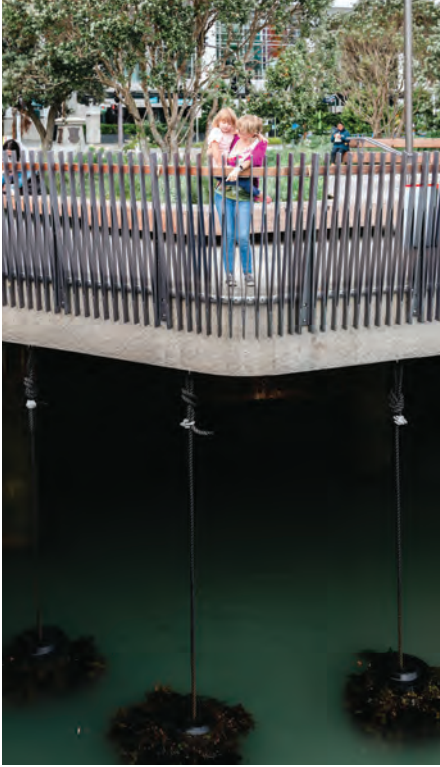
Kim works in the ICT Innovation Team at Auckland Council, helping to trap pests using electronic sensors. When an animal goes into a trap, a text alert is sent to the Park Ranger, who checks it and

deals with the trapped animal in a timely manner.

"My job means I get to visit a lot of the regional parks. I especially love the bush walks around Arataki in Waitākare Ranges.

"We are enjoying living in Auckland," says Kim. "We love all the free stuff around the city that you can do – all the parks and playgrounds. It's fun and it gets Hayley off the screens.

"As the city is opening up again, we are enjoying exploring and discovering new parts of Auckland, and rediscovering places and activities I had forgotten about."



There's so much to explore near Auckland's new ferry terminal, Te Ngau o Horotiu. Kim and Hayley are fascinated by the seeded mussel lines attached to the underside of the deck at Te Wānanga, put there to filter seawater, remove pollutants and track how healthy the water is. Playing on Kōrimurimu, the woven artwork by Tessa Harris (Ngai Tai ki Tāmaki) isn't to be missed. A ferry ride to Devonport is an adventure when you're five.



No way is Hayley going to pass by the playground in Windsor Reserve, Devonport, with its nearly 8-metre high tower – inspired by Bean Rock Lighthouse – without a quick visit.

A trip to Devonport isn't complete without climbing North Head. Hayley heads into the old military tunnels armed with her torch. The tunnels were dug by prisoners in the late 1880s as part of fortifications to protect the city from possible Russian attacks. Hayley is ready with her cardboard to fly down the hill.

Lunch on Cheltenham Beach is a quick affair as the chance to dash into the water is irresistible.





Wander through some of Auckland's newest downtown spaces, such as Te Komititanga, Galway Street and the restored Chief Post Office, then stop for a spot of shopping at Commercial Bay.



Hayley may be somewhat overshadowed size-wise by the 5.6-metre *Boy Walking* sculpture of a child strolling purposefully across Potters Park, but she isn't daunted.

Who can resist the chance to race through the splashpad at Potters Park, Mt Eden – certainly not Hayley.

Right across the road from Potters Park is Dominion Road, Auckland's answer to Chinatown, with its amazing array of food options. With a hungry family, dumplings are a great go-to dinner choice, and just about the perfect way to finish off a fun day out.



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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

- 1 Takapuna Beach
- 2 150 places to eat or drink
- 3 Shop for something special...
- 4 'Lava trail' between Takapuna and Milford
- 5 All-abilities Takapuna Beach Playground
- 6 Stand-up paddle boarding, wind surfing, sailing, kayaking, snorkelling!
- 7 Takapuna's famous Sunday Market
- 8 Live theatre, music, arts, culture and heritage.
- 9 Yoga, massage or reflexology session, exercise class or Pilates session.
- 10 Pack a picnic



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REGIONAL PARKS AND CAMPING

Sullivans Bay, Mahurangi

Regional Park: Head north to a great little hidden swimming spot, perfect for families, with sea kayaking along the sheltered nearby bays, and if you're lucky, bioluminescence at night.

Te Ārai Regional Park: Grab your surfboard and venture north to beautiful Te Ārai beach. Explore the regenerating forest in this secluded regional park



Duder Regional Park: If you fancy escaping for a beachside weekend within the Auckland region, there's Duder Regional Park in south-east Auckland.

Whangateau Holiday Park: Head north for a truly Kiwi family holiday at one of the camping sites, in a caravan or cabin, and enjoy safe swimming and some of the best estuary snorkelling in the country.

Tawhitokino Regional Park: For the more adventurous, you can book a camping spot here – but be ready to walk across at low tide or put your gear in your kayak and paddle over.



Ōmana Regional Park: If you're looking for a great spot for family camping, Ōmana Cliff Top campground with its wonderful views may be just the ticket. Playgrounds, a skate park and the Beachland-Maraetai walkway are right there.

OUTDOOR POOLS AND SPLASHPADS AROUND OUR REGION

Leap into an outdoor pool or one of the many splashpads our region has to offer.

Tōtara Park Pools: Outdoor and summer-only, you can choose a lap or leisure pool, and there's a toddlers' pool, too, all within the 216-hectare Tōtara Park with its lush native bush south of the city.

Moana-Nui-ā-Kiwa Pool: Perfect for all ages, the leisure centre has indoor and outdoor pools, a bombing pool and a splashpad.



Parnell Baths: Parnell's iconic 60-metre saltwater pool is a one-of-a-kind in Auckland. Swim lengths, relax in hot spa pools, and watch the children enjoy themselves in the interactive water playground.

Potters Park: Auckland's first water splashpad operates daily 10am to 8pm, and is great fun for children of all ages. There's also a well-equipped playground, the smallest piece of art in a park (John Radford's tiny villa sculpture) and the largest (Ronnie Van Hout's *Boy Walking*).

Pt Erin Pools: It's a day out for the whole family at this large, 33-metre, walk-in, beach-style pool. Jump or slide off diving boards into the diving pool, or hire tubes to float around on, then

relax and warm up in the 35-degree family spa.

Grey Lynn Paddling Pool: Take your young family to this paddling pool right next to the playground in Grey Lynn Park – with a maximum depth of 75cm, it's ideal for toddlers and young children who can't swim.



Birkenhead Pool: Part of the Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre, the six-lane, 33.3-metre, outdoor heated pool is even open mid-winter. Alternatively, tackle the rock climbing wall instead.

SAILING ON WAITEMATĀ HARBOUR

Dust off your sea legs and experience sailing on Waitematā Harbour. Make a booking to hop aboard one of several heritage vessels at **New Zealand Maritime Museum**.

GREAT FISHING SPOTS

Dig out those old rods and rusty tackle box, head to a bridge or wharf and try your luck at some fishing.

Cornwallis Wharf: Good at high and low tide, with scenic views. Look for kahawai and trevally.



Greenhithe Wharf: A wharf and a pontoon, with plentiful swimming options in summer. You may even catch some snapper.



Murrays Bay Wharf: An especially scenic wharf and great fishing location. You could even catch a kingfish.

Under Auckland Harbour Bridge: Superb views across to Chelsea Sugar Factory, and plenty of activity going on to keep the kids entertained while you fish. There's even a cafe or two nearby.

KAYAKING

A fun activity for the whole family, and it can be as adventurous as you like.

Puhoi River: Throw the kayak on the roof rack or hire one locally and paddle down Puhoi River as it meanders 8km from Puhoi to Wenderholm.



Mission Bay: Hire a kayak or paddleboard for an hour and check out your skills on the water, or take off on an adventure to Rangitoto or Browns Island.

Judges Bay: Pack a picnic and the frisbee and take the older kids to Parnell to swim out to the pontoons and bomb off the jetty at high tide. Over summer you can often hire kayaks and paddleboards here.

WALKING

Moire Park: Explore one of west Auckland's hidden treasures. Follow the gravel track through the park and into the native bush to discover elevated views of Waitemata Harbour and more.



Lake Wainamu Loop Track:

Follow the track to the base of huge sand dunes, then walk up or skirt around them. The dunes are famous for sandboarding, so be prepared.



PLAYGROUNDS



Ready for a change of scene? Here's an idea: pack a picnic and take the kids on a playground discovery adventure. Get them to keep score and give them a family rating. Try **Myers Park** , **Western Springs, Tui Glen Reserve** , **Western Park** and **Tōtara Park**. **Te Māra Hūpara Playground** in Ōwairaka is built with natural materials and inspired by traditional Māori games and play artefacts.



CYCLING

Beachlands to Maraetai


cycleway: Grab your bikes and a picnic for a family day out on this cycle path along the beautiful Pōhutukawa Coast. Enjoy stunning vistas wherever you look.



BIKE PUMP TRACKS

It's a popular craze – if you're not sure, a pump track's a bit like a small rollercoaster that you ride on. Where are the best spots to get those wheels moving and hearts racing?



Try out these tracks: **Grey Lynn Park; Birkenhead Dirt Jump Park and Pump Track** , **Harrowglen Drive Playground and Bike Track** in Northcross, **Riverhead Pump Track, Mountain Bike Course** in Forrest Hill, **Olympic Park Velodrome** in New Lynn and **Woodhill Mountain Bike Park**. For seriously tough mountain bikers, there's a MTB skills park right next to the campground in **Mangatāwhiri Valley** at Hunua, plus trails of up to 20km graded from easy to difficult.



For further information on these places and more, and to book your accommodation, go to **aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation**

WHAT'S ON JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2022

COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK (TRAFFIC LIGHT) SETTINGS APPLY. PLEASE CHECK THE LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE, USE THE NZ COVID TRACER APP AND FOLLOW ANY MASK AND VACCINE REQUIREMENTS. VISIT [OURAUCKLAND.NZ/EVENTS](https://ouraukland.nz/events) FOR UP-TO-DATE EVENT INFORMATION.

An international exhibition from the V&A in London, **Mary Quant: Fashion Revolutionary** (until 13 Mar) explores the work of the legendary fashion designer at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, city centre.

Sculpture in the Gardens (until 3 Apr) is a free exhibition of outdoor sculptures along a 1.7km trail, as well as an indoor exhibition and more at Auckland Botanic Gardens, Manurewa.



Visit ouraukland.nz/schoolholidays for fun, local and affordable activities across the region over the **Summer School Holidays**.

Under licence from Vatican Museums, **Michelangelo – A Different View** (3-30 Jan) offers a complete reproduction of the artist's Sistine Chapel ceiling frescoes at Aotea Centre, city centre.



Soak up the summer sun with live music from some of Tāmaki Makaurau's best at Auckland Council's free **Music in Parks** (15 Jan – 3 Apr). With opera, electronica, blues, reggae and more, there's something for everyone. Supported by iHeartRadio. Visit musicinparks.co.nz to see what's on near you.



Reconnect with friends and whānau this summer at Auckland Council's free **Movies in Parks** (28 Jan – 2 Apr). Enjoy a picnic and a movie under the stars while you watch *Space Jam: A New Legacy*, *Tom & Jerry*, *The Croods: A New Age* and more – from family classics to the latest cinema releases. Supported by The Hits. Visit moviesinparks.co.nz for what's on near you.

ASB Auckland Marathon (Sun 23 Jan) is celebrating 30 years! Run the city your way in either the Marathon, Half Marathon, 11km, 5km or Kids Marathon.



Head to Aotea Square in the city centre for **Auckland Live Summer in the Square** (28 Jan – 26 Feb), where you can enjoy free live entertainment, step into the urban garden for drinks and snacks, watch a free film in the open air and more.

Visit ouraukland.nz/aaw for events happening over **Auckland Anniversary Weekend** (29-31 Jan). Enjoy the crowd-pleasing delights of the free **Auckland International Buskers Festival** (28-31 Jan) along the waterfront, see Auckland's harbours come alive with the free-to-watch **Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta** (Mon 31 Jan) and more.



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Auckland Pride Festival (1-27 Feb) presents events for our rainbow communities and their friends and whānau. Highlights include **Pride Gala** (Thu 3 Feb) at Auckland Town Hall in the city centre, the free **Ending HIV Big Gay Out** (Sun 13 Feb) at Coyle Park in Pt Chevalier, and the free **Pride March** (Sat 26 Feb) from Albert Park to Aotea Square, where the free, all-ages **Pride Party** (Sat 26 Feb) will take place. You can also visit **Proud Centres** (1-27 Feb) at Auckland Council community facilities across the region for activations that local communities can enjoy.

The Barfoot & Thompson Season of Wicked the Musical (4-26 Feb) is flying into SkyCity Theatre in the city centre with fantastical sets, spectacular costumes and spellbinding songs.

From Puhoi to Wellsford and all points in between, **Mahurangi Artist Studio Trail** (5-7 & 12-13 Feb) is a free event offering you the chance to meet local artists in their studios and buy their art.

Visit ourauckland.nz/waitangiday for details of **Waitangi Day** (Sun 6 Feb) commemorations.



New Zealand Fashion Week (7-12 Feb) celebrates its 20th anniversary with a packed schedule of events at Auckland Town Hall and Aotea Square, city centre.



Open Studios Waitākere (Sat 12 & Sun 13 Feb) provides a free opportunity to meet local artists across Waitākere Ranges in their studios, learn about the creative process and purchase art.

Folk in the Park (Sun 13 Feb) is a free, family-friendly folk fiesta under the trees in the beautiful Windsor Reserve, Devonport.



Celebrate Chinese New Year and welcome in the Year of the Tiger at **Auckland Lantern Festival** (10-13 Feb) at Auckland Showgrounds, Epsom. This free, family-friendly festival has hundreds of lanterns, performances, food stalls and more, and ends with a stunning fireworks display.

Spend an evening under the stars over Valentine's weekend at **Opera on the Harbour: Carousel in Concert** (Fri 11, Sat 12 & Mon 14 Feb) in Wynyard Quarter.



A free celebration of inclusion and unity, **Auckland Rainbow Parade** (Sat 19 Feb) brings a carnival-style atmosphere to Ponsonby Road with rainbow families, fabulous floats, music, dancing and more.

Warm your heart and soul with **Oliver!** (25-27 Feb), National Youth Theatre's production of the Tony Award-winning family musical at Aotea Centre, city centre.





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TE MAHARATANGA O NGĀ WAI – REMEMBERING OUR WATERS

Location: Corner of Sale and Wellesley Streets, Central Auckland

A small, new public space called Te Maharatanga o Ngā Wai remembers the lost streams of central Auckland. Rest for a moment on 3D printed concrete seats with curved, organic shapes inspired by the lost waterways that have long been channelled away and covered over, and enjoy the effects of lights that simulate bubbling water. Pōhutukawa and other plantings reference the original environment. Modern digital technology with onsite QR codes create access to information: visitors can listen to readings of Hone Tuwhare’s poem *The River is an Island* in Māori and English by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei tamariki, and watch a video of the kaupapa featuring the park’s three designers. The concept for the space arose through a partnership between two young Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei kaitiaki and Auckland Council’s Māori Design intern.



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