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Māori innovations in art,
architecture, environment
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Bin it - holiday collections

Council roadside waste collections will be a day later after Queen's Birthday and Matariki public holidays. Rubbish, recycling and food scraps bins (if you have one), should be placed out before 7am on your collection day. Check

collection details at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Flush your taps

Water is the elixir of life - so aren't we fortunate this essential natural resource is available at the turn of the tap in Tāmaki Makaurau? Drinking water is monitored regularly to make sure it's safe. Most water in Aotearoa is slightly acidic, and while the Ministry of Health believes any risk in drinking water is small, it recommends you flush a glass (500ml) of water from drinking taps each morning.

Rules for walkies

Enjoy visiting the region's 2500 off-leash beaches, parks and reserves, and a similar number of on-leash areas. Dogs must be registered, and under control at all times. Check aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/dogs-animals/where-walk-dog

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From our Mayor

Thank you to the many Aucklanders who provided feedback on Auckland Council's proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023, including the Climate Action Targeted Rate.

The urgency with which we need to act on climate change has been again emphasised by the latest United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, published in April. According to scientists, global emissions need to fall by 45 per cent this decade – and yet the world is on track to increase emissions by 14 per cent.

We are already seeing the dire impacts of climate change, with increasingly severe flooding, unprecedented heatwaves and drought impacting Auckland and New Zealand.

This destruction will only escalate if we do not act. Failure to cut emissions now will consign

our kids and grandkids to growing up in a world wracked by environmental damage, species extinction, deadly storms, wildfires and rising sea levels.

If supported by councillors, the Climate Action Targeted Rate will enable us to reduce emissions; decarbonise our ferry fleet; improve public transport, walking and cycling; and increase tree canopy coverage across the region. While it will not solve all our climate challenges, it will enable us to lay the foundation for the urgent changes we need to make to avert a climate disaster and create a sustainable future for our children and grandchildren.

Auckland Council's governing body will make a final decision on the Annual Budget, including the Climate Action Targeted Rate, in late June.

Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland

BY THE NUMBERS



19

iwi (tribes) or hapū (sub-tribes) with territorial affiliations to Tāmaki Makaurau.

47

kōhanga reo centres in Tāmaki Makaurau.

25

per cent of Aucklanders speak two languages.

755

million dollars worth of goods including kaimoana (seafood), milk powder, butter and cheese were exported by Māori authorities in 2020.



28

reptile species identified as present in Tāmaki Makaurau, including tuatara, geckos and skinks.



A BOOST FOR OUR REGION

Reactivating Tāmaki Makaurau.

With the help of the Explore Tāmaki Makaurau Voucher Programme, thousands of Aucklanders have recently enjoyed fun activities and experiences around the region with whānau and friends.

Since the programme launched in December, more than 225,000 Aucklanders registered for the chance to receive a \$50 or \$100 voucher. Used to book experiences such as visits to Sky Tower or Rainbow's End and activities like ten-pin bowling, mini putt, go karting and ice skating, families and whānau have taken advantage of the amazing opportunity.

Delivering a much-needed boost in bookings for more than 100 businesses, the voucher programme was a huge success. The programme is one part of a \$25.5 million government-funded package delivered by economic and cultural agency Auckland Unlimited. It revived economic, social and cultural activities after the long lockdowns of 2021.

Also part of the package, the Local Activation Fund Programme and the Discount Programme are reopening in April 2022.

THE BRIEFING

News and inspiration from Auckland Council HQ.



SAFE SPEED LIMITS SAVE LIVES

Safety on our roads.

Safe new speed limits will come into force in parts of Tāmaki Makaurau from June. Speed limits will change for several roads in Franklin, Howick, Manurewa, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Waitemata local board areas.

These changes are part of Auckland Transport's Safe Speeds programme, following extensive public consultation (held in September and October 2021) and AT Board approval in March 2022. AT

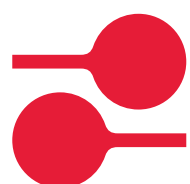


listened to public feedback and research, and evidence shows the new speed limits are safe and appropriate for the safety, function, design and use of these roads.

They are intended to keep all road users safe, including those inside vehicles and those walking or cycling. Safe speed

limits have several positive flow-on effects on health (encouraging more people to walk or cycle), and more importantly go a long way in keeping our children safe as they walk or cycle to school.

For a full list of new speed limits coming into force in June, visit at.govt.nz/speed



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AROUND AUCKLAND

LOCAL NEWS

The latest from your community

Safe refuge

Support where it's most needed.

Puketāpapa boasts of being one of the most culturally diverse areas in Auckland.

"It follows that we have former refugees as our friends and neighbours," says Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillor Cathy Casey.

According to The UN Refugee Agency, global forced displacement went past 84 million in the middle of last year.

"We know from research that refugees are often fleeing from incredibly challenging circumstances. I am proud that through supporting local organisations in their mahi (work) we are able to create inclusive, safe neighbourhoods and support refugees in building new lives," says Cr Casey.

Auckland Regional Migrant Services Charitable Trust, Migrant Action Trust and New Settlers Family and Community Trust are just a few of the local organisations that are supported through council funding as they help new migrants settle into our neighbourhoods.



The Tuia youth leadership programme was named to reflect weaving strands together to create strength.

Shaping the future

Mentoring our young people.

Auckland's five southern local boards have appointed rangatahi (young people) to the 2022 Tuia programme.

Manurewa Local Board chair Joseph Allan says the quality of the applicants was so high, his area accepted two applicants to share one role: sisters Hoki-Tawhai and Eileen Cassidy.

"They suggested sharing the role and when you're looking to give rangatahi opportunities, and to learn from their perspectives, you need to be open to their suggestions," Allan says.

"There's no downside in having two capable young women wanting to take part in a mentoring programme that will provide them with leadership tools for the future."

Papakura, Franklin, Ōtara-Papatoetoe and Māngere-Ōtāhuhu all join Manurewa in the Tuia programme, which sees elected members mentoring rangatahi to give them an insight into local government.

Papakura Local Board member and former All Black Rugby World Cup winning hooker Keven Mealamu will mentor Isabella Penrose.

"This is an awesome opportunity for us all to lift our rangatahi but also to see through their eyes and share the lenses they see things through."

Franklin Local Board will mentor Miami Taiaroa, Ōtara-Papatoetoe selected Tayla-Marie Takawe, and Māngere-Ōtāhuhu will work with PJ Campbell. As well as building networks in the south, rangatahi will receive training on wānanga (courses) and other mentoring opportunities.

These pages feature images taken before Tāmaki Makaurau moved to the Orange setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework's traffic light system. Visit covid19.govt.nz for current guidelines.

Glen Innes waterways sculpture

Local art, local message.

Tāmaki resident and artist Chantel Matthews-Perawiti has combined art and community to bring a renewed awareness and sense of connection to Glen Innes' waterways.

Chantel created *Ko Au Ko Koe, Ko Koe Ko Au*, a steel sculpture symbolising three wāhine (women) who stand as kaitiaki (guardians). Local weavers Ko Tou Rourou, led by Karen Nathan and joined by Jamie Te Huia Cowell, created the steel sculpture detail of hand-woven marine rope.

Pou ora is about bringing life into our waterways and having the community's support.

The pou will stand in Maybury Reserve to bring attention to the condition of local waterways in Tāmaki, in particular, Ōmaru Creek, which runs through the reserve.

Maria Meredith, Chairperson of Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board says, "It is important that the community feel connected to local water quality issues. We will all need to work together if we are to see waterways such as Ōmaru Creek become clean and flowing again."

This is a Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board and Tāmaki Regeneration funded project.



The sculpture by artist Chantel Matthews-Perawiti.



Improving a legacy

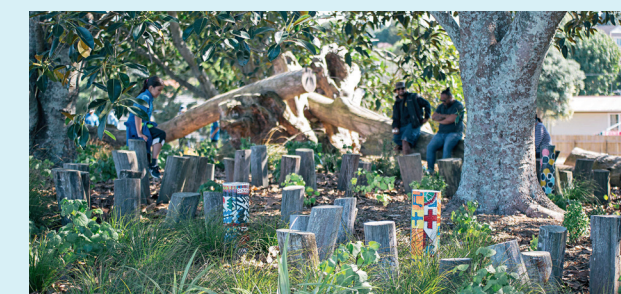
Strong future for grand building.

St Heliers Community Library services are moving temporarily to the Turua Street Hall (next door) while their permanent home undergoes seismic strengthening. The St Heliers Community Library is located in a building that was originally constructed in 1926. It was recently found to be earthquake-prone following seismic assessments carried out by council and deemed in need of strengthening works. The budget is being supplemented by Ōrākei Local Board to also enable improvements inside the building. "We are excited to see our heritage not only retained but enhanced," says local board Chair Scott Milne.

Sustainable play on the Shore

Māori traditions for new playground.

The upgrade of the playground underway at Oliver (Kawerau) Reserve in Devonport will incorporate māra hūpara (Māori traditional play elements) and sustainable materials, as in the example pictured, in Mt Roskill. The old playground is in need of an upgrade with almost all of the new equipment to be made from natural materials. As well as new play elements such as slides, tunnels and rope climb, the design incorporates features such as traditional log games. Natural shade will be provided by trees being planted in the area and there will be seating and a picnic table.





Take a walk with your
whānau this Matariki
and enjoy the riches
of Papatūānuku
(mother earth).

- Auckland Botanic
Gardens, Manurewa**
Walk the 10 hectares of
native forest, choose your
favourite camellia or get lost
in Māui’s magical maze.
- Pukekawa / Wintergardens,
Auckland Domain, Grafton**
Two Victorian-style
glasshouses that contain
ponds and ever-changing
displays of flowers and plants.

- Ōtuataua Stonefields
Reserve, Māngere**
The site of substantial
ancient Māori gardens:
you can still see stone and
earthworks where kūmara
and taro were once grown.

- Te Māra Hūpara,
Underwood Park, Mt Roskill**
Play like tamariki did
centuries ago at this
traditional Māori playground
that includes 20,000-year-
old swamp kāuri roots.

- Tāwharanui Regional Park**
Teeming with birdlife
including takahē, pāteke
and saddlebacks. Plus there
are white-sand beaches
and magnificent rock pools
to explore at low tide.



FAMILY
SPACE

There’s more to
Auckland Council
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you think.

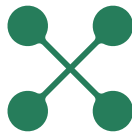
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resources to discover at the library or online.

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your family history or hear a
favourite local author speak.
To join, visit a library near you or
see aucklandlibraries.govt.nz



NGĀTI WHĀTUA
ŌRĀKEI BOARD CHAIR
MARAMA ROYAL

*Marama Royal was born
in Ōrākei, raised by her
grandmother and educated
locally. Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is
the host iwi for Matariki.*

“Tāmaki Makaurau has always
been home to me. I moved away
for 27 years, when I was 18, to
follow my heart and when I came
home I always found it hard to
leave again. So I moved home
in 2008. I love our whenua,
our Waitematā, the views of
Auckland City. It’s the best place
to raise tamariki and mokopuna.
I look at Auckland with my adult
eyes, and I love it still; the people
are the friendliest, and I love that
we are such a diverse community.

“I remember the struggles
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei endured,
and now the tide has turned. We
are an iwi and a hapū that knows
its history and its position. As
tangata whenua and ahi kaa in
Auckland Central we live by our
values of manaaki and aroha.”



MARAMA ROYAL IMAGE / JESSIE CASSON



Marama’s pepeha:

Ko Māhuhu ki te rangi tōku waka
Ko Maungakiekie tōku maunga
Ko Waitematā tōku moana
Ko Ōrākei tōku marae
Ko Te Puru o Tāmaki tōku hapū
Ko Ngāti Whātua tōku iwi
Tihei mauri ora!

Māhuhu ki te rangi is my canoe
Maungakiekie is my mountain
Waitematā is my ocean
Ōrākei is my ancestral ground
Te Puru o Tāmaki is my subtribe
Ngāti Whātua is my tribe
Tis there be life!



Celebrate Matariki

As we approach the first ever Matariki public holiday, and in a nod to the nine Matariki stars, we look at nine ways we can celebrate Tāmaki Makaurau's Māori identity.

Muriwai Beach

1 IT'S IN THE STARS

A time to rewind, reflect and reset is written in the night sky.

The mid-winter appearance of the Matariki star cluster in our night sky ushers in te mātahi o te tau or Māori New Year, and is a sign for people to gather, to honour those who have passed, celebrate the present and plan for the future; a time of reflection and hope.

As we celebrate our first national public holiday

to mark Matariki, throughout the land we will be gazing at the heavens to try and spot the cluster of nine stars from which the holiday derives.

Matariki takes place in mid-winter from late May to early July, and the dates vary according to iwi (tribes) and geography. This year, the first public holiday to celebrate Matariki will be on Friday 24 June, marking the reappearance of the constellation. Here's a hint – the best time to view the Matariki cluster is early morning, just before dawn.

If you want to learn about the Matariki star constellation, the Stardome Observatory Planetarium is the place to visit. Using live planetarium

technology and storytelling, audiences will leave Tāmaki Makaurau on a virtual voyage through the solar system to learn more about Māori constellations, Matariki itself and the stories passed down from generation to generation. Visit [Stardome.org.nz](https://stardome.org.nz) for more information.

For even more starry exploration step inside Hui Te Ananui a Tangaroa (New Zealand Maritime Museum) over the Matariki long weekend and follow a Matariki trail to learn about star navigation and planning for the year ahead using the maramataka (Māori lunar calendar). Visit maritimemuseum.co.nz to find out more.



Visit Stardome Observatory and Planetarium for a presenter-led Matariki kōrero under the planetarium stars.

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CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Fun and crafts for tamariki.

Matariki is a time for whānau to come together to reflect on the year that has been and to plan for the future – and there are many wonderful ways to acknowledge it.

Perhaps one of the most delicious is with a hākari (feast) where you gather together with whānau and make food that is special to your family. You might like to cook recipes that have been passed down through the generations – let your children help with the cooking too if they're old enough. Invite friends over for a potluck dinner where everyone brings a dish that is important to them.

Matariki is also a time to remember those who have passed, so snuggle up together and look at old family photos and tell stories.

And don't forget to do some stargazing. Pre-schoolers will know and love singing *Tīrama tīrama ngā whetū* (*Twinkle twinkle little star*), or make stars out of paper or weave some out of harakeke if you have it in your garden. At night, put on your winter woollies and head outside to spot the nine stars



There will be more types of kites than you could imagine at Ōrākei Manu Aute Kite Day as part of this year's Matariki Festival.

MATARIKI KITE IMAGES / EMILY CHALK

that make up the Matariki star cluster (there are many helpful resources online that will help you locate them). First, you might like to read up on the different legends about all of the stars and what each star represents.

Or take to the skies and participate in the traditional Matariki activity of kite flying. Over the centuries Māori have made many types of kites for a range of activities, including to communicate with the gods, to summon a nearby village to a meeting,

and also for fun! One of the types of kites children made was called manu aute (manu means bird and aute is the bark of the paper mulberry tree, which was one of the materials used).

There will be all kinds of kites at Ōrākei Manu Aute Kite Day at Takaparawhau / Bastion Point on Saturday 25 June. This free event will be hosted by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and everyone is welcome to come and fly a kite. Check out the full programme at matarikifestival.org.nz

Make a kite

You will need

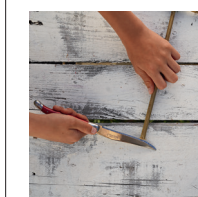
- Two bamboo or other lightweight sticks, one approximately 60cm long and the other 50cm long.

- Ruler and pen
- Serrated knife
- String or wool
- Tape
- Scissors
- A full sheet of newspaper
- Paint, pens, ribbons and feathers (optional)



1. Create a frame with two sticks. Traditionally mānuka, toetoe or

supplejack were used for kite making in Aotearoa, but you can use bamboo or join straws together. Draw a mark at 25cm on your 50cm stick, and at 15cm on your 60cm stick. Place the 50cm stick across the 60cm stick so the two marks line up. Twist string around the join in the two sticks until secure. You could add tape for extra firmness.



2. Using a serrated knife, carefully saw back and

forwards across the ends of each stick to make a notch deep enough to hold your string in place.



3. Tie string around one end of the bamboo, then wrap

the string right around the outside of your frame, securing it in the cut ends of your sticks as you go. Once the string is tight on all sides, tie the loose end again.

4. Place your kite on top of a full sheet of newspaper. You could also use wrapping paper,



a plastic bag or lightweight fabric to cover your kite frame.

Using your ruler and pen, make a mark 4cm from each corner of the kite frame, then draw lines to join up the marks.



5. Cut out your kite outline, then neatly fold each side over

the string, tucking in the corners and taping each side down as you go.



6. Make two tiny holes on either side of the frame at

the top and bottom. Turn your kite frame-side down, and thread a 70cm piece of string through the top two holes and tie a knot. Thread the other end of the string through the bottom two holes and tie a knot. This is your bridle.



7. Lift up the bridle so it's taut and attach your long flying string

near to the 50cm cross bar on the other side of your kite. Draw or paint on your kite and add feathers or ribbons for a tail.

3 ENJOY MATARIKI KAI!

It's time to get together with whānau and friends to share in nature's bounty

Several of the ngā whetū (stars) in the Matariki constellation are associated with kai, encouraging abundance in the coming year, and giving thanks by the ritual offering of food.

Until the mid-1900s, the

Matariki pre-dawn was filled with the aroma of kai taken from the whenua (earth), rangi (sky), waitī (rivers) and waitā (ocean), cooking in earth ovens which were then uncovered so steam could rise and nourish the nine stars.

This is known as Umu Kohukohu Whetū, part of the wider Whāngai i te Hautapu ceremony, which also involves karakia (blessings).

As part of Matariki Festival this year's host iwi Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei will lead the resurgence of this ceremony on Tuesday, 21 June on their whenua Takaparawhau (Bastion Point).

Whānau and communities are invited to witness the revival of a Hautapu and the Umu Kohukohu Whetū where, specific to their own iwi traditions, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei will light hāngī/umu (earth oven) before sunrise on the first day of Matariki and offer karakia.





Designer and curator Rob Small gets hands-on at Pourewa Māra Kai gardens.



MAUNGA / JESSIE CASSON

MATARIKI GARDENING

Working by the phases of the moon.

Gardening and Matariki all starts with the maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar), says Rob Small, designer and curator of Pourewa Māra Kai, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei's vegetable gardens on the corner of Kupe Street and Kepa Road in Ōrākei.

"Māori over many years gave each phase of the moon a name. Usually they would look for other signs in the environment to go with it, such as when the kōwhai bloomed, when there were king tides, and when certain insects were prevalent."

The māra kai has been designed as a circle to reflect the fact that to Māori all things have their specific energy or Mauri, with garden beds divided into four sections at true north, south, east and west. Plans are underway to install what Rob calls a "maramataka compass" – a sun dial on a plinth that will name the different nights of the moon.

The garden provides around 2000kg of vegetables to local whānau per year. They grow a range of crops but this year Rob has enjoyed growing traditional plants such as the hue (gourd), which was used for storing water and preserved kai, and heritage kūmara varieties.

The site at Pourewa also includes a nursery where native plants are grown from locally sourced seed to supply a substantial bush revegetation project on the whenua, but also provides plants to Auckland Council, Waka Kotahi, and other marae.

5 LOVE OUR MAUNGA

The award for the most explosive past goes to ... Tāmaki Makaurau.

With 53 dormant volcanoes, Auckland is one of the most densely populated volcanic cities in the world, which means we're spoilt for choice when it comes to magnificent night-sky views from which to search for Matariki.

For the 13 iwi of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau, Tūpuna Maunga are places of spiritual, ancestral and cultural importance. Fourteen of these are regarded as historically significant areas of settlement. Their 360-degree views made them ideal as pā sites and the volcanic soils were perfect for growing crops.

The care and restoration of these 14 sites are managed by Tūpuna Maunga Authority – a successful co-governance partnership between Mana Whenua, Auckland Council and a representative from the Crown.

You can spot evidence of our fiery geological past in the form of hills, lakes, basins and islands across Tāmaki Makaurau.

Each of our volcanic sites are special but here are five with particularly notable qualities:



Tūpuna Maunga Authority's Paul Majury atop Maungawhau / Mt Eden.

Rangitoto – the youngest: Only 600 years old. Catch a ferry from downtown Auckland and climb its 260m summit.

Te Kōpuke / Mt St John – the longest lava flow: When it erupted 28,000 years ago, this maunga in Epsom produced an 11km lava flow that extended all the way to Waitematā Harbour, forming Te Tokoroa / Meola Reef.

Pupuke Moana / Lake Pupuke – the wettest: When Pupuke Moana erupted, it formed a basin that filled up with fresh water. Just 200m away at Takapuna Beach you can see rock pools formed by trees that were trapped in its lava flow.

Maungakiekie / One Tree Hill – the largest: Once home to thousands of people before European settlement, Maungakiekie was one of the largest pre-Iron-Age forts in the world.

Maungawhau / Mt Eden – the highest: At 196m, the peak of Maungawhau / Mt Eden is the highest natural point in Auckland.



The 'keep the wheels turning' initiative has ensured cycle Fix-It-Clinics have a home at Hayman Park.



Work underway on the community whare project.

6 FIND YOUR WHARE

Project creates community connections for all.

Manukau central is now home to six shipping containers that have been upcycled and repurposed from their previous home at Queen's Wharf in downtown Auckland.

This new community whare project has created spaces where businesses, organisations, groups and neighbourhoods develop projects and initiatives, hold workshops and community activations, network and contribute more to local development.

Each hub has its own focus: play, creativity, the natural world and higher learning and knowledge. The purpose is whanaungatanga – being the glue that holds people together in whānau relationships.

For more see panuku.co.nz/manukau/community-whare

CONTAINER IMAGES / EMILY CHALK

7 CHANGING SPACES

Tāmaki Makaurau is becoming a dynamic city influenced by modern Māori concepts.

From the downtown waterfront to the burgeoning suburbs of Takanini in the south, ours is a region being transformed from Auckland to Tāmaki Makaurau, where contemporary urban design meets indigenous tradition to create bold new public spaces.

Te Paataka Koorero o Takaanini – Takaanini Community Hub is a prime example. Opened in March 2021, the hub provides community spaces and services. There are book-filled shelves, spacious function rooms, study spaces, computers (and free wi-fi), an indoor children’s playground and a community kitchen open to all.

Staff greet visitors using te reo and all signage is bilingual. Māori art and design elements are woven throughout the building, and include a huge map of the area, pulled from Elsdon Craig’s ‘Breakwater against the tide: a history of Papakura city and districts’.

Te Paataka Koorero o Takaanini community hub manager Dany Miller says it was important to hear directly from whānau Māori about what they wanted for the new space. For example, feedback from parents – especially those studying – said it would be appreciated if there was somewhere they could work but be able to have their children nearby.

It is one of a new model of Auckland Council facilities built with a te ao Māori lens, following Te Aranga design principles adopted by Auckland Council as part of a broader Māori response to the



Te Paataka Koorero o Takaanini.

New Zealand Urban Design Protocols developed in 2005.

From community facilities to outdoor spaces, like downtown’s recent waterfront development, applying Te Aranga principles is transforming the region. Monsul Dewes-Tupara, an Architectural Graduate-Taura Whaihanga at Jasmax, says that increasingly, designing the future means understanding the past by bringing culturally grounded thinking and practices to the mahi (work).

“We need to look beyond the surface of our built environment. Do we feel comfortable occupying those spaces? In 20 years, it’ll be 200 years since the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We need a Tāmaki Makaurau that feels like a place reflective of its rich and diverse culture. One that doesn’t shy away from our complicated history but upheld by the relationship of tangata whenua and tangata tiriti.”



Maker Space – a collab between TSI and Manurewa High School – offers students the opportunity of hands-on learning and creating from recycled materials.

8 THE BEST DIRECTION

Creating sustainable solutions.

The Southern Initiative (TSI) was started a decade ago to ensure that as Tāmaki Makaurau becomes more prosperous, the benefits reach all its people particularly those in the south and west. TSI works closely with mana whenua, rangatahi, Māori and Pasifika-owned businesses and community-led enterprises, emphasising the importance of whānau and mātauranga (Māori knowledge). Successful initiatives have included, for example, working with businesses on deconstruction and salvage, and turning waste products, like plastics, into high-end goods.

9 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Supporting a thriving Māori identity.

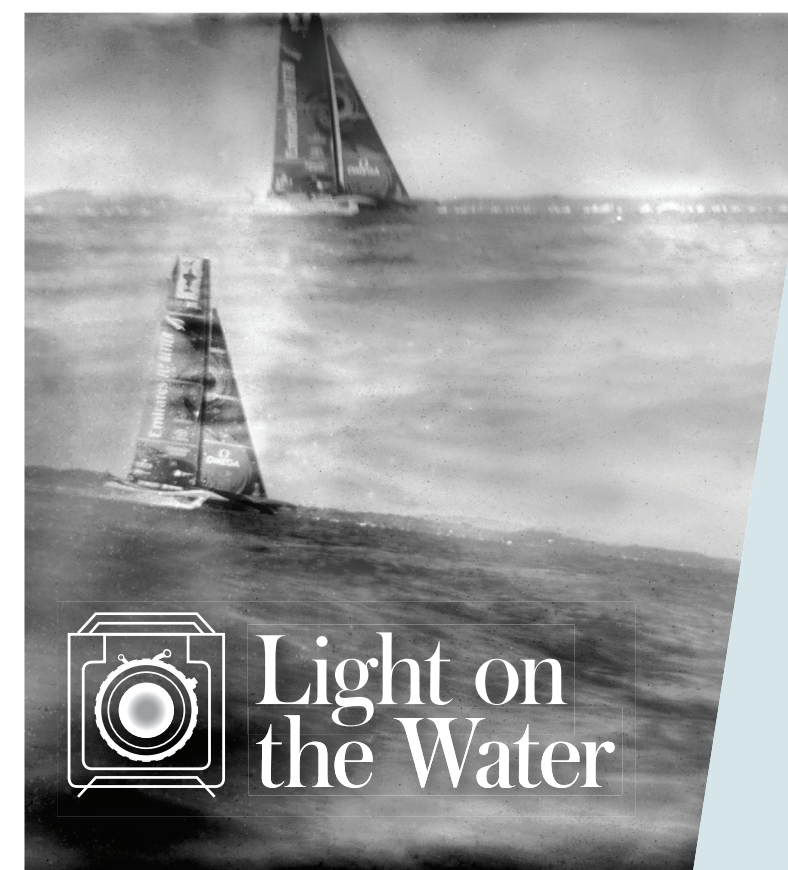
Ngā Mātārae supports Auckland Council groups by strengthening relationships with Tāmaki Makaurau’s 19 mana whenua iwi. It seeks better outcomes with and for Māori, says Tumuaiki Huangā Māori / Director Māori Outcomes Herewini Te Koha.

Herewini says recent successes, such as the *Toi Tū Toi Ora* exhibition at Auckland Art Gallery, have created a tangible and fresh appreciation for contemporary Māori art and culture along with the development of new partnerships between mana whenua and Auckland Council. It also led to 10 major new commissions for contemporary Māori artists and a handful of permanent new job opportunities on the gallery’s team.



Toi Tū Toi Ora contemporary Māori art exhibition was a success for Auckland Art Gallery.






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Stand and deliver

As we approach local elections, you may find that it's easier than you'd think to become a candidate.

Local elections are coming up, and there's one thing potential candidates need to have above all else.

"They need to really care about their region," says Rose Leonard, Manager of Governance Services at Auckland Council. "That's what matters, wanting to make a difference to your community."

Many people may be unsure about standing as either a ward councillor or local board member, says Rose. "You don't have to be a boss, you don't have to have a degree, you don't have to have had experience on committees or boards. We're looking for diverse candidates to represent our super-diverse region. The best decisions are made when there is a range of perspectives."

To be effective, elected members do need certain skills

including good communication, decision-making, strategic thinking and the ability to collaborate with others. And they can rest assured that if they are elected, council offers great support, says Rose. That includes a professional development programme, and technology and office support.

"If you get elected, you are not on your own. We will connect you to others who have been new before and can help."

Ward councillors make decisions about regionwide matters like rates and how they are spent, the unitary plan or Auckland's development strategy. Local board members have a more local focus, making decisions about facilities and services such as parks and libraries.

All elected members are paid. The part-time or full-

time salaries are set by the independent Remuneration Authority and vary depending on the role and area. Some expenses are also paid. Salary figures for all elected positions are publicly available on the council website.

The council also has advisory panels that cover different sectors and demographics. These include the rainbow community and Pacific peoples. These panels advise the council on decisions that affect the represented groups.

To be a candidate for an elected member position you must be a New Zealand citizen, over 18 and enrolled on the electoral roll. Voting will take place from 16 September to 8 October, with candidate nominations opening on 15 July and closing on 12 August.

For more information see voteauckland.co.nz

In the leadup to the local government elections OurAuckland chatted to the next generation of voters who share their hopes and aspirations for Tāmaki Makaurau.



DAVID LAXON, 19

Climate change is a huge concern for student David Laxon, who is doing a conjoint law and arts degree. He's keen to see Auckland Council bear sustainability in mind with every decision it makes, so it can play its part in protecting the environment. "I'd like to see it leading by example when it comes to doing things like de-carbonising its transport. That would be a great way of showing other organisations and companies what can be done." David uses an e-bike and says he'd welcome initiatives to get cars off the road, such as improving public transport. Housing is another important consideration, and the council could play its part by including more high-density zones in the Auckland Unitary Plan, David says. "More people need to be able to live closer to the city centre where they work."



IATUA FELAGAI TAITO, 23

A region that embraces and celebrates marginalised groups, particularly the Pacific rainbow community, would be a dream for Iatua Felagai Taito. Currently doing a masters degree in dance and working as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Auckland, Iatua is passionate about LGBTQIA+ members of the Pacific community having their needs met. "Auckland has the biggest Polynesian population of any city in the world but our rainbow community does not get acknowledged," he says. "I'd like to see community events and consultation sessions held to try to bridge the gaps, particularly between our rainbow community and the conservative Pacific community. I want some hard-hitting conversations at grassroots level that make this a better place for all marginalised people."



NIKKI SINGH, 24

Meeting the needs of Auckland's Asian population tops Nikki Singh's wishlist. "We need to get more Asian representation on our local boards, and I'd like to see more priority given to Asian health." Fijian Indian Nikki has an honours degree in health science and is working as a tutor and research assistant in the health department at University of Auckland while applying to do a PhD. She'd like to see Auckland Council make people more aware of ways they can be heard. "Accessibility to the council is really important." She's recently had dealings with Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board over an initiative she and her partner are keen to launch. They want to establish an outdoor workout station that would make exercise more accessible.

The best decisions are made when there is a range of perspectives.

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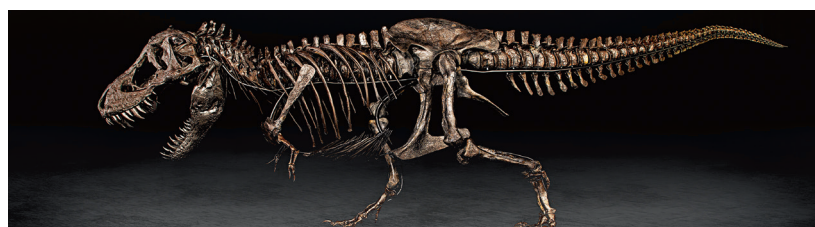
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Celebrating the artistic practice of Māori women and their contribution to contemporary art in Aotearoa, **Wahine Māori: The Art of Resistance** (until 15 May) is a free exhibition at Northart Gallery, Northcote.



Get up close to the greatest predator that ever lived at **T. Rex is King** (until 4 Sep). This free display of one of the rarest and most complete T. rex skeletons in the world is on show at Auckland War Memorial Museum, Parnell.



Bringing you the best cycling short films from around the world, **The Big Bike Film Night** is on at cinemas in Takapuna (Sun 1 May), Devonport (Mon 2 May), the city centre (Tue 3 & Fri 6 May), Waiheke Island (Wed 4 May), Howick (Wed 4 May), Avondale (Thu 5 May), Pukekohe (Sun 22 May) and Matakana (Mon 23 May).

Cheap and Cheerful Eats (1-31 May) returns to the city centre with cafes, bars and restaurants serving up over 90 delicious dishes to make your belly smile, from Asian eats to tasty quick bites, mouth-watering lunches and everything in between.



The city centre will become the canvas for a stunning free trail of over 50 installations and artworks at **City of Colour** (6-22 May). With giant inflatable cacti, colourful canopies and super-sized artworks, you can explore a vibrant art trail by day and magic light trail by night.



Printopia Festival of Original Print

(Sat 7 & Sun 8 May) offers free artist talks and demonstrations, plus workshops, a print fair and more at Corban Estate Arts Centre, Henderson.

Treat Mum to a **Mother's Day Picnic Sailing** (Sun 8 May), a one-hour sail with canapés aboard *Ted Ashby*, NZ Maritime Museum's heritage sailing vessel, on Waitematā Harbour.

Join park rangers and volunteers to help plant trees at **Long Bay Regional Park Planting Day** (Sun 15 May), **Tāwharanui Regional Park Planting Day** (Sun 5 Jun), **Shakespeare Regional Park Planting Day** (Sun 19 Jun) and **Wenderholm Regional Park Planting Day** (Sun 26 Jun).

The Academy Award-qualifying **Doc Edge Festival** (1 Jun – 10 Jul) brings you the best documentaries from around the world. This year's festival is online, and at The Civic in the city centre, The Capitol in Balmoral and Silky Otter in Ōrākei.



Auckland Festival of Photography

(2-12 Jun) is New Zealand's premium international photographic festival with free exhibitions and other events held online, outdoors and in venues across the region.

From the British Museum's world-renowned collection, **Ancient Greeks: Athletes, Warriors and Heroes** (10 Jun – 23 Oct) is a major international exhibition at Auckland War Memorial Museum, Parnell.



Written by ABBA's Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, and Tim Rice, **Chess The Musical** (16-19 Jun) tells a story of love and political intrigue against the background of the Cold War at Aotea Centre, city centre.

An uncomfortable, playful and enlightening provocation on racism and privilege in Aotearoa, **Scenes from a Yellow Peril** (21 Jun – 3 Jul) is a theatre experience that packs a punch at ASB Waterfront Theatre, Wynyard Quarter.



Celebrate Māori New Year in Tāmaki Makaurau with **Matariki Festival** (21 Jun – 16 Jul), brought to you by Auckland Council with iwi partner Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. Gather your friends and whānau to enjoy three weeks of live music, kōrero, kapa haka and more. Nau mai, haere mai!



See incredible garments created by Auckland primary and secondary school students at **Eye on Nature Wearable Arts** (Thu 23 Jun). Tamariki and rangatahi will showcase their wearable, eco-friendly art pieces on the catwalk at Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau.

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Acclaimed powerhouse of progressive Māori music Rob Ruha joins Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra to bring you **Ka Pō, Ka Ao** (Thu 23 Jun). Celebrate Matariki at this night of uplifting music and kapa haka at Auckland Town Hall, city centre.

Go with Tourism Expo (30 Jun – 2 Jul) is New Zealand's only dedicated career expo for tourism and hospitality. Meet industry professionals, employers and educators, discover your career path and be in to win prizes at The Cloud, city centre.

Based on the smash-hit film, **The Wedding Singer** (30 Jun – 17 Jul) is a hilarious musical comedy that celebrates all the fun of the '80s at Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna.



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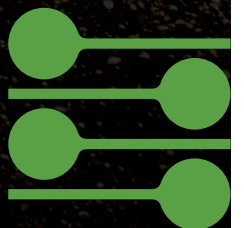


KARAKA BAY

Access via Peacock Street, Glendowie

Before you turn down the steep path and into the native bush at the end of Peacock Street, pause a moment, and reflect on the historical significance of the little-known, horseshoe-shaped Karaka Bay / Waiarohe (bay of shimmering waters). In 1840, over

several months, 17 local chiefs came to this beach to add their signatures to this country's founding document, Tiriti o Waitangi, The Treaty of Waitangi. A fountain close to the beach entrance commemorates the event. This private spot, with its white sand, pōhutukawa trees and original 1950s baches, is a step back in time.



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