

Beautiful Manukau



Regular issues of **Beautiful Manukau** will keep you informed about the progress achieved in making South Auckland a more beautiful place.

Over the past decade we have turned the tide against tagging, and have provided and supported many projects which enhance the visual beauty of our region. Here is a brief overview of some of the projects we are working on, in conjunction with Auckland Council. We hope you will share the good news about our work with members of your community.

Welcome Words

In partnership with the Auckland Council, the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust (MBCT) is running a school competition for the Rugby World Cup 2011. Schools are creating MEGA Welcome Words in the language of each competing rugby nation. The Welcome Words will be erected in parks and reserves across the region for visitors to New Zealand to admire and enjoy.

Each letter will measure 8 x 4 metres so that the welcome messages will be visible to aircraft on the flight paths to Auckland International Airport.



Students from ACG Strathallan College work on their Welsh 'Croeso' welcome in Karaka.

Town Centre Tidy Ups

The MBCT is supporting Auckland Council by acting as a project co-ordinator for town centre business associations taking part in the Auckland-wide Town Centre Tidy Up campaign prior to the Rugby World Cup.

We have worked closely with Town Centre Managers and local business associations in South Auckland, providing planning assistance and supplying equipment required for the tidy ups. To date, Mangere East, Mangere Village, Dawson Road, Hunters Corner, and Otara town centres have benefitted from a spring clean.

It has been wonderful to witness the community involvement and sense of pride and accomplishment after each tidy up. Otahuhu, Howick, Manukau, Old Papatoetoe and Manurewa will undertake their town centre tidy ups over the next two weeks—if you would like to be involved, please visit our website for details.

Can you help make our city more beautiful?

The Manukau Beautification Trust is largely dependant on volunteers to achieve its goals.

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like further information, please email your details to jane.newbury@mbct.org.nz, or call us on 269 4090.



Cooper Textile's Whacky Sheep design

Whacky Sheep

In another joint Rugby World Cup project with Auckland Council, the MBCT has overseen the production of 22 giant fiberglass 'Whacky Sheep'. The sheep were adopted by businesses, schools and community groups throughout Auckland, who have creatively decorated the flock, kiwiana-style.

Members of the flock will be displayed in prominent locations around Auckland throughout the RWC. From August, the sheep will be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to a (yet to be confirmed) charity.

