

Beautiful Manukau



Welcome to the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust's second issue of **Beautiful Manukau**.

The Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust works in conjunction with Auckland Council to help the Manukau region become a more beautiful place. Our approach to the issue of tagging in Manukau is multi-faceted. In addition to the physical removal of tagging, we run educational and community programmes which foster pride in our environment.

In this issue of our newsletter we've detailed some interesting statistics, which we hope you will share with your community.



Anyone is welcome to view our Whacky Sheep at close range: *Manukau Memorial Gardens, Puhinui Rd, Papatoetoe.*

14,321

- litres of paint used by the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust (MBCT) to remove tagging in the last financial year.

This amount of paint was used to cover almost 10,000m² of tagging in the Manukau region. In the same financial year 7,550 people sought tag removal assistance.

The good news is that the number of tags (and the amount of paint required to remove them) has decreased every year since the MBCT was recruited by Auckland Council.

41%

- decrease in tagging since 2009.

In 2008/09 the MBCT removed 166,721m² of tags. Since educational programmes began in schools in 2009, the number of tags removed by the MBCT has decreased by a staggering **41%**.

The Trust has involved 2,757 school students in educational programmes over the past two years. These programmes include visits and talks to schools, environmental competitions, and involvement in individual school projects.

The MBCT also has strong community involvement with a growing list of volunteers who help keep Manukau tidy.

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 barbara.carney@mbct.org.nz, or call us on 269 4090.

7,157

- the number of trees planted along Auckland's Rail Corridor this year.

The train trip into the city was an eyesore to train commuters for many years. The squalid condition of bridges, the tag-ridden fencing and wastelands of weeds were in desperate need of attention.

The Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust became involved in the rail corridor tidy up in 2009. This year alone more than 20,000m² of tagging and 160,000m² of weeds have been removed by the Trust.

A far more pleasant journey is now enjoyed by locals and visitors to our city.

For further details about any of the work undertaken by the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust, please visit our website www.beautifulmanukau.org.nz or contact us on 269 4080.



