



Beautiful Manukau

Greetings from the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust team. The Trust promotes, supports and undertakes programmes, actions and initiatives to beautify Auckland. We achieve this with the help of Auckland Council, our sponsors and the community including local businesses, schools, community groups and individuals. We enjoy the support of volunteers who work with us to enrich the living environment of Auckland's southern region.

Community Projects

Students get a buzz out of business

Manukau Beautification Trust and Manurewa High School are working together on a honey of a scheme, which could see live beehives introduced to local schools.

Ohu (which means Working Bee in Te Reo Maori) is a company run by a group of Manurewa High School students.



Ohu at the Auckland Food Show

Ohu's business objective is to educate the community about the importance of bees. The idea arose after the students visited our 'Eye On Nature' environmental education event this year, where they learned about the crucial role the insects play.

The students are selling raw, multi-floral "BeeSweet Honey" which comes with a free sachet of seeds to encourage people to plant more flowers to help feed hungry bees. They took their product and message to the Auckland Food Show, and last month the group featured on Good Morning TV.

We have assisted Ohu with a financial start-up grant, and have donated 15kgs of our own honey. The Trust and Ohu hope to implement a scheme which will see beehives installed in local schools, starting with Manurewa High School. You can follow Ohu's journey on www.facebook.com/OHUNZ.

Expanded operating areas

In July 2013 we were awarded Auckland Council's graffiti removal service contract for the southern region. We now remove graffiti in Manukau, Franklin, Papakura and Otahuhu within 24-hours of notification.

Our service contract has also been extended to removing graffiti from toilets in parks/reserves, playgrounds and road signs.

Town Centre Clean-Ups

On **Saturday 14 September** a large group of community volunteers will roll up their sleeves and tackle Manurewa's Town Centre. The Manukau Beautification Trust will coordinate the clean-up and provide materials to assist the volunteers with rubbish and graffiti removal, cleaning and painting.

Papakura's Town Centre will enjoy the same treatment on 9 November.

Everyone is welcome to come along and lend a hand!



2014

Eye On Nature, an environmental educational event run by the Manukau Beautification Trust, will return in April 2014 to the Auckland Botanic Gardens. From 9-11 August we will host 1500 school students. The event will then open to the public on Saturday 12 April.

Next year's theme will be the importance of the forest. Schools and kindergartens are already working on entries for our three exciting Eye On Nature competitions:

- Wearable Forest Art competition
- Ethnic Vegetarian Cuisine competition
- Creatures of the Forest Art Competition

Full details and entry forms available on our website.



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