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## THE COLLABORATION STATION OPENS



Construction of our Men's Shed, complete with engineering room and woodwork shop, is underway. These facilities will be ready for our grand opening on 12 February 2015.



On 28 October the Trust launched a new initiative - *The Collaboration Station*. Based at our offices in Manurewa, it's a fully functioning workshop and kitchen space for the over-50's to share ideas and skills and work on projects. The concept is similar to the Men's Shed idea, but here at the Trust we're all about gender equality so we've opened our doors to women too!

At this stage The Collaboration Station is in the 'soft opening' phase, running 9.30am-12.30pm twice a week for five weeks, but it has already proven there is demand by baby-boomers for such a community facility.

On Tuesdays and Fridays the Computer classes have proven very popular. Small class numbers allow more personalised tuition. Most participants are new to computers so the lessons progress at a sedate pace to really let the information sink in. Due to popular demand we are extending the computer course an extra week.

An Arts and Crafts area has also proven popular with a small group of ladies who get together to share ideas, and our kitchen facilities have provided delicious morning teas for all.



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## COMMUNITY WORK

One of the great things about the Beautification Trust's Town Centre Tidy-Ups is the wide variety of people who turn up to help. In November Waiuku and Old Papatoetoe town centres were swept, painted, weeded and cleaned thanks to great people willing to volunteer their time.



### Making Walls Look Good!

Talented students from **Hill Park Primary School**, in conjunction with 2Design and Beautiful Manukau, have designed a gorgeous mural for Manurewa's Anderson Park. It's currently underway and looking fabulous!

We're also helping **South Auckland Middle School** in Manurewa with a school mural.

Beautiful Manukau staff worked with 17 students and 4 adults from **Pakuranga College** on 27 November as part of the school's Discovery Day, serving the community.

The group spruced up the walkways and bridge in Millhouse Reserve, Meadowlands, then celebrated their good work with healthy hamburgers and fruit.



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