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## NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST CLEAN-UP - WE DID IT!



On 30 April 2016 people from all walks of life within our community worked together to set the New Zealand record for the largest number of volunteers at a single environmental clean-up event.

Volunteers removed rubbish and debris from Manukau's Puhinui Stream, including the Otara Creek.

The clean-up has sparked the pride of community groups who are now coordinating further efforts to beautify the area. DB Breweries staff helped remove rubbish from a further section of the Otara Creek, and on 28 May the Papatoetoe-Otara Local Board and the local community planted the Otara Creek to help stop erosion and restore the creek to its natural state.

### the stats...

- **10km of stream**
- **1901 volunteers**
- **9 tonnes of rubbish removed incl:**
  - **200 shopping trolleys**
  - **300 car tyres**
  - **500kg of recyclables**
- **all achieved in just 4 hours!**

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Chorus Competition

We received some inspirational entries in our Chorus Cabinet Art competition. Here are the winners - the artists will paint their designs on Chorus cabinets in Manurewa, Clendon, Flat Bush, Takanini and Half Moon Bay soon.



### Out and About

It has been another busy month for the Trust as we coordinate and assist with beautification projects around the city. In May we've helped:

- fix and paint the Pukekohe North community garden fenceline
- Papakura High School and Rosehill College students as they clean up areas of Papakura over a series of weekends
- provide resources for the Papatoetoe-Otara Local Board's community planting day of the Otara Creek

### Beachlands Anzac Memorial

Members of our Boomer Business workshop built a full-scale model of a memorial designed and proposed for Beachlands by the Pohutukawa Coast Anzac Remembrance Trust (PCART). The memorial was sited in Beachlands for the Anzac Day service and remained on site for the following week. The Beachlands community provided plenty of great feedback about the design which the PCART will take into account.

## YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION AWARDS

Thirty students from five schools partnered with four businesses to brainstorm ideas for innovative environmental projects at a 'Sink Or Swim' workshop on 16 May at the Auckland Botanic Gardens.

The aim of the workshops is to encourage creative environmental innovation in youth, whilst encouraging collaboration between youth and business to bring projects to fruition.

Auckland Botanic Gardens staff teamed with special guest speakers Anne Gibbon from Callahan Innovation and Nick Pattison from Rongomai Primary School in Otara to lead sessions on innovation. Students looked at both living and built environmental innovation and collaborated on project ideas with their respective business partners. Bridget Glasgow, Secondary School Advisor and Enviroschools Facilitator, also presented at the workshop.

Over winter the school and business partnerships will continue working together on their projects, culminating in an expo and awards ceremony at the Vodafone Events Centre on 2 August.

The school / business partnerships are:

Manurewa High School and Rongomai Primary School / Aeroqual  
Sancta Maria College / Fisher & Paykel Healthcare through Futureintech  
Aorere College / Opus  
Papakura High School / NZ Motor Caravan Association

This year's Sink or Swim pilot project will grow to a fully-fledged project in 2017. More information about the project is available on our website.

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