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## BOOMER BUSINESS IN ACTION



Boomer Business is a place for people aged over 50 to come together and work on their own, or community, projects. We offer Boomer Business members a fully equipped workshop, a commercial kitchen and an arts and craft space. Here's a taste of some of the things our 'Boomers' have been up to lately.

When we set the New Zealand record for the largest number of volunteers at a single environmental clean-up event in April, our volunteers pulled 200 shopping trolleys from the Puhinui Stream.

The artistic folk at The Roots Creative organisation have re-purposed the shopping trolleys into designer furniture (left). Our Boomer Business sewing group is making cushions for the chairs, which will be ... sold?



Boomer Business has gone mobile! Our beginner's computer classes have branched out into the community.

Pictured right are residents from Erin Park Retirement Village in Manurewa, learning how to make the most of their electronic devices.



Each Wednesday we welcome people with early-stage Alzheimer's to our Boomer Business facilities. This is a great way for people to socialise and they report an increased sense of wellbeing when they work on projects that help the community.

They're currently doing their bit for one of New Zealand's most important shorebird habitats. Our Boomer Business members create plywood cut-outs of shorebirds in the workshop. These are primed by our Alzheimer's group before being sent to schools to be painted by students.

The birds are then displayed to raise awareness of the Ramsar site at Pukorokoro Miranda.

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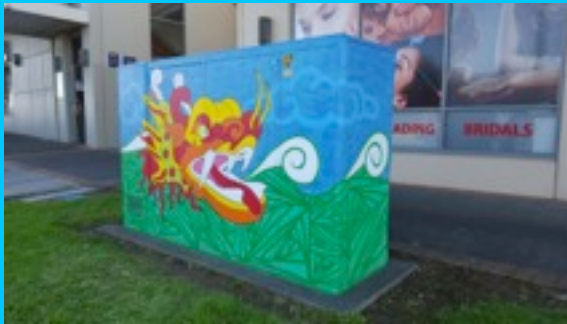
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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Chorus Competition

The five artists who won our Chorus cabinet art competition have been hard at work transferring their designs to Chorus communication cabinets around South Auckland. Keep an eye out for this one on the corner of Barcaldine and Chapel Roads in Flat Bush.



### Out and About

With the help of community groups and schools, here's what we've done to beautify Manukau over the past two months:

- ◆ Tidied the walkway between Primrose Place and Maidavale Ave in Manurewa, with the help of 50 students from Manurewa Intermediate.
- ◆ Spruced up the Casuarina Drive walkway in Pakuranga with staff from Yellow Pages.
- ◆ Worked with Papatoetoe High School cleaning up walkways and reserves around Papatoetoe.
- ◆ Cleaned rubbish from the waterway at Mangere's Blake Road reserve, and painted the BMX track tyres, in collaboration with 200 members of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

## TIAKI AWARDS



Our Brand It Competition invited secondary and tertiary students living or studying in the South Auckland region to find a new cutting edge name and logo for its annual Youth Environmental Innovator Awards.

The overall winner is Tiaki, designed by Madison White of Rosehill College.

Tiaki refers to guard/guardian in Maori, and in this case to to guardian/custodian of the environment, something that fits well with our mission and vision:

“Together with our community, beautifying and enriching our living environment.”

“Ko te mahi tahi me te hāpori, ki te whakapaipai me te whakahaumako i te oranga taiao.”

The Tiaki branding will front an environmental innovation competition, expo and awards programme beginning next year. The series of events will unite South Auckland communities, schools, environmental organisations and industry, and encourage talented students to explore science as a career path.

This year, in preparation for the 2017 Tiaki programme, thirty students from five schools have partnered with four businesses to develop innovative environmental projects at a 'Sink Or Swim' pilot programme.

The Sink Or Swim expo and awards will be held on 2 August at the Vodafone Events Centre. If your business would like to take part in the expo, please get in touch.

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