



Beautiful Manukau



Welcome to the Christmas 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. In this issue we profile our work with Manukau's schools.



A great deal of the Trust's resources are consumed in the persistent war against tagging - we employ 20 full-time staff for this purpose. One of our most successful strategies for reducing tagging in Manukau has been our work with local schools, providing free preventative education to primary and intermediate students with the aim of encouraging pride, respect and responsibility towards the environment. Students are also given 'hands-on' experience painting out tagging. The police are often involved in our work with schools, talking to students about their views on tagging, and helping the students paint.

In the past year we have facilitated the painting of many murals in Manukau, such as the one above by Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate, and on the right by Jean Batten primary. By using schools to paint murals, we draw out students' gifts and talents to encourage them to create positive art work. In turn, the community's pride in their children's artwork and achievement leads them to take ownership of the murals.



The Trust also works with community groups such as Neighbourhood Support and talks to Local Boards about our work and public awareness of graffiti. In partnership with the Botanical Gardens we run a two-day education programme on environmental issues and the importance of caring for your community. Every year we work with schools to provide artwork for the Botanic Gardens Festival (below left).



Otara community project

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

If you are interested in volunteering please contact barbara.carney@mbct.org.nz.

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