



Beautiful Manukau

Welcome to the latest 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.

Giant Insect Art Competition

We had a fabulous response from schools to our Giant Insect Art Competition during March 2012. Entrants were asked to create a giant-sized insect or organism found in the New Zealand environment, made from any material.

The competition was part of the BioBlitz event run by The Manukau Beautification Trust, Botanic Gardens and LandCare Research in March 2012. It provided many exciting activities for over 500 primary school students. Students also met scientists/biologists from Landcare Research and experienced the biodiversity of species living in the urban environment of the Botanic Gardens.



The standard of artwork in our Giant Insect competition was very high, and the judges had a difficult time choosing the winners. First place went to Kedgley Intermediate with their Brown Stick Insect (pictured).

Photos of the winning entries are on our website.

Eco Smart



The Trust has completed the Eco Smart Business program run by the Employers and Manufacturers Association with support from Auckland Council and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority. The program provides practical assistance to improve business environmental and financial performance by tackling waste minimisation and energy efficiency.

Homai Mural

In April 2012 we were involved with painting a new mural at the Homai shops in Russell Road, Manurewa.



Homai shops before (left) and after (right).

The mural was completed by talented students from St Anne's Catholic School.



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 phone 269 4080.

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