

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.



Eye on nature

'Bugs, boots, roots and shoots'

Auckland Botanic Gardens 20-23 March 2013

Eye on Nature is an environmental education event held over four days at the Botanic Gardens. It is hosted by the Manukau Beautification Trust and the Auckland Botanic Gardens with other programme partners including Landcare Research, Auckland Zoo and Wai Care.

From Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 March we will host 1500 students from the old Manukau region plus Franklin and Otahuhu schools. Students will enjoy educational displays, arts and crafts, a maze and fun games. They will learn about healthy eating through our 'garden edibles' theme. We have two exciting new competitions to coincide with the Eye on Nature event (see our website for more details):

- Wearable Garden Art Competition
- Garden Treasure Box Competition



On Saturday 23 March, Eye on Nature will become a free community event for families to enjoy.

One highlight of the day will be an Ethnic Cuisine Competition, where six different cultural groups will pit their vegetarian ethnic cooking skills against each other.

There will also be local entertainment throughout the afternoon and loads of fun for everyone.

The grand finale of our event will be a fashion parade of our Wearable Garden Art entries on Saturday evening at 6.00pm.

Full details of Eye on Nature are on our website, and don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook so we can keep you updated.

