

Beautiful Manukau



Greetings from the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust team. We work in conjunction with Auckland Council to help the Manukau region become a more beautiful place.



Eye on nature
'Bugs, boots, roots and shoots'

Our *Eye on Nature* environmental education event held at the Auckland Botanic Gardens during March was a huge success.

Over three days, we hosted 1500 school students who participated in activities centered around our theme of 'Edibles - from the Garden to the Table'. The trust provided bus transport to and from the event and entertained students with a wide range of educational activities.

The school-only days were followed on Saturday 23 March by a free community day. All ages enjoyed the arts and crafts, a maze, beehive demonstrations, live entertainment throughout the day, and a cooking demonstration by renowned Bracu Restaurant chef Mikey Newlands.

An ethnic vegetarian cuisine competition highlighted the culinary talents of local high school hospitality students (won by Kajal Sharma of Manurewa High School).





Riverhills School in Pakuranga won first prize and \$500 in the schools section.



Kawakawa Bay Kindergarten won first prize and \$500 in the kindergarten section.



Visitors to our free community day enjoyed viewing the large display of Garden Treasure Boxes.

On display at Eye On Nature were entries in our Garden Treasure Box competition for schools and kindergartens. The Trust supplied and delivered wooden garden boxes to each school and kindergarten who had registered for the competition. Entrants were tasked with designing, planting and decorating their garden boxes in time for the event in March. There were some fabulous entries - see our website for more photos.

The grand finale of Eye On Nature was a Wearable Garden Art parade, showcasing the amazing entries from primary and secondary schools in our competition. It was tough to pick a winner, but the judges decided upon Pakuranga College student Courtenay Alexander's intricately designed rose dress in the secondary schools section (below, left), and the cumulative effort of many students from Riverhills School in creating their 'tea party' dress in the primary school section (below, right).



Out and About in Manukau

Supported by the Manukau Beautification Trust, St Anne's Primary completed this wonderful mural during the recent school holidays. This is the second mural the school has dedicated to Manurewa, giving their time to transform a tired and derelict area of Browns Road into something beautiful.



For further details about the work we do, please visit our website beautifulmanukau.org.nz, find us on Facebook or phone 269 4080. If you are interested in volunteering please contact barbara.carney@mbct.org.nz.