

Beautiful Manukau

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THE COLLABORATION STATION

This month we open the doors of The Collaboration Station at our offices in Manurewa.

The Collaboration Station is a space for the over-50's to share ideas and skills and work on projects in a fully functioning workshop and kitchen space. It's a community space providing baby boomers with a place to chat, share knowledge, learn new skills, potter, and add value to the community.

The concept is similar to the Men's Shed idea, but our space is available for men *and* women.

The Collaboration Station kicks off with a soft opening in October. Activities will include:

- Basic computer and mobile phone texting skills
- Learning to prepare easy meals-for-one in our cooking sessions
- The kitchen will always have a cuppa on the boil. If we have bakers using the kitchen, a Devonshire tea or a chocolate brownie might be on the menu!

During the next few months the workshops and other spaces will be fitted out for:

The GRAND OPENING (February 2015):

The grand opening in 2015 will see the station really come to life:

- A fully kitted-out, functional workshop
- Metal-work and wood-work spaces
- Art, painting, ceramic and glass sessions
- Spaces for groups of members to help with community projects

Why do we need this space?

A tsunami of baby boomers are retiring from the workplace. Feedback from the over-50's in our community indicates a need for a community space for people to share their considerable skills and talents with others, in an environment that caters for their needs. Many people have left their family homes, and no longer have access to workshop space to continue their hobbies or projects. Our space will offer machinery and tools that the home handy-man can only dream about!

Recently retired people also tell us they would like to socialise and try new things in a relaxed and informal space. The Collaboration Station will provide all this and more. For full details, see our website or call Anita on 269 4080.

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EYE ON NATURE 2015

Invitations to **Eye On Nature** 2015 have been sent to all schools in Auckland's southern region. The Trust offers (on a first in, first served basis) the opportunity for year 5/6 students to attend our annual environmental education event held at the Auckland Botanic Gardens from Tuesday 24 March to Thursday 26 March 2015. We provide bus transport and free event entry to all students.

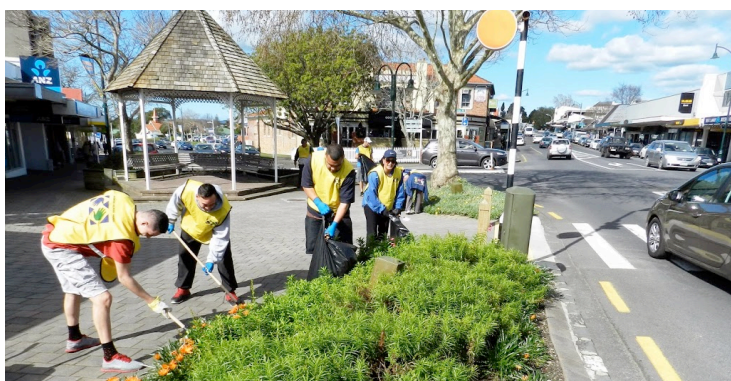
Feedback from schools who attended last year's event was overwhelmingly positive, and we expect to host 1500 students over the three days next year.

Once again we will run competitions for kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. Next year's competitions will include a Wearable Arts competition - this year's theme is [Adaptation/The Art of Survival](#). A cooking competition will challenge secondary students to show off their culinary skills in a [Naturally Grown Foods of New Zealand](#) theme. And our primary schools and kindergartens can get their hands dirty in our Art competition - details to be announced. All competitions offer schools the opportunity to win great cash prizes.

Eye On Nature will also host a free community day on Saturday 28 March, featuring environmental educational activities and displays, culminating in our Wearable Arts Exhibition, showcasing competition entries from primary and secondary schools. Put it in your diary now!



Eye on Nature



Howick Village Clean-Up

On 23 August, the Trust facilitated the Howick Village clean-up. It was fabulous to see the great turnout of volunteers who worked through the afternoon, sweeping, waterblasting, painting and planting until the town centre sparkled.

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