

Beautiful Manukau

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Ministry for the Environment Award Winners

The Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust has been recognised as one of New Zealand's environmental leaders in the 25th annual Green Ribbon Awards.

The Trust was honoured with the Community Leadership award at the 2015 Green Ribbon Awards in Parliament on 4 June. The award recognises the charity's outstanding leadership in empowering the South Auckland community to take action for the environment.

Open to all individuals and organisations in New Zealand who make a difference for our

environment, The Green Ribbon Awards recognise the initiative, dedication and sheer hard work individuals, communities and businesses put into caring for our part of the world.

MBCT exemplifies 'community leadership' through its diverse range of practical environmental programmes and services, and unique education initiatives – with the common aim of protecting, enhancing and beautifying the South Auckland environment.

As the leader in its field for graffiti management, MBCT manages a 24/7 graffiti removal team, responsible for removing graffiti

from public areas throughout the South Auckland region. The Trust's twenty two employees also work closely with schools, community groups, local businesses and individuals on a number of environmental initiatives including mural painting and town centre clean-ups. A group of 500 volunteers have gifted 21,793 hours back to community over an 18 month timeframe.

The Trust is also a highly committed environmental educator for a number of programmes, events and projects that enhance and beautify the South Auckland area, including its award-winning annual environmental education event, Eye on Nature.

"Being honoured with a Green Ribbon Award for community leadership is a highlight for the Trust and is a great endorsement for the work we are doing. It will help shine the spotlight on the South Auckland region for all the right reasons, demonstrating that good things happen when communities work together to beautify, protect and enrich the environment," says Mr Bakker.



Pictured: MBCT General Manager Graeme Bakker receives the Green Ribbon Award from Conservation Minister Maggie Barry and MP Julie Ann Genter.



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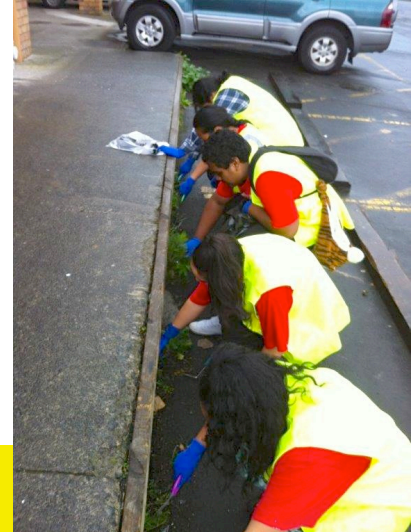


Community News

Clendon Town Centre Tidy-Up, May 2015

The Manukau Beautification Trust worked with the Clendon Town Centre Business Association to spruce up the business district. A wonderful turn out of 80 local residents rolled up their sleeves, got stuck in and made a difference.

So much was achieved, many thanks to everyone for a very successful clean up despite periods of pouring rain! Photos below.



CRAFT PROJECTS WANTED!

Every Wednesday morning we host an early-onset Alzheimers group who visit our 'Boomer Business' workshop to assist with community craft projects.

Projects they have worked on to date include assembling train sets, and crafting small flags to decorate 2000 cupcakes, acknowledging At Risk Children experiencing family violence in the home.

We are always looking for community craft-type projects that these awesome ladies and gentlemen can partake in - if you know of something, please contact anita.curlett@mbct.org.nz.



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