



The Manukau Harbour Restoration Society

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Celebrate the Manukau Harbour during Seaweeek!

This year we are pleased so many events are happening on the Manukau Harbour in conjunction with Seaweeek.

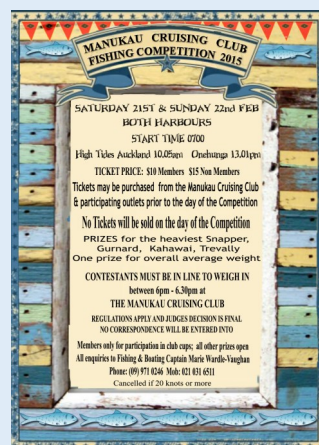


There's something to suit all ages and interests so come and join us at these events on the Manukau. You can find all the details on our web page www.mhrs.org.nz or the Facebook page, Friends of the Manukau Harbour. Information on the Seaweeek events across all of Auckland can be found at www.Seaweeek.org.nz

Manukau Cruising Club Fishing Competition

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 February

Fish on either harbour but be at the weigh in at the Manukau Cruising Club between 5 and 6:30pm each day.
Lots of prizes to be won.



Photography Workshop with Ted Scott

Sunday 22 February

Meet at 10:00am at the Huia Hall to brush up your skills and perhaps learn to look at the harbour and native bush differently.

Check the website for more information. www.mhrs.org.nz

MHRS Photo Competition

February 28 – March 8

Snap your favourite shots of the harbour and environs and post them to our website. Professional photographer Ted Scott will award prizes for winners in an adult and school aged category. Compete for a People's Choice award.

Check out the Photo Competition page on the website www.mhrs.org.nz for more information on Terms & Conditions of Entry



Beach Clean Up

Saturday 28 February 10am

Mangere Bridge:

We need volunteers to join James Papali's Waka Ama paddlers, Watercare and MHRS on a cleanup of the harbour foreshore. Meet at parking area off Coronation Rd by Waterfront Reserve 10am

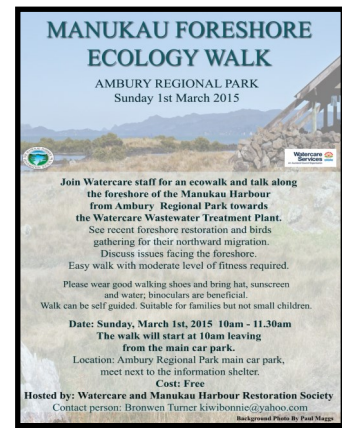


Manukau Foreshore Ecology Walk

Sunday 1 March

Meet Watercare experts at 10:00am at Ambury Regional Park Information Shelter, (main car park) and take a guided walk or collect the flyer and go on your own

Check our webpage www.mhrs.org.nz for more information



The Outlook for Someday film challenge screening

Sunday 1 March

Arataki Visitors Centre, noon – 3:00pm: promoting better care of our environment. Come and see these not-to-be-missed short films tackling conservation issues made by young Kiwis who want to make a difference. The Outlook for Someday film challenge has been running since 2007. The challenge is for anyone up to the age of 24 to make a sustainability-related film, filmed with any camera and any length up to five minutes. The films we are showing tackle environmental and sustainability issues about water and the oceans in a variety of ways. Come and see a screening of short films made by young Kiwis who want to make a difference.

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/newseventsculture/events/Events/Pages/seaweekatarataki.aspx>



Picnic and Sand Sculpture Competition

Sunday 1 March

Whatipu: Join the Friends of Whatipu from 11am – 3pm for a day of fun and relaxation in the grandeur of the wild West Coast.

More information on the [Friends of Whatipu Facebook](#) page

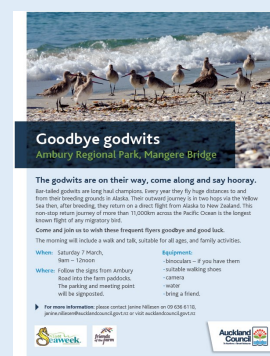


Goodbye Godwits

Saturday 7 March

9:00am – 2:00pm: The Ornithological Society and Friends of the Farm will help you check out the thousands of birds preparing for lift off on their extraordinary migrations north. Lots of activities for families.

Check out the website here [Ambury Park Goodbye Godwits](#)



Awhitu “Love our Manukau” Community Day

Saturday 14 March

11am—4pm Come join us for the Experiencing Marine Reserves, Love our Manukau Community Day. Ever wondered what lives in the Manukau Harbour?

Join Experiencing Marine Reserves, WaiCare, the Auckland Council and hear how to keep our harbours healthy.

Learn how to sample soft sediments, find freshwater invertebrates and help clean up Awhitu Regional Park.

Take a break for a sausage sizzle and picnic in the park. Perfect for young budding scientists and curious parents. Bring; hat, sunscreen, picnic lunch and \$2 for the BBQ.

For more information contact Lorna on email auckland@emr.org.nz or visit www.emr.org.nz



Thanks to Watercare

Watercare is working with MHRS and Seaweed to host a number of events on the Manukau during the first weekend of Seaweed including beach a cleanup along the Mangere Bridge foreshore, and an ecology walk through the restored area of the foreshore by the treatment plant. They are also bringing their fresh water truck to the big Seaweed Festival at Silo Park on March 8th. Watercare are planning for their Sea Cleaners boat to be on the Manukau regularly now. We are delighted to be working constructively with Watercare on taking care of the Manukau Harbour.



Unitary Plan Hearings Continue

At the beginning of March MHRS will appear before the Independent Hearings Panel on the Unitary Plan on the future of the Port of Onehunga. We are opposing POAL's request to have it zoned industrial and instead propose a mix of uses that are marine related and allow the port to function again as a community asset serving the wider Manukau Harbour. We will also seek simplified mangrove removal rules and improved pacific oyster removal rules.

Later in the month we will speak in support of our submission proposing the transmission pylons be removed over time from the harbour's foreshore and neighborhoods.

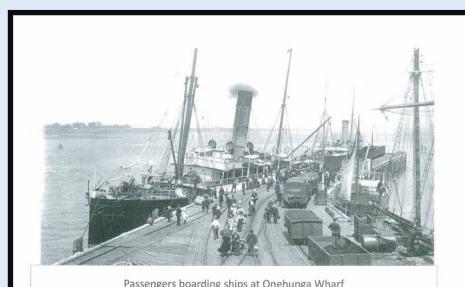
Ferry service on the Manukau takes a step forward

We are pleased that a ferry company is having preliminary discussions with the Awhitu community about beginning a commuters' ferry service on the harbour. We will do everything we can to help make this a reality.



The Future of the Onehunga Wharf

MHRS is grateful to Councillor Denise Krum and Amanda Kinzett of the Onehunga Business Association who are leading efforts with POAL and Auckland Council on transitioning the wharf to activities which better serve harbour communities and which create a transportation, recreation and tourism hub.



Passengers boarding ships at Onehunga Wharf

East West Connection discussions

Jim Jackson and Peter Gibson are working with Auckland Transport and NZTA on options to provide much improved access to the regional transportation network for businesses in the Onehunga and Penrose areas. This promises to be a long and contentious process. These businesses are the engine room of Auckland and their transportation costs can be huge. Superior access is critical. Safeguarding the quality of neighborhoods and access to the foreshore and Onehunga Wharf are also priorities.

