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Manukau Harbour Restoration Society



Welcome to the first Manukau Harbour Restoration Society newsletter of 2016. We hope you've had a great break over the Christmas holidays.

We anticipate 2016 will be a busy but exciting year for MHRS. To mention a few of the activities we'll be involved in:

- the Unitary Plan hearings are concluding but we still are working on critical items such as the zoning of the Port of Onehunga;
- the design of the new pedestrian bridge at Mangere Bridge and the East-West link will be finalized and will have enormous implications for the future of the inner harbor area;
- and as Panuku Development Auckland assumes control of the Port of Onehunga, the harbor community wants to ensure its long term aspirations for the Port as the gateway to the harbour are incorporated into any plans.

As the year progresses we ask you to give us feedback and input into these projects. Jim Jackson our Chair can be reached via jim@jackson.co.nz or you can contact us through our website www.mhrs.org.nz.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and look forward to seeing you at the various activities planned for the harbour.

Seaweed on the Manukau

February 27 – March 6th

Seaweed is nationwide, annual week-long event, celebrating our harbours and seas. The aim of Seaweed is to get Kiwis to reengage with and learn about how to take better care of our harbours and seas and the waterways leading to them.

Each year, MHRS helps make sure there's lots to do on the Manukau and this Seaweed is no exception. Check out all the events on www.seaweed.org.nz and below are some activities on the Manukau you might want to get involved in:



Photo by Marie Ward. BC-4340

Goodbye godwits

Ambury Regional Park, Mangere Bridge

The godwits are on their way, come along and say hooray.

Bar-tailed godwits are long haul champions. Every year they fly huge distances to and from their breeding grounds in Alaska. Their outward journey is in two hops via the Yellow Sea then, after breeding, they return on a direct flight from Alaska to New Zealand. This non-stop return journey of more than 11,000km across the Pacific Ocean is the longest known flight of any migratory bird.

Come and join us to wish these frequent flyers goodbye and good luck.

The morning will include a walk and talk, suitable for all ages, and family activities.

When: Saturday 27 February 2016,
1.30pm-3.30pm

Where: Follow the signs from Ambury
Road into the farm paddocks.
The parking and meeting point
will be signposted.

Equipment:

- binoculars – if you have them
- suitable walking shoes
- camera
- water
- bring a friend.

► **For more information:** please contact Janine Nillesen on 09 636 6118, janine.nillesen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Seaweek-MHRS Colouring Competition

MHRS is hosting a colouring competition open to primary school aged- children. Check our website www.MHRS.org.nz and decide which drawing to colour – the whale or dolphin - and submit it to MHRS. Be in to win fun prizes including a colouring book donated by international kiwi artist Reina Cottier. Schools are encouraged to enter the competition and the teacher submitting the most entries wins prizes too!



Seaweek-MHRS Photo Competition

Do you love taking photos of the harbour? Now's the time to show everyone how great they are. Photos taken between Feb 1 and March 6th can be entered through our website. West Auckland Photographer Chris Turner will judge the winner with prizes also going to the People's Choice winner as determined on the Facebook page Friends of the Manukau Harbour

All the terms and conditions and prizes for both competitions are listed on our website www.mhrs.org.nz



Clean up your Beach!! March 5th

Here's your chance to get out and pick up rubbish from the harbour's foreshore. Sustainable Coastlines and SeaCleaners are joining forces to help communities around the harbour get out and clean up! Registration stations with supplies of bags, gloves and places to dispose of full bags will be located at Cornwallis, Waikowhai, Onehunga, Mangere Bridge, Weymouth and Clarks Beach. Join one of the groups leaving from these stations or organize a group yourself. Contact Fletcher Sunde at fletcher@sustainablecoastlines.org or Hayden Smith at network@seacleaners.com. Thanks to the Harbour Clean Up Trust and Watercare for dedicating SeaCleaners boat and personnel to the Manukau Harbour for three weeks in conjunction with Seaweek.

A hub of marine oriented nonprofit groups with information and special activities including for kids will be at Cornwallis Beach (Pine Ave). Come and join us for a free sausage and Phoenix drink between 11am and 3pm.



Love your coast Manukau Harbour 15 February – 18 March

Sustainable Coastlines is focusing on the Manukau Harbour this Seaweek. They are offering schools (across all age groups) the opportunity to receive a free educational presentation and an organized clean-up for students of a coastline or waterway on the Manukau Harbour. This is to educate and motivate students to look after their local foreshore. If you're interested in having Sustainable Coastlines visit your school or you wish to donate towards their activities, please visit www.sustainablecoastlines.org or contact Camden@sustainablecoastlines.org



More sewage going into the Harbour?

Watercare has initiated the South-West Wastewater Servicing Project to determine how to provide wastewater services to projected growth areas at Kingseat, Clarks Beach and Waiuku. Options for disposing of the treated wastewater include discharging it into the Manukau Harbour, piping it to the Tasman Sea for deep sea discharge or some form of reuse or discharge to land or groundwater. They intend to apply for a resource consent to discharge by June of this year.

The outcome of this project has tremendous implications for the future health of our harbour, especially the habitat of our shore and wading birds.

You can find out more about the project on www.watercare.co.nz and click on Work in your area and find South-West Wastewater Servicing Project or email southwest@water.co.nz

You can also click on the image below to read the whole PDF on the MHRS website

**An introduction to the...
South-West Wastewater
Servicing Project**

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In the coming years we're expecting more people to move to the Franklin area. As Franklin grows so does the demand for public services such as water and wastewater. Most of the communities in this area were recently connected to the water supply from the Māhuta water treatment plant in Tautau. Now we are looking at how we can best provide wastewater services.

Project overview

The South West Wastewater Servicing Project will look at the different ways we might be able to handle and treat the extra wastewater generated from growing communities in the Kingseat, Clarks Beach, Glenbrook Beach and Waiuku areas. We'll also be taking into consideration how the growth in the other areas of Franklin (for example Pukekohe) may need to be accounted for, but at the moment our focus will be on providing wastewater services to the communities mentioned above.

This project will be looking to identify the 'best practicable option' to manage the wastewater generated in these areas. This option will consider and balance environmental, cultural, operational and economic factors.

BEST PRACTICABLE OPTION - WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

In simple terms, the best practicable option for the South West Wastewater Servicing Project means the best option.

This would be the wastewater treatment and disposal method that balances a number of objectives, is affordable and protects our communities while also providing room for the environment and cultural values.

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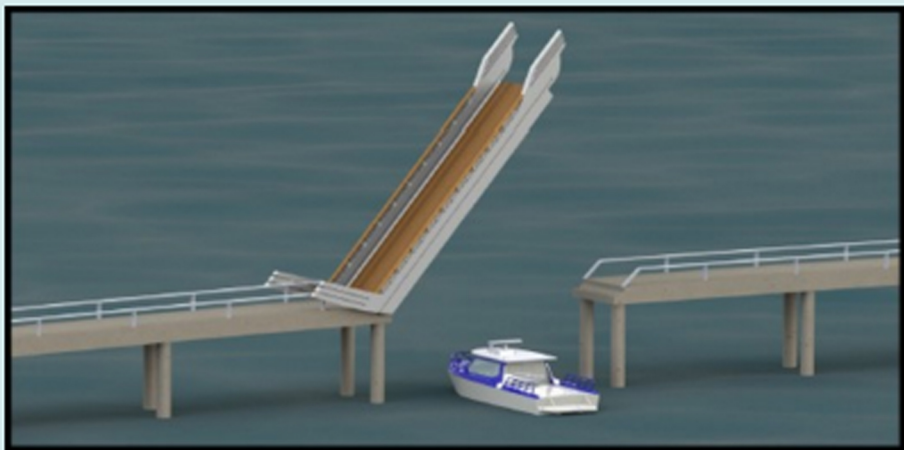
Have your say on the replacement Mangere Pedestrian Bridge

Hearing 7-8 March

Auckland Council has scheduled hearings on the resource consent for the replacement Mangere Bridge Pedestrian Bridge on 7 and 8th of March. MHRS is adamant that the bridge must be designed in concert with plans for the East West link and redevelopment of the Port of Onehunga. We also believe the design must contain a lifting section to allow boat access into the Mangere Inlet.

None of this is occurring.

You can find out more by reading the report [HERE](#) and to submit your comments please call Jim Jackson at 634.3776 or email jim@jackson.co.nz



Redeveloping the Port of Onehunga

MHRS is excited that Panuku Development Auckland (PDA) is moving forward to acquire the Port of Onehunga. PDA is beginning to talk with members of the community and affected agencies on the potential for the Port as well as other Council owned properties in the heart of Onehunga. MHRS, TOES and OBA are working with Councillor Denise Krum to ensure the diverse voices of the community are heard. Watch for an announcement of a community meeting in the near future.



Antisocial Behaviour at the new Onehunga Foreshore

We have been receiving reports of threatening and anti-social behaviour along the new foreshore as well as illegal dumping of rubbish. The foreshore is a tremendous community asset and we want to keep it an attractive and safe place for all residents. Please report any incidents you see or experience by ringing 111.



Membership Renewal

While we run MHRS on the proverbial NZ smell of an oily rag and countless volunteer hours, we do need funds to continue. Please would you renew your membership here or if you're not a member, please join or donate to our activities? It is easy – and cheap – to do. Visit our website and click on [JOIN](#) or [DONATE](#). Thank you so much!

