

Manurewa Local Board newsletter

December 2013



Psychoactive Substances

The Manurewa Local Board is near to completing a position paper to inform the Ministry of Health legislation on drugs and the restrictions on where they can be sold.



The board continues to be a strong advocate towards protecting our children and community from the harmful side effects of psychoactive substances.

The policy is another step forward in the board's long fight to stop the sale of legal highs.

Psychoactive substances or legal highs such as party pills and synthetic cannabis have recently been identified as having largely negative effects on user's physical and mental health. Medical experts are still unsure what the long term health impacts of these substances are.

District Licensing Committees



As a result of the remaining legislation under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 on 18 December 2013 District Licensing Committees will take the role of issuing liquor licences.

The Manurewa Local Board has taken a lead in advocating to Auckland Council on our communities views around liquor licensing including sinking lids and restrictions on RTD sales and advertising. Communities have a greater say in objections to liquor licences and should be taking the opportunity to have that say.

We will continue to work alongside Auckland Council in developing the Local Alcohol Policy.

Community Funding



Are you part of a local community group that requires funding?

Community group funding workshops will take place in the new year and will provide all the information on the broad range of Auckland Council funding available for community groups.

The workshop will take place on Tuesday, 4 February 2014, 10am-12noon at the Manurewa Library, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa.

RSVP ESSENTIAL: As numbers are limited.

For more information or to register:
phone Yongjie Li on 027 243 4398 or
email: yongjie.li@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Southern Cycleway Update

The board has made a submission on the major Southern Cycleway programme, addressing potential safety and community concerns.

It has voiced its strong preference for off road cycle lanes, which it believes is an important safety issue which needs to be addressed if the cycleway will be used by cyclists.

It believes that in order for the programme to be a success, a strong public campaign is needed to encourage people to use the cycleway as a viable and fun mode of transport.



Sculpture in the Gardens



Looking for something to do over the summer holidays?

Sculpture in the Gardens returns for a fourth summer at the Auckland Botanic Gardens! Sculpture in the Gardens is a free three month exhibition of 23 large scale sculptures by top New Zealand artists on a 2km garden trail through the spectacular Auckland Botanic Gardens.

There are loads of fun activities happening at the Gardens throughout the exhibition. Check out their website for more info.

Merry Christmas




All Manurewa Local Board members would like to wish our community a very happy, safe Christmas and joyous New Year.

In the new year we will be coming out to meet with you to discuss the next three year Board Plan for Manurewa - meeting venues and dates will be emailed out in January/February.

Also remember two free community events coming up, Manurewa Waitangi Day on Thursday 6 February at Mountfort Park and Elvis in the Park, Sunday 23 February 4pm at the Botanic Gardens.

Thank you for your support of the Local Board this year and we look forward to working for you again in 2014.







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**Next business meeting is on Thursday 13 February 2014 at 6.30pm
at the Manurewa Local Board office, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa**

Find out more:

To find out more about what is planned for your area and how you can play your part, please contact us:

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