

Henderson-Massey Local Board newsletter

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Let it snow, let it snow!

The final countdown has begun for Henderson-Massey Local Board's 'Snow in the Park' – a new free event which is set to become a regular feature on its winter calendar.

Truckloads of snow will be delivered from Snow Planet in Silverdale to the slopes of Massey's Royal Reserve, off Beauchamp Drive, to create a toboggan run and play area for all ages to enjoy.

'Snow in the Park' – on Saturday, 30 August, from 11am-4pm – will also feature a winter-themed stagewith music, acrobats and story tellers, plus a Land Zorb Race Track and Adrenaline Maze Obstacle Course.

Event partner Mai FM will be on hand with entertainment and giveaways, while one lucky local person or family will get to win a \$2000 Flight Centre ski holiday voucher thanks to our friends at BNZ West Auckland.

There will be a free sausage sizzle and Milos for children, while other food and drinks will be on sale.

"Everything is so expensive these days and we know it is important to provide events that help people have some good, old-fashioned family fun with no pressures around costs," says local board chair Vanessa Neeson.

"So get your gloves and gumboots on and we'll see you there!"

Pacific Wardens and other volunteers will be on hand to make sure everyone has a great time in a safe and friendly environment.

A big crowd is expected so arrive early and for more details on local parking and other event news go to [facebook.com/hendersonmassey](https://www.facebook.com/hendersonmassey).



Frisbee golf gets go-ahead

Henderson-Massey Local Board has given the green light for a frisbee golf course to be set up in Henderson Park.

The sport – known as disc golf – first emerged in the 1970s and shares with "ball golf" the object of completing each hole in the fewest number of strokes (or, in this case, the fewest number of throws).

The Frisbee is thrown from a tee area to a target – or basket – which is the "hole".

The board and council officers have worked with New Zealand Disc Golf to produce a concept plan for an 18-hole course at Henderson Park, the neighbouring Vintage Reserve and some green space located around the Corban Estate.

Frisbee golf is a fun, free activity for all ages, but placement of the first hole near the Corban Arts Estate Café will help encourage business and also provide an opportunity for people to hire out Frisbees.

Officers will now work with NZ Disc Golf on a timeline for construction of the course.

For more information on the sport, go to discgolf.co.nz

Local Board Plan: next steps

A big 'thank you' to all those who turned up to meetings and submitted to our draft Local Board Plan.

The next steps are as follows:

- Aug-Sept 2014: Hearings
- Aug-Sept 2014: Decisions
- October 2014: Local Board Plans adopted
- December 2014: Local Board Plans published.



Putting community safety first

Local people and businesses have made it clear they want to lead the development of a community safety plan for Henderson.

Over the next few months, council staff will be working closely with you to find out what should be in the plan and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on this important piece of work.

Board members have already started the ball rolling in other areas and have created a list of urgent community safety actions in the wake of tragic recent incidents.

This includes regular updates between the local board chair, police and other security organisations.

We are also making progress on the installation of CCTV cameras in the town centre with a study that looks at crime blackspots in Henderson.

In addition, the police are working to establish a Henderson Community Patrol group. To find out more about being part of afternoon or early evening patrols, please contact the Henderson Community Constable, Debi Leahy, on 021 191 4049.

Bringing businesses together

The board is also focused on the creation of a business association for the Henderson-Lincoln Road Metro area.

This was one of the key outcomes of a recent meeting with Mayor Len Brown, local board members and the business community which looked at Henderson town centre issues, ways of enhancing the area and improving the local economy.

The board has funded Sue Kohn-Taylor as a facilitator to get the association up and running and she says there is great enthusiasm and support for the project.

A business event is planned for the first week of September and if you are interested in finding out more, please contact the local board office on 09 839 3373.

Once a business association is formed, options will be explored for Henderson and Lincoln Road to join the Business Improvement District Partnership Programme (BIDPP), which operates across the Auckland region and represents over 25,000 businesses.

Under the programme, businesses vote collectively to invest in improvements to enhance their local business environment.

Following support for this approach, the council collects a targeted rate and works with the businesses to implement these changes.



Vanessa Neeson (third from left, front) with board members, staff and Pacific Wardens at the presentation evening

Pacific Wardens honoured

Wardens from the Wāitakere Pacific Wardens Trust have been recognised for the contribution they make to community safety in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area.

Since their first patrol in 2009, the Pacific Wardens have been a regular and reassuring presence around Henderson and at a number of high-profile local events.

The wardens were each given certificates of appreciation at a local board meeting and chair Vanessa Neeson paid tribute to the role they play.

"These wonderful people have made a real difference over the past five years and will carry on doing so as we increase our focus on community safety and ensure this really is a great place to live, work and play," she said.

Wardens who received certificates were: Denis LEUII SEIULIALII, Lonetona Vaomu TOAILOAISARA, Saumani TIAI, Siopé 'ATAONGO, Airi HUNT, Sala FALELUA, Felix ALEFAIO, Samson FUALALO, Joshua Marqus FALELUA-MALI'O, Victor FAUMUI, William FAUMUI, Taulangalanga (Misi) NOUE, Bill NOUE, Laki SAUNOA-UTUMAPU, Winston WITHAJONKUL, Ladmir TAULAGI, Alo-Leuatea VA'AFUSUAGA, Tanielu SAVEA, Silia MAINU'U, Usa BALEILAUTOKA, Matilda HOHENBERGER, Viliamu KEY, Puga LEKASSA, Michael PALMER, Junior TOELAU, Folau GANNAVIHAKA, Croz NANAI, Joseph NANAI, Sinapati OSA, Mikaele SIPITI, Juliet NANAI, George IOSEFA, Anehi TUAU, Raymond Pua, Mark ATOA.

Shutting out psychoactive substances

Council has been working on a draft Local Approved Product Policy which will set out rules dictating where retail outlets selling psychoactive substances can operate.

Henderson-Massey Local Board has been particularly vocal in the fight against 'legal highs' and has played a key role in providing feedback on the draft plan.

At a recent meeting, they recommended the following changes before the final draft is approved to go out for formal public consultation in November.

- sale is not to be allowed in areas with a deprivation index score of 7 or higher (8, 9, 10 are the bottom 30 per cent of deprivation scores)
- sale is not allowed within 500m of neighbourhood centres as defined by council's draft Unitary Plan
- or within 500m of schools, kindergartens, churches, mental health or addiction treatment centres, or existing psychoactive substance retail outlets.

The local board also supports a total ban on all psychoactive substances and encourages continued dialogue with central government on the issue.

Once all local board feedback is received, the final draft LAPP will go before council's Regional Strategy and Policy Committee for sign-off in early October.



Ranui Library arts project

Ranui residents and community groups went along to the new Ranui library site on 16 and 17 August to lend a hand in creating an artwork inspired by the Waitākere Ranges and Ranui's agricultural heritage.

Artist Nic Moon is incorporating clay-pigment handprints in to her work, Earth Forest, which will adorn the living room walls of the new library.

"It's exciting to see the library nearing completion and it was really special for locals to say they literally had a hand in part of the final creation," says local board chair Vanessa Neeson.

People were being invited to dip their hands into clay paint made from locally gathered pigments and place their personal handprints on a stencilled wall. The stencil was then removed, leaving a soft, fossil-like forest effect.

"I was inspired by the great forests of the Waitākere Ranges for this piece," says Nic Moon.

"The central focus is a series of old shovels incised (or cut) with indigenous plant leaf-skeleton patterns referencing the area's history of gardeners, farmers and orchardists and the work being done by the community today to restore local ecosystems."

The local board is now looking forward to the official opening of the new library on Saturday, 4 October.





The formalities will begin at 10am and will be followed by an afternoon of fun for the community.



Community members help create Nic Moon's artwork at the new Ranui Library.

Feel free to join us at any upcoming Henderson-Massey Local Board meetings.
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