

Newsletter

Whau Local Board



Whau Day Out

Whau Day Out featured Katchafire playing for the very first time in the Whau at Riversdale on Saturday. People enjoyed a fun filled but very wet day. The stage had to be shut down temporarily but fortunately the sun came back out. The performers went all out and there was a fantastic vibe leading up to Katchafire. A big local board 'thank you' to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

Help shape playgrounds at Blockhouse Bay and Ambrico Reserve

Playgrounds at Blockhouse Bay Recreation Reserve and Ambrico Reserve are being upgraded through Auckland Council's playground renewal programme. Give your feedback on the playground design and equipment at shapeauckland.co.nz from 6 to 24 April 2015.

Green flag flying high at Olympic Park

Olympic Park in New Lynn received an international green flag recognising it as one of the best parks in the world. Judges applauded the clever design created from a clear vision, the dedicated community support and the way the park meets the needs of a wide range of users. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for more about this premier park which has level access throughout; a playground, sports fields, velodrome and much more.

Tsunami siren testing at Waitākere beaches

Tsunami warning sirens are tested at the beginning and end of daylight savings to make sure they're working well. Sirens will sound from midday Sunday, 5 April at Bethells Te Henga, Piha, Karekare, Huia, Little Huia, Whatipu, Herald Island, Westpark Marina, Harrier Point, Te Atatu Peninsula North and Harbour View Road. To find out more and to hear the siren, visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/civildefence

New changing facility for Sister Rene Shadbolt Park

Board Chair Catherine Farmer and Lloyd Dowd from the New Lynn Suburbs Rugby Club turned the first sod for a new facility for sports teams and park users. The club is contributing \$250,000 of the \$1.6m with the balance coming from the local board. The new changing rooms and toilets are expected to open in August.

Apply now for a community grant

Small grants of up to \$1,000 are available for people running small free community events in the local board area. Apply now for a [Whau Quick Response Grant](#). Applications close at 5pm on 30 June.

Anzac Day Parades and Services

Visit the [Auckland Council website](#) from mid-April for details of all the Anzac Day events, including parade assembly and service start times, as well as road-closure information.