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CHARITABLE TRUST



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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



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To the Papakura Local Board

The 'Eye on Nature' event is in its sixth year.

'Eye on Nature' (EON) is a bespoke event that promotes sustainable practices in its activities and encourages their adoption by the audience to instigate more sustainable behavior at home and school.

Our vision is to 'Plant a seed and grow a young mind' to engage positively in on-going environmental activities. Eye on Nature is about seeing our children grow a deeper understanding and appreciation of the fundamental processes that support life on the planet and to become Tiaki/guardians of their living environment.

The theme for 2018 is 'Nurturing our Forests Together' Whakatipuria to Tātou Waonui ā Tāne ngātahi ai, and explores the importance of the many life forms in the forest, the natural compost floor, healthy trees, native life, pests, predators and how it all intricately works together.

Eye on Nature is a free event. It is the Trust's desire to make it accessible for all to attend and to grow the message of biodiversity in our own backyard and the part each one of us can play.

Over three school-only days April 10th, 11th & 12th the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust and our programme partners deliver educational activities for many schools throughout the Auckland Southern Region, with 500 students attending from 48 primary schools.

Eye on Nature Family Day Saturday 14th April, 2018 opens the event up to the wider community with the same educational messages for families to attend. We not only want to educate our children, we also want commitment from the parents and the wider community.

In 2017 we saw over 11,000 people attend the event.

Outcome to the Local Board:

- 1) EON teaches Kaitiakitanga, leading to community led environmental initiatives.
- 2) EON engages with all age groups on both the School and Family day. We utilise specialist environmental educators to deliver the event's messages. Schools are invited to enter the various competitions, this allows the locally diverse cultures to express their messages through the arts bringing about connectedness, helping create thriving communities.
- 3) EON is a free event making it accessible to all.

Benefits to the community:

- 1) Educating our next generation on the importance of caring for their environment.
- 2) Protecting our environment by upping our efforts to recycle, re-use and reduce waste.
- 3) Connecting families to professional environmental organisations to see how they can become involved.
- 4) Getting students involved in their local community.
- 5) Young people are our future generation we need to reduce the outdoor/nature deficit disorder to heal the relationship between nature and our young, because our mental, physical and spiritual health depends upon it.
- 6) Inspiring a sense of pride, respect and responsibility.

The Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust is writing to seek your support by way of funding the event with the amount of \$2,000.00

This will go toward the cost of the three educational school days, infrastructure for the event, competition prizes and entertainment.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Carney
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