



URBAN ARK MANAWA TAI AO

Nature in the city

In our November newsletter...

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Help staff our festival stalls

During November Urban Ark – Manawa Taiao will be at two festivals:

Sandringham Spring Festival (Saturday 7 November)

Grey Lynn Park Festival (Saturday 21 November)

We'd love a hand. Can you spare a couple of hours on either of those days? You don't need to be a biodiversity expert, just enthusiastic about giving our native species a chance. We'll also be building rat tunnels and playing some games.

Contact Paul Whitfield on paul@urbanark.nz



Dates for your calendar

There's lots going on this month and next. For more details check out the [Events page](#) on our website or our [Facebook events](#).

NOVEMBER

Sandringham Spring Festival – Saturday 7 November, 9am–4pm

Bullock Track Bush weeding bee – Sunday 15 November, 10am

Litter Clean Up - Oakley Creek Te Auaunga – Thursday 19 Nov, 10am–2pm. See our listing [here](#).

Contact

Conservation Volunteers NZ on info@cva.org.au to get involved

Bat Walk Chamberlain Park Fringe – Thursday 19 November (7.30pm to 9pm) with Ben Paris

Grey Lynn Park Festival – Saturday 21 November, 9.30am–6pm

Urban Ark get-together – Tuesday 24 November, 6.30–8.30pm. Presentation on Effective Communication with Cat Companions

Festival Weekend – 28 and 29 November. Details [here](#)

DECEMBER

Bat Walk Western Springs Lakeside Park and Stadium – Thursday 3 December (7.30–9pm)

Bat Walk Jagger's Bush / Seddon Fields / Meola Creek – Monday 7 December (7.30–9pm)

Bat Walk Oakley Creek Te Auaunga (south) – Thursday 10 December (8–9.30pm)

Bat Walk Oakley Creek Te Auaunga (north end) – Monday 14 December (8–9.30pm)



Get your images seen (even admired)!

We're quite attached to the kōtare (NZ kingfisher) in our logo and on our [home page](#). We're creating a gallery of kōtare images for our website. Please send yours to paul@urbanark.nz. Due credit will be given.

If you've got other images of native biodiversity in inner west Auckland we'd love to feature those too -- birds, invertebrates, flora, or just scenes from our hood.

Mayoral Conservation Awards

Nominations for the mayor's Conservation Awards close at 5pm today (Wednesday 4 November). Check out the categories and how to nominate your local conservation hero [here](#).

Shackleton Road going rat-free!

An enthusiastic bunch of residents in Mount Eden's Shackleton Road bonded during lockdown and decided they'd like to keep the rat numbers down in their neighbourhood. With the help of Urban Ark they got themselves the materials and tools to build their own rat trapping tunnels.

Last Sunday, about a dozen locals gathered and



spent a couple of hours building 20 tunnels, to be fitted with Victor Pro rat traps.

Main organiser, Joanne Harland, set the group up on Trap.nz so everyone can record their catches.

This is a great example of a small community coming together for a worthwhile cause, and making it fun. If you think your local community would benefit for something similar we'll be able to help set you up. Contact [Paul Whitfield](#).



Voting is now open!

Just like last year you have five votes to rank your top five birds.

Follow #BirdoftheYear and [vote here](#).

Voting doesn't close until 15 November, but why not do it now? It only takes 5 minutes

Looking for work in biosecurity?

Auckland Council are recruiting for temporary on-the-ground roles educating the public about serious biosecurity issues, including kauri dieback disease, rodents and plague skinks. Check out the job description [here](#).



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