



MILFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Milford Beach. *Auckland Weekly News*, 27 March 1913.
Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries.

Volunteers needed for one hour for the second Wairau Estuary Community Clean-up!

“An After Work Event”

Thursday 16th February 5:15pm to 6:30pm

Milford Residents Assn is organising a rubbish pick-up for the head of the Wairau Estuary. We will cover the mangroves opposite the Milford Mall – Omana Road.

We are especially inviting householders who live close to the estuary and may not be Association members but would like to participate.

Clean-up will just take **one hour**

The area covered will include the estuary banks and mangrove areas

- Small items of rubbish will be collected in re-usable bags
- No heavy lifting required
- We will provide gloves and collection bags – courtesy of Sustainable Coastlines
- Wear old clothes and sturdy footwear you are prepared to get wet and muddy. Lace-up shoes or close-fitting gumboots
- Safety briefing at 5:15pm
- Children under the age of 12 will need to be supervised by a parent
- The clean-up will occur if it is a showery day. In the event of heavy rain, we will cancel the event.

**Meet 5:15pm at the reserve between 3 East Coast Rd and the
Wairau Bridge.**

If you want to take part, please advise

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mobile 0272 547151 or 489 4378 by 14 February 2017.

MRA member, Barrie Mason, is involved with the Lake Pupuke walkway residents group and he manages the rat bait line along the lake edge between Sylvan and Henderson Parks. His article brings members up to date with the group's activities and is a reminder for us to enjoy this gem during the summer months.

Milford's Lakeside Walk

Located between Sylvan and Henderson Parks in Milford is a Wetland Nature Reserve. From January to August each year, this is a level grassed walkway connecting the two parks.

For the last four months of the year (1 September to 31 December), the walkway is closed to the public being the designated breeding season for the bird-life that inhabits Lake Pupuke. This relatively sheltered area becomes a real nursery as swans, coots, pukeko and ducks nurture their new born and introduce them to the water.

Currently a white goose and two Canada geese seem to enjoy being together on the lake and the land where they are aggressive foragers of grass and at times quite bossy. Just prior to Christmas a flock of 16 Canada geese visited the lake.

Auckland Council has enlisted the support of adjoining walkway residents to help maintain the walkway and assist with planting Council supplied grasses and trees. This work is on-going. Dogs are not allowed on the walkway at any time and cycling is also prohibited.

From Sylvan Park, more agile walkers can walk around the lake edge from the end of Pierce Road to pass beside the Milford Tennis Club courts and then carry along the boardwalk past the end of Fenwick Avenue to finally reach the Water Wise facility attached to Milford Primary School and exit on to Otakau Road.

We are fortunate to live in an area where not only do we have a lovely beach to enjoy but we also have easy access to a beautiful fresh water environment.



A coot (bottom left) with two chicks, three swans in attendance.

Milford Business Association invites everyone to Vive la France – Milford Market Day Saturday 11th Feb – 10am to 3pm

Vive la France! Back for 2017, bigger, brighter and even more elegantly French!

With quality market stalls filling the street, authentic French DJs playing for an outdoor cafe setting on our beautiful boulevard, plenty of entertainment for kids, our favourite roaming French clown – JP - as well as French culture and language workshops. Plus for the boys (plus the boys at heart), we will also have a selection of French cars, both vintage & new! This year you may take part in a snail race, so get your snails into training and remember to bring them along.

Thanks to the generous team at helloworld Milford, we also have a massive \$1000 travel prize which will be drawn at 2pm on the main stage. Details on how to enter are on our website www.milfordshops.co.nz. It's certain to be a day of sophistication and fun, so we will see you there!