

Donkey Serenade

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Greetings, it's that time of year again when we celebrate 'People in Parks' in conjunction with Auckland Council. Again our donkeys will be centre stage, and give rides to the children.

Saturday 7th March 2020 11:00am - 2:00pm

Everyone is most welcome and to join in the fun or just to watch. Bring your friends and neighbours along and enjoy a **Free BBQ lunch** with us.

A big thank you to those members who have renewed their annual **subscription of \$10 per family**. Your subscription is most encouraging to the Committee and gives us confidence when working with the Council.

To any new members or those who have forgotten to renew, our bank details are: ASB: 12 3095 0254516 00



The following pictures recapture our 'Christmas with the Donkeys' held at Highfield Garden Reserve. A big thank you to all the Volunteers and Auckland Council who made the day possible.



Committee members decorate the fig tree for our Christmas Fun Day.



Children and parents enjoyed all the fun of the races.



Our local Librarian found shade under an apple tree and read stories to young and old



The Donkeys were again the highlight of the day - looking resplendent with all the care and grooming they receive.



Santa arrived in MG style to the delight of the crowd.



The Time Capsule included copies of our historic documents and photographs. It will be opened in 50 year's time.

It's not very often one comes across books written about donkeys, however, 'Anzac Day' by Philippa Werry. is a great children's read and will soon be most applicable.

While 'Running with Sherman' by Christopher McDougall, is the story of Sherman a mistreated donkey who eventually went on to win races, help young people with depression, an autistic child plus have a number of other adventures. At times its humour had me laughing out loud. The book highlights our human need for nature - in all its aspects plus our social needs - I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and would recommend both books to all ages.

Till next time,

Shona Duncan