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## Event Details

### Rangitoto Island Coastal Clean-up Monday 6 December 2010

Rubbish flows into Waitemata Harbour from the storm drains and waterways of Auckland City on a daily basis. A significant amount of this debris is transported by the prevailing southwesterly winds and heavily affects Rangitoto Island: a location directly in the firing line of the daily flow. Over numerous planning visits we have witnessed a consistent and considerable amount of marine debris on Rangitoto's shores. As an uninhabited island, the location is perfect for making an example of how human activity is impacting our coastal environment.

On Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December up to 1920 people will come out to Rangitoto Island to remove rubbish from its coastlines. A large proportion of the participants are local school students and the focus for the event is for it to be fun and educational for all involved.

Volunteers and school groups will be split into teams, with each team allocated a set area of the coast to clean, marked clearly on a map. Each team will also be allocated a team leader, who will ensure that timings are strictly adhered to. We aim for each person to have an hour cleaning up the coast, 20 minutes in an educational presentation, 15 minutes health and safety briefing and have sufficient time to walk and enjoy the scenery on this beautiful island.

### Getting to and from Rangitoto Island

Chartered Fuller's ferries will be used to transport people from Queen's Wharf in downtown Auckland, (see location on Google Map – <http://goo.gl/LW6QS>) which we will have to ourselves for the day, with no hazards present from the current construction project there. Loading here will assist with the implementation of bio-security measures that are strict on Rangitoto as it is a pest free, controlled area.

#### Getting there:

All volunteers must meet at Queen's Wharf at 8:20am on the morning of Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December for registration. A considerable amount of free, secure car parking will be available to volunteers right next to where the ferries depart from Queen's Wharf. Ferries will be departing from 9am. Thanks to generous support from Fullers Ferries and the old Auckland City Council, **FERRY TRANSFERS ARE FREE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!**



### **Getting back:**

Ferries will be returning from the island back to Queen's Wharf, arriving between 1.30 and 4.30pm.

### **What to bring**

- Sturdy shoes – Rangitoto Island is made of volcanic rock that can be sharp and loose. You will need to wear closed toe sturdy shoes (such as tramping boots, sneakers, or sports shoes).
- Warm clothes – While this event is during summer, New Zealand weather is unpredictable. It is essential that you bring at least one warm jersey or jumper and a rain jacket.
- Sun hat
- Sun cream
- Lunch and snacks such as scroggin (we would appreciate minimal disposable packaging)
- Water bottle filled with sufficient water for a hot day – drinking water is extremely difficult to access on the Island.

### **Health and Safety information**

We will follow an ROSA audited Health and Safety plan: the most comprehensive quality control for outdoor Health and Safety plans that exists in New Zealand.

We will follow a 1:4 adult–children ratio at this event; all adults that participate help us to fulfill this ratio. Some volunteers will be invited to be team leaders, and each team leader will be provided with high-visibility clothing for easy identification. Team leaders will be present a Health and Safety briefing along with other relevant instructions to their teams. They will also be in contact with the necessary parties in the unlikely case of an emergency, including:

- The National Health and Safety manager, who will be on location at Rangitoto Island throughout the event
- St Johns paramedic staff
- The Coastguard
- Boat support (*The Phil Warren*)

Contact will be made either via cellphone, VHF radio or a practical signaling system. The emergency protocol is:

1. Phone 111 if it is a critical emergency.
2. If not, phone the Health and Safety manager by cellphone (contact details to



- be provided to team leaders).
3. Contact the Health and Safety manager by VHF radio.
  4. Tie a white empty rubbish sack to a stick and wave in the air (if there is no cellphone reception nor VHF radio available at that exact point). *The Phil Warren* will be circumnavigating the island looking out for such a signal. If this happens, the location will be relayed to the Health and Safety manager and assistance will be provided within a response time goal of 15 minutes.

## Rubbish collection logistics

All the rubbish collected by participants will be consolidated into sealable bulk bags for transportation and wherever possible brought to Rangitoto Wharf (maps will be provided). The *Love your Coast* team will collect these sacks with the assistance of *The Phil Warren* and *The Facilitator*. We aim to have all rubbish removed from the island by 8:30pm on the day of the event.

After the clean-up we will audit all rubbish collected through the help of the Department of Corrections and community workers. This information will provide a scientific base for the development of educational resources and valuable knowledge for the wider community. All sacks will be washed by the community workers and then donated to schools, community groups and government departments that want to use them for ongoing coastal clean-up activities.

Audited results will be shared openly and freely with the public through the [www.loveyourcoast.org](http://www.loveyourcoast.org) and [www.sustainablecoastlines.org](http://www.sustainablecoastlines.org) websites, increasing our communities' knowledge about the state of our coastlines. Further material (such as a DIY resource kit for organising and promoting clean-ups) will be developed on these websites with the aim of encouraging the ongoing protection of our coastlines through volunteer work and community awareness.

## Where to from here?

### Register as a volunteer

If you want to volunteer at the event, simply click here <http://goo.gl/ttqQA> to register online and we'll be in touch to confirm your participation. **Please ensure that all volunteers you are communicating on behalf of fill this in – this is a health and safety requirement.**

### Further information

If you need any further information, please check the [www.loveyourcoast.org](http://www.loveyourcoast.org) website. Call (09) 948 8454 or email [auckland@loveyourcoast.org](mailto:auckland@loveyourcoast.org) if you have any further questions.