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Jazz and Food & Wine Festival a Resounding Success

Once again the sun shone for Mangere Bridge's Autumn Festival Weekend.

Some people came from as far afield as Whangaparoa to join the several hundred people who were there to enjoy a great night's entertainment provided by some absolutely top quality bands at the Jazz Festival on the Saturday evening, even though it was somewhat cooler than last year.

Manukau City Mayor, Len Brown, attended and congratulated the Business Association on its achievements and commented that Mangere Bridge was the most successful Business Improvement District in Manukau.



The Food and Wine Festival on the Sunday was a resounding success with some thousands attending throughout the day.

Long lines of children queued for the train, as well as the pony and cart rides, while the Barnados Big Toddle Penguin was a hit with the littlies.

For the second time in a row the Prime Minister attended the event, drawing attention to the friendly atmosphere and the obvious delight of the large crowd who were sampling



the variety of foods and wines on display. Morris dancing, two top class bands as well as the Sweet Adelines entertained the crowd throughout the day.



Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

The Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club welcomed four new members - Gloria Maugham, Emily Reece, and Helen and Neil Robinson.

The Club is always delighted to see new players and suggest that if you would like to do something different on a Wednesday night you couldn't do better than come along to the Plunket Indoor Bowling Club and give it a go.

Championship winners so far this year are-

Triples

1st Charlie Toft, Maryanne Stipich, Zac Smith

R/up David Ward, Merv Hayward, Judy Maguire

Mixed Pairs

1st Charlie Toft, Jean Carey

R/up Ian Price, Judy Maguire

Manukau and Auckland Championships

Manukau Fours

R/up Murray Keesing, Marilyn Baskiville, Ian Price
Averyl Jolly

Auckland Triples

R/up Murray Keesing, Marilyn Baskiville, Ian Price

Zac Smith the Club's junior is doing very well and recently played for Manukau Association in a representative game against Thames Valley, Hamilton and Western Association winning most of his games.

If you require more information please contact the President Charlie Toft on 622 3254 or the Secretary Marilyn Baskiville on 634 2241

What's on at the Bridge

Every Wed	Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Every Thu	Bridge Art Group 9am to Noon Memorial Hall
2nd Sun's	Sunday Walking
Every Wed	Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Wed	Brownies 6 - 7.30pm
Mon	Guides 6 - 8pm
Every Mon	CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm Methodist Church Hall
Mon	W.I. second Monday of the month
Cub Scouts	Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 7 1/2 - 10 1/2 years
Kea Scouts	Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm 5 1/2 - 7 1/2 years
Scouts	Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm 10 1/2 - 14 1/2 years
Mon/Tue/Thu	Plunket Playgroup 9.00am - 11.30pm
Mon	Plunket Toy Library 11.30am - 12.15pm
Sat	Plunket Toy Library 10.30am - 11.30pm
Mon/Thu	Plunket Car Seat Rentals 12.45 - 2.45pm Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road, M/Bridge
Tue - Thur	Mangere Bridge Walking group 9:00am
Mon, Wed, Fri	Mangere Bridge Playcentre 9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
3rd Wed	R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall
Every Fri	Sing-a-long Storytime 10.30am Library
Mon/Wed	Senior Citizens Housie, 1.00pm Bridge Crt Hall
Mon	St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm
Wed	Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Last Tues	Cafe Church at Latin Coffee 7.00pm
Wed	Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre
Art & Craft	1st & 3rd Saturday of the month Village Sq Market
1st Thu	Senior Citizens Travel Club, Day Trips every first Thursday Phone 634 1062
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Festival Acknowledgements

Funding: MB Sports & Cultural Society
South Auckland Charitable Trust, Mangere
Community Board, Bridge Park Bowling Club

Sponsorship: Harcourts - Miniature Train,
United Video - Pony & Cart Rides

Face Painting: Anisha, Montessori Pre School -

Hats & Balloons: ASB - **Big Toddle Penguin:**

Barnados - **Street Flags:** MB Yacht Club -

Flyers: MB Walking Group - **Tree Light Repairs:**

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Village Happenings

Hello everyone, *with Carol Anne*

I read recently in the NZ Herald a report regarding the V8 Supercar Races in Hamilton; "These sorts of city-centre carnivals are about bringing people together, meeting challenges providing new experiences..."

This successful event required substantial road closures for three days. Our Autumn Festival was similar in that there was major disruption due to the required road closure and restricted parking arrangements for safety reasons, resulting in several businesses losing trade.

To acknowledge their valuable contribution toward the huge success of the event could I please encourage you to support the shops at the McIntyre end of Coronation Road by giving them some extra trade over the next few weeks.

Stone Sculpture

Key stakeholders requested local artists for this project be chosen and both Gordon Toi and George Nuku, world renowned Maori Master carver's were nominated. The key stakeholders brief for the artworks was adopted by both artists.

Parks were asked if Naomi & Bill Kirk Park could be an appropriate site for the last piece to be installed. The garden closest to the footpath was seen as a potential site as it was the only remaining option due to underground services and traffic issues. Parks assumed the Community Board was involved in the consultation therefore confirmation from them was not sought when in fact it should have been.

Recent statistics show that 66% of the community do not feel safe in the Village after dark. The daisy bushes in the park tend to grow too high, preventing a clear view across the park (men and boys urinate behind them). Their replacement with lower bedding plants and more roses was seen as desirable and in line with Manukau City Council's Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Policy.

Bearing in mind that the piece of sculpture representing the many species of birds on the Manukau was vandalized, the proposed sculpture would be better lit by the streetlights and be more visible.

Discussions are currently underway with regard to the suitability of this site.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Busy Term for Waterlea School

The students at Waterlea are back after a well deserved break.

Last term highlights for the pupils included visits to the Mangere Bridge Library by some classes to encourage life long skills in reading. The school appreciates the work that the Mangere Bridge librarians do for the children both in school time as well as during the holidays.

The Principal and staff offer their special thanks to Bryan Marsh from Counties Manukau Sport for providing the fun in the Top Schools Activities for the schools middle and senior children.



This year was Waterlea's turn to organise the Interschool's Sports Day in which over 600 children

participated. The girl's softball team had a fantastic day showing not only fair play but not once did they give up. While they won most of their games they were unfortunate not to make a top two place.

The boy's softball team however are to be congratulated on achieving a second place in their competition.

Both the Waterlea A and the B cricket teams competed in the interschool competition. Both teams took second place and while the A team won all their games convincingly they lost the trophy on the run rate.

Not only did the teacher coaches give up many a lunch hour to prepare the teams, parental support was tremendous.

The schools PTA is organising another fund raising opportunity for people wanting a bargain while enjoying some fun. Entertainment Books, for those who are interested in ordering them, can be obtained by calling Julie bell on 634 5581

Lynlee Misilisi was welcomed as a co-opted member to the BOT. Lynlee will look after the Health and Safety portfolio as well as provide the Board with guidance from a Maori perspective.

Come In Out Of The Rain

The Silver Sneakers say 'Come on in out of the Rain'

This group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am in the Onehunga Senior Citizens Hall, 3 Pearce Street, Onehunga.

The Silver Sneakers promote - Gentle rhythmic exercise to improve co-ordination and balance - Dance to sharpen the mind - Music to lighten the spirit - Safe-as-houses resistance exercises to keep the bones strong - and a Range of motion exercises to oil the joints.

The first class is FREE then the cost is a \$4 donation per class.

If you require any further information please contact Kimi by phoning (09) 630 0629

TERM 2 MATHS FUN

Preschoolers Maths Fun at Mangere Bridge School Library, Wednesdays 9 - 10.30am

14 May - Number Knowledge 21 May - Shapes

28 May - Construction 4 June - Patterns

11 June - Halves and quarters 18 June - Measurement 25 June - Number Knowledge

Mangere Bridge Security Report

Whilst the statistics indicate minimal crime over the last month or two, we are aware that there have been a number of incidents including a gang fight, threatening behavior, an attempted break-in, business's left insecure and minor offenses.

Historically, we normally see a spike in crime at the onset of winter as the various low life's take advantage of the extended periods of darkness and the inclement weather. ICON security staff have been reminded of the need for extra vigilance, however all shop owners need to also take ownership of their own security.

Now is the time to check your external lighting and sensors and to ensure that all windows and doors are well secured and protected.

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OLDEST REGISTRAR FINALLY RETIRES

Registrar of Electors from the Manukau electoral office, held a farewell lunch recently to say goodbye to their fellow Registrar. Registrar's came from Hamilton, and other electoral offices in the Auckland area, along with some past Registrars.



At aged 74, Moyra Peckston, Registrar of Electors for the Mangere Electoralate finally decided it was time to retire after looking after the Mangere roll for 28 years. Moyra has lived in Mangere since 1970 and has seen a great deal of change in the area over that time.

When Moyra first started working for the Post Office as an Electoral Clerk the Mangere roll was only 16,650, and for a long time it remained the smallest general roll in New Zealand.

Moyra became the Mangere Registrar in 1987 and the roll steadily increased until last year when it reached 40,498, prior to the boundary changes. At that time there were 19 general electorate's with lower rolls, so Moyra was very disappointed to find the Mangere roll back at the bottom again after the boundaries were changed.

There have been many changes with the computer system over the years and helping to keep the roll up to date and accurate has been a big part of Moyra's life. She was sad to leave and will miss the contact with the Mangere organizations and voters. Moyra said hopefully the total of voters enrolled on the Mangere roll will increase over the next few months, during the campaign for the General Election. There will be a mail out on 5th May, to everyone enrolled on the Electoral roll. Everyone who receives a pack in the May mail out should check their details to ensure they're up to date – only respond if these need changing.

If you need to update your details, fill in the form, then sign, date and return it by the required date. If you didn't receive an enrollment update pack you are not ready to vote. You need to enroll – its quick and easy to do.

Freephone 0800- Enroll Now 0800 36 76 56, or Free text your name and address to 3676, or online or check your details online at www.elections.org.nz or go to a Postshop.

Edible Learning Garden at Mangere Bridge School

One of the 'New' things for children to value in the curriculum is; **Ecological sustainability**: which includes care for the environment.

At Mangere Bridge School they have been doing this for many years. They take their own rubbish home, recycle other rubbish, the children's water fountains dispense filtered water, there is a place to fill water bottles and their gardening club is growing its own food.

Most exciting for them is that their edible learning garden is growing.

In 2007 award winning garden designer, Xanthe White took the original group's thoughts about vegetable gardens and learning and crafted these ideas into a plan for a garden that would help teach the children.

Phil and Jaime from Rescape Land Designs are working with Xanthe's design and with their great team of workers are building the schools garden.

Soon the children will be able to grow their vegetables and continue to learn about the world of plants, the growing of their food, working as a team, observing nature, eating healthy as well as the way in which they can connect to a living earth that is healthy and alive.

The schools Small Poppies programme for gifted children still operates on Friday mornings. Contact the school office on 636 7304 for the contact number of the teacher.

Mangere Women's Institute

With Autumn upon them the meeting opened with quite a few members sending in their apologies.

The weather was not very nice but this was compensated by the warm friendly atmosphere of the attending members.

The games of Housie were enjoyed as usual by the members, perhaps even more so by the member who won four cards. Winning three in a row she swapped one card with a friend and a little later won with that one too. How lucky can a person get?

At the meeting which then took place those gathered were told that Daphne had sold her house and will be shifting to Christchurch in June to be closer to her family. Daphne will be missed by all.

President June told the meeting that instead of the usual Hot Soup Day as a mid-winter luncheon, this year there will be a surprise outing instead. The meeting agreed that this was a great idea.

More will be revealed closer to the day.

The speaker for the day was Dr Trevor Stone of Stone Chiropractic, based in Mangere Bridge. Arriving at the hall with a "Backbone" he demonstrated how the nervous system down the centre of the spinal column can be affected and the resulting pain felt in other parts of your body. After what proved to be an interesting talk Dr Stone answered questions put to him from the floor.

At the conclusion of the address Dr Stone, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter, was thanked and presented with a basket of fresh fruit.

The "Skite Table" as usual was heavy with goodies for the Kidz First Hospital, Plunket etc. This table continues to perform magnificently thanks to those members who do so much knitting and sewing for those who are less fortunate.

The next meeting will take place on Monday the

12th May at the St James' Church Hall, Church Road, Mangere Bridge, beginning with the Social hour at 10.30am and followed by lunch and the meeting at 12.30pm.

For further information please phone President June O'Neill on 636 9790

Thought for the month:-

*If you have ever planted a seed,
you know the power of promise of hope.*

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MANGERE BRIDGE RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS

At the April meeting of the Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association those attending were told that the association will be making a submission in response to the Manukau City Council's Draft Annual Plan.

In addition clarification will be sought from both the Manukau City Council and the Housing Corporation about rumours of plans for low cost housing in Mangere.

It was also reported that at a meeting organised by the Maungakiekie Community Board planners from Auckland City Council consulted community representatives re the future development of Onehunga. Several things became apparent at this meeting:

Local residents see Onehunga and Mangere Bridge as one community. This is of some importance given the current review of the governance of the Auckland Region.

Two, the development of SH20 is of vital importance to the community and it must not adversely affect a desirable residential area

Three, a priority is the co-ordination of public transport involving rail, buses, private cars and ferries.

Four, the foreshore of Manukau Harbour to be restored and easy access provided to the harbour.

Five, that both Onehunga and Mangere Bridge are important to the whole of Auckland as they form the 'Gateway' to Auckland from the airport.

The meeting was told that a concerted effort would be required by the community to ensure that their

views were heard and respected.

The next meeting of the Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held at the St James Hall Mangere Bridge on Wed 21 May at 7.30pm.

For further information contact Lionel Devaliant on 636 5238 or e-mail jidevaliant@paradise.net.nz

Bridge Park Bowling Club

Due to the fact that the weather has not been kind there are only a few results this month

Women's Champion Pairs

1st N. Garnham (S), F. Stone

R/u B. Hotene (S), J. Fitzpatrick

Tournament on 01.04.08

1st G. Cotton (Mangere)

2nd K. Siffleet (S), J. Drummond, N. Thomson

3rd M. Stone (S), T. Leydon

Lucky Skip J. McGillicuddy

Two J. Small

Lead T. Spenser (Epsom)

Men's Junior Pro

1st J. Drummond (S), M. Pokino

R/u D. Shaw (S), R. Allen

Men's Champion Singles

1st K. Siffleet

R/u M. Matulich

For more particulars or assistance phone 634 1102

Historical Society Launch New Book

The Mangere Historical Society has launched yet another book.

The book is a collection of memories by both members and friends of the Mangere Historical Society and records the way things have changed over the years.

It highlights the time when horse trainers worked their horses on land that is now covered by homes, when Mangere Central School held Calf Days and a farmer turned to horticulture and started growing strawberries in Hall Avenue.

If you have lived in Mangere East, Mangere Central, Ihumatao or Mangere Bridge you will find it fascinating and more than likely it will stir memories long forgotten.

The books are available from the Mangere Bridge Stationers, Gasoline Alley at 1 Coronation Road, or from the secretary of the Historical Society, Val Payne by phoning 636 9261

The next meeting of the Society will be at 1.30pm on the 21st May at the Selwyn Church Hall, Mangere East. Everyone is welcome.

Law In Our Communities

An eight week series of legal information talks will be held at the Mangere Community Law Centre on Wednesday mornings starting on May the 14th.

The programme is open to anyone who wants to learn more about their rights and the Law.

Each week different speakers will talk on a wide range of legal topics.

This programme will feature a new line of topics that will include subjects such as Immigration Law, Customs and Border Control, your Rights with WINZ, Elder Law, Mental Health Law, ACC, the Courts Process and Legal Aid, the alternatives to Bankruptcy, Tenancy Law, Education Law, your Rights with the Council etc.

The cost for this eight week course is \$30 which includes folder, all materials, morning tea and Certificate of Completion.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Louise at the Mangere Community Law Centre on 275 4310

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Deadline for the June Issue is the 23rd of May 2008. To ensure that your article makes the June issue fax copy to 634 4251 or

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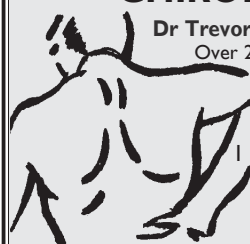
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