

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Festival Weekend

The sixth Autumn Festival Weekend, held in April, was once again a huge success. Despite the inclement weather the Jazz & Blues Fest on Saturday 17th drew a good crowd which enjoyed listening to eight bands playing in three different performing areas.

Naomi & Bill Kirk Park, the main stage area, was transformed with the mellow sounds of the North Harbour Swing Band which also had two vocalists this year plus the Sisters of Swing in army uniform, very fitting with the approach of ANZAC Day, singing some well-known favourites from the 1940's. Following them were The DeSotos, who are now attracting international interest, and then R.O.A.R (Recycling of Aging Rockers) closed off the evening and had the crowd rocking 'n rolling under the stars.

Santiago Latin Grooves, with their own unique mix of Latin and jazz, started off the programme in the Blues Corner and a new group, Blues Sway Shoes Band, attracted a large crowd as they took over the second half. Two of their members are volunteers at Ambury Farm Park.

The café patrons were treated to the rich, more laid-back sound of Petra, with Max Purdie on keyboard, and the always-entertaining Frank E. Evans Band on a truck. The Chicago Jazzmen, being acoustic, filled in any gaps in the programme and played during changeover times.

The village was once again transformed the following day with 51 stalls at the Food & Wine Festival, some coming from as far away as Warkworth and Whakatane, offering a taste of European and Asian foods, confectionary, art works and a wide selection of crafts. Roger Skinner and the Motivation, on a truck parked across the roadway, entertained in the afternoon along with Japanese Drummers, Line Dancing and Turkish Belly Dancers. Connolly Irish Dancers and the Greater Auckland Chorus of Sweet Adelines added to the atmosphere by busking to raise funds for upcoming overseas competitions. The children were kept amused with a merry-go-round, balloon modeling, face painting and Toddle, a huge penguin on loan from Barnardos.

The weekend event would not have been possible without the support of a number of sponsors and the Village Manager, Carol-Anne Armitage, would like to acknowledge the following; Four Winds Foundation, the Lion Foundation, Manukau Courier, the Mangere Community Board, Manukau Harbour Crossing Alliance and Super Value. Others who contributed to the success of the event were; Draw Art Supplies, Carroll's Cartage, Mainfreight, the Mangere Bridge Walking Group, Mangere Bridge Business Association, plus extra helpers Bruce and Sara from Harcourts, Dave, Laura, Ben and Stuart McIntyre.

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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
Wed	Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am Non-recycle bin week
Sat	Plunket Toy Library 9.30am - 10.30am Every Week
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, Tues, 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
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
Mon & Wed	Morning Tai Chi all ages - 10am Chinese Comm Centre, 99 Taylor road - Phone 266 7473
Mon	Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm St James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473

Do you have a regular event you would like to list here? please email it to newsletter@mangerebridge.co.nz

Copy Deadline for June 2010

Deadline for the April Issue is the 21st May 2010. To ensure that your article makes the June issue email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz Fax: 634-4251 or they can be dropped into Harcourts Mangere Bridge between 9 and 5.

We cannot guarantee a definite delivery time for the Village Newsletter, however we will do our best to have it delivered before the advertised upcoming events

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

It has been a very busy few months with planning and preparations for our Autumn Festival Weekend which is reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

This annual event draws visitors to the area from all over Auckland and beyond; from Kumeu to Whakatane. It's a wonderful showcase for a successful Business Improvement District and our picturesque village. Many commented on the friendly atmosphere, which is a special feature of Mangere Bridge. On behalf of the Business Association I would like to thank the local community for supporting the weekend event, these festivals having resulted from key stakeholder input into our Strategic Business Plan.

Having a proper stage and lighting in Naomi & Bill Kirk Park has transformed the Jazz & Blues Fest. The entertainment was top-quality and there were more requests by bands to perform than budget to spare. Auckland City Council Events funds the Onehunga Festival, very much a local event, but Manukau City Council Events did not fund ours which has a wider attraction. If it were not for the support of the sponsors who came on board, some at the last minute, this event would not have happened. The festival weekend is a significant, annual event in Manukau and a sustainable funding source is a must for it to continue.

Another source for concern is how Business Improvement Districts will be funded under the new Auckland City. Currently we receive funding through a targeted rate levied on each business plus a subsidy from Manukau City Council. If it were not for this subsidy the gains that have been achieved thus far would not have happened. In order for small business districts to continue to improve it is essential that they receive a top-up based on need. Last year there was a Targeted Rating Policy Review which saw some large areas receive a subsidy while smaller areas such as ours actually had their funding decreased, in our case by \$3,500. These issues have yet to be ironed out with the new structure and the Business Association has been involved in making submissions to the Parliamentary Select Committee and attended hearings.

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kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
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FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT CENTRE STAFF: Ph 09 634 7305

Email: mangeremountain@xtra.co.nz or visit 100 Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge

The Lions are Roaring!

The past month has seen the Mangere Bridge Lions' complete two projects with satisfactory results. Ian, Alan and Annette with some help collected \$347.00 for

The Blind Association Puppy Appeal. Many Thanks to the Mangere Bridge residents for their support.

The new club then supported Mangere Yacht Club who held a regatta for Mangere Yacht and Boat Club providing a BBQ to keep the hungry yachties fed – another enjoyable day had by all.

At the Papatoetoe Lions Club dinner two more Mangere Lions were inducted by District Governor Collin Twyman. At the next meeting on Thursday 06 May the starting date for painting the guide hall will be made – we hope the weather will be kind to us. The second meeting will be held on Thursday 20th May – both at the Anglican Church Hall 7.15pm

The club is still looking for members so if you are interested and want to find out more about what Lions do in your community - come along and attend a meeting or call; Ian 636 9520, David 270 9343 or Graham 268 2245

Soccer World Cup

Onehunga Mangere United FC will be holding special big screen events at the clubrooms at Mangere Mountain Domain, during the World Cup 15 June – 12 July 2010.

Check this out at; www.omuafc.org.nz – press FIFA World Cup for details of dates and upcoming events.



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Mangere Historical Society

The April meeting had the theme of Anzac Day memories.

The St James Hall was draped in Flags. There were family photos and medals on display. Eric Bulen was welcomed to the meeting and he spoke of the terrible carnage that Gallipoli and World War 1 action took on the troops from all sides. The casualty rate was 88%. The Western Front stretched approx 100 miles through France and Belgium and was yet another contest between the strength of the sides fighting with and against the troops of the Great Britain, Germany, Russia, turkey etc.

New Zealanders took part in many battles and the terrible toll of 30,000 dead and 35,000 injured was noted. The dreadful conditions in the deep vermin infested, muddy trenches was described, mingled with the poisonous gases and the stench of the dead bodies lying on the barb-wired no-mans-land.

No war is a good war and the losses are not only of people, their physical and mental health but includes the loss of their possessions and family treasures. The costs of the lives 2,000,000 people from both sides during WWII were mentioned.

Eric had the members chuckling over some of the escapades that the soldiers got up to in off duty moments. He had soon learnt that an ability to chat to the lassies he met in their own language could eventuate in being invited home for a good family meal – always enjoyed after Army Mess meals!

Michael Wallace also reported on the trip some the members took to the Panmure Historical Society. They walked around the locality learning of the early history of this area. Their early churches of St Patricks and St Mathias were built in the mid 1800s. Their first bridge was built in 1865. The first hotel in 1895 is still in business and they reported on having a delicious lunch there. Ireland Road is named after the Ireland Brothers who had a tannery there.

Photos of the opening of the present Bridge were given to our Archives and we tried to name the people in them, as well as some very early photos that are in the Archives. There are always plenty of challenges to meet in this active group. They desperately need a ground floor area to house and display their comprehensive Archives.

A very full meeting closed with much chatter over tea and biscuits.

Rotary Club of Mangere

Rotary are celebrating 100 years of community service. Founded in 1905 we are located in 166 countries.

Rotary New Zealand now has 250 clubs and 10,000 members who over the years have helped establish many of the country's most trusted helping organizations.

Rotary typically go about their community service without fanfare and Rotarian achievements often go unrecognized.

If you thinking of joining a reputable, community minded organization we would love to see you.

Please join us at: The Holiday Inn - 2 Ascot Road, Mangere - Tuesday evenings 5.45pm for 6.15pm start

Probus club of Mangere Bridge

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities to keep our minds active, expand our interests and enjoy fellowship with new friends.

All Clubs are sponsored by Rotary, but on formation are self Governing. There are men's, ladies and combined clubs. Membership is open to anyone of good character, so please come along and enjoy good company and times.

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Manukau Yacht and Motor Boat Club

A very busy weekend was had by the Manukau Yacht and Motorboat Club. Sunday 18th April the club hosted the Manukau Regatta. Over 30 boats were in attendance and a wonderful sight it was to see all those sails on our harbour. It was a lovely day for sailing, although just before the start of the first race a strong squall went through the fleet, and our rescue boats had a bit of work to do.

Yacht Clubs in attendance were, Waiuku, Clarks Beach, Weymouth, French Bay, Maraetai and Manukau. The Manukau Regatta is an annual event and there is a trophy which goes to the Yacht Club with the most points at the end of the Regatta. CONGRATULATIONS go to French Bay for taking the trophy from The Waiuku Sailing Club. Next year the event will be hosted by Clarks Beach.

Saturday 17th April, our children's' sailing course commenced and this will be ongoing through to July with 2 sessions per month, tide dependent. We have 6 participants and are very fortunate to have Christine Headley as the Yachting NZ Qualified Trainer.

If you are keen for your children to learn to sail contact Commodore Brian Pilkington 021 584883. The club is hoping to run another course towards the end of the year.

Icon Security

In these times of higher unemployment and stretched family budgets, many retailers are facing an increase in customer theft (shoplifting) and employee theft. Those businesses that suffer the most are those that lack sound internal controls and audit trails, have ineffective recruitment and vetting processes and do not invest in basic loss prevention training for their staff.

There are a number of proactive steps that even small business can implement to reduce the risk and minimize their exposure to losses from theft:

1. **Staff and Business Culture**
Establish a culture of loss prevention and honesty with the business and encourage staff to become part of the loss prevention ethic. Support your staff by referring any incidents to the Police.
2. **Process**
Implement sound policies and processes that prevent, reduce and quickly address loss causing events.
3. **Technology**
Use technology to support both staff and processes. The cost of the technology does not need to be high and includes mirrors, door bells etc through to CCTV systems and electronic tags.

If you have any questions or require assistance in this area please contact Anton Welsh at ICON Group on (09) 414 9629 or email awelsh@icongroup.co.nz

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