

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Down on the Farm 2012

Summer is finally here, and thanks to all the rain we have had, we have loads of grass as well. Over the years we have been planting shade and shelter for our stock, which is starting to pay off. Unfortunately we have had a few issues with dogs over the summer break, our Pitt Island Ram died as a result of his injuries, as did 8 ewes. Dogs have also been in the Watercare Coastal walkway area causing havoc on the bird roosts and nesting sites for NZ Dotterel. The Watercare Bird Roosts are intended as an alternative place for wader birds to roost, to keep them away from Auckland Airport.

Recent developments at Ambury include the building of our long awaited hayshed, which will give us back the space in our work shop and somewhere for our tractor to be parked inside. The big dip in our playing paddock has been filled with topsoil. The big dip had occurred due to the gas pipeline that runs through the farm from Marsden Point to Wiri.

The park has been really busy with families having get togethers, bbqs, playing volleyball, football, cricket, walking, camping and bike riding. Loads of tourists in their backpacker vans start and end their NZ adventure at Ambury.

February 12th we are hosting the Womens Dualathlon again, with the series finishing at Ambury on the 29th April. We are also looking forward to having a Young Farmers Careers day here, and a Workchoice Trust Careers' Day in the 1st term. School bookings are rolling in, with only a few days left in term one.

Early mornings at Ambury hear the chorus of whistling frogs; why not bring the family down for a night in a tent over the weekend?



Bo the Pitt Island ram (above) was attacked by 3 dogs early one morning; Bo defended his flock of ewes and lambs, causing the dogs to find easier targets. Rambo died the next day.

Come and Play Indoor Bowls

When: Wednesday's 7.20pm-10pm from 15th February

Where: Memorial Hall, Domain Road, Mangere Bridge

Good way to have some exercise and meet new people
Three games are played with supper after 2nd game

\$2 per night – Raffle available

Anyone can learn to play from 15 years of age or younger if accompanied by an appropriate adult or guardian

All that is required is soft shoes for walking on the mats

For further information phone one of the below or come along Wednesday 8th or 15th February between 7 and 7.15pm

President: Charlie 09 622 3254

Secretary: Marilyn 09 634 2241/021 292 1015

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm
Thursday - Friday 9am to 6:00pm
Saturday 9am to 1:00pm

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What's on in the Bridge

Monday: Guides 6 - 8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm
St James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473.
Wriggle & Whyne 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall

Tuesday: Keas 4 - 5pm
Cubs 5 - 6:30pm

Wednesday: Brownies 6 - 7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road

Thursday: Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Friday: Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.

Saturday: Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am

Mon/Tue/Thur - Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am

2nd Sun's: Sunday Walking

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

1st Thu: Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips
phone 634 1062.

1st & 3rd Sat: Village Square Market.

3rd Thurs - Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm

4th Wed - Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30

Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you have enjoyed the break, despite the unsettled weather. For those of you who are working and/or involved in weekend sport, for your convenience many of the shops are open for extended hours throughout the week and weekends.

After almost two years of negotiations it has now been confirmed that Auckland Council will grant small BIDs, including Mangere Bridge, some additional funding over the next three years to replace the subsidy that we previously received from MCC. In the next financial year we will receive \$30,000 which will reduce to \$20,000 the following year then to \$15,000 for the final year. In order to maintain the level of improvements that have been achieved in the last seven years and continue to lift the profile of Mangere Bridge Village, the business association needs to look for other sources of revenue which includes the possibility to extend our BID area. We have already started up a Boutique Market every Sunday from 9am - 1pm. The reality is that without extra income the business association will cease to exist and without their oversight for maintenance and improvements to the area there is a real risk that the village could go backwards.

Please support this new boutique market and spread the word about it. Current stallholders include: Blackwood's Artisan Breads, The \$5 Deli, Gruff Junction Cheese (14 varieties), Wenvoe Foods (pickles and jams in summer and pre-packed, ready-made meals and soups in winter), The Salmon Man (fresh Salmon and scallops), Sara's Authentic Indian Cuisine (Roti Rolls, Butter Chicken and Samosa's), Sabores (South American foods, such as Empanada, and pastries), New Generation Licorice, Nuttz Gourmet, Glenbrook Lavender (a variety of products including hand creams and soaps), Devon Olives and Dipping Oils, Neelus (gourmet spices, chutneys and halwas), Ian's Wooden Toys, Dunsmuir Crafts (wooden, outdoor furniture, kitsets for raised gardens, and chopping boards etc).

Upcoming Events

Planned events include St Patrick's Day, Saturday 17 March and Food & Wine Festival Sunday 15 April, however these are dependent on the outcome of funding applications.

I can be contacted via the business association's website: www.mangere-bridge.co.nz or phone 636 7491 to make an appointment.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

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Boutique Farmers Market

Every Sunday 9am - 1pm

Naomi & Bill Kirk Park

Blackwoods Artisan Breads ~ The Salmonman
Gruff Cheese ~ \$5 Deli ~ Luxury Meats
Orchard Fresh Avocados ~ Glenbrook Lavender
Ardmore Valley Blueberries ~ Sabores
New Generation Licorice ~ Nuttz Gourmet
Dunsmuir Crafts and more

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Assoc

There were two working bees arranged for last Saturday morning. One on Waterfront reserve and one at Railway Lane Otahuhu. The object was to remove mangroves from a designated area so that James Papali'i's wakka group could carry out their first isthmus crossing event since before the motorway bridge was built .. Auckland Council had approved the work. A group of a dozen Mangere Bridge residents under the guidance of Brian Pilkington managed to cut down and remove quite a big area near the motorway bridge. Brian wielded a chainsaw and Kay organised a chain gang that passed the felled trees up the boulder bank. The heap will be put through a chipper shortly. The Association has made a request to the Auckland Council for consent to remove all mangroves from the old bridge to Ambury Farm. We wait with baited breath! At the next meeting of the R&R it is proposed that we write to the Auckland Council seeking the approval of the proposal to reclaim all the area between the motorway Bridge and the start of the old Mangere Bridge. This area is now a dead water that will soon become a complete mangrove forest. If reclaimed, the area would become a wonderful waterfront recreation area as well as providing needed parking for cars and boat trailers for people using the soon to be upgraded all tide boat ramp. What a great place for a market, or for outdoor concerts. The possibilities are huge. If you feel for or against these proposals come to the next meeting of the R&R to be held on Wednesday 16th of February at the St James Church Hall at 7.30 pm

. Approved by Bill Kirk Committee Member

Photos from the Santa
Parade can be found at:
<http://bit.ly/ACFiTC>

Boot camp beginning on the week of
the 20th of February 2012 at 99 Tay-
lor Road, Mangere Bridge. TXT 029
622 1742 or twenty47@xtra.co.nz for
more information

ANNUAL CAR BOOT SALE

Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy

31 March 2012

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Onehunga Mangere United Assoc Football Club

2012 Winter Registration

Thursday 9th Feb, 5-7pm
Monday 13th Feb, 5-7pm
Thursday 16th Feb, 5-7pm

Mangere Mountain Clubrooms (Domain Rd)

We look forward to seeing our current members return for the 2012 Season and welcome all new members to our club.

All Registration enquiries: www.omuafc.org.nz or Barbara Lindsay
Phone: 636 8626 - Email: blindsay@vodafone.co.nz

Silver Sneakers

New Year, new resolutions, new friends - newcomers are welcome. Active movements for a healthy mind and body. Different levels of challenge given to suit everybody. Join Kimi and friends for a fun hour of strengthening, stretching and fitness movements, engaging your brain and set to toe-tapping music. Kimi brings many years' teaching experience and enthusiasm to every class. Qualified Group Fitness Instructor and First Aider.

Silver Sneakers Group Fitness

Tues & Thurs 9:30 - 10:30am - Senior Citizens' Hall - 3 Pearce Street, Onehunga
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Zumba Classes

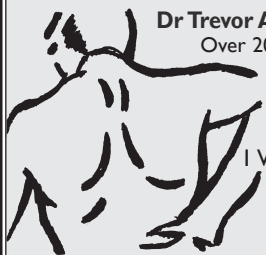
New Zumba Classes in the Bridge... Classes are at the New Scout Hall in Taylor Road.
Sunday 9-10am for Beginners
Monday 9-10am
Tuesday 1-2pm
Friday 3:30-4:15 for Kids

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Boxfx	Tuesday & Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5 (children welcome)
Hot Hula	Thursday	11.00am - 12.00pm	\$2 (children welcome)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music Mondays	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)
Looney Tunes	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Monday	11.30am - 12.30pm	\$5 (pre-school age)
Zumbatomic	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.15pm	\$2 (5 - 11yrs)
Rip It (Kids Hip Hop)	Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free (8 - 12yrs)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free (10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)

ARTS & CRAFTS

Sew Styley (L1)	Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	\$5 (sewing machines provided)
Sew Styley (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5 (sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$10 (learners - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5 (soft tech & recyclables)
Art Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5 (art with Rick Julian)
Yarns (knitting/crochet)	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin
Onehunga Art	Saturday (3rd Sat mthly)	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5

ADULT INTEREST

Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free (learn Te Reo thru song)
Su Jok	Monday & Thursday	10.30am - 2.30pm	Koha (microtherapy/acupressure)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30pm	Free (music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30am	\$4 (art for special needs adults)
Scene	Tuesday (1st Tues mthly)	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin (social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin (bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

Understanding CYFS

We all know that child abuse is a major issue in New Zealand.

And that CYFS is there to help.

But ... how many of us actually understand how the CYFS process works?

On **Thursday 9th Feb 10am - 12pm** we have an experienced CYFS team leader coming to shed some light.

What's CYFS all about?

What do they do when they get a notification of abuse?

What are Family Group Conferences (FGCs) and Whanau meetings all about?

What can a parent do if they're not happy?

Register now: Send me an email gael.spence@mangerelaw.org.nz or call 09 275 4310.

The more we know the more we can work with CYFS to overcome the abuse and neglect of our children.

Also, just a reminder that the next Law in a Nutshell course starts SOON on Wed 15th

Feb. Get your registrations in NOW.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Gael Spence

Solicitor and Legal Education Co-ordinator - Mangere Community Law Centre

Important Contact Details:

Citizens Advice Bureau	275 6885
Mangere Bridge Post office	636 9645
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