

MANGERE BRIDGE



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For more information please contact Janine Nillesen 09 636 6118 or visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
Bar-tailed godwits are long haul champions. Every year they fly huge distances to and from their breeding grounds in Alaska. Their outward journey north is in two hops via the Yellow Sea, and then after breeding, they return on a direct flight from Alaska to New Zealand. This nonstop return journey of more than 11,000 km across the Pacific Ocean is the longest known flight of any migratory bird. Meet at the barn to wish these incredible travellers goodbye and good luck. Supported by Friends of Regional Parks, Manukau Harbour Restoration Society and Friends of the Farm and Foreshore.

When: Saturday 9 March, 9am – 11am

Where: Meet at the barn

The morning will include a walk and talk, suitable for all ages, and family activities.

Equipment:

- binoculars – if you have them
- suitable walking shoes
- bring a friend.
- Snacks and water bottle

The godwits are on their way, come along and say hooray.

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The CAB Mangere is currently looking for Volunteers for the CAB Mangere (Mangere Town Centre) and the CAB Mangere Mobile (Otahuhu Town Centre). Applications are now open for the Basic Training Course starting Tuesday 2 April 2013 in Mangere - maximum of 12 places available. For more information or an application form visit the Mangere Bureau at the Mangere Town Centre (Orly Avenue entrance opposite P&S) Monday-Friday between 10am and 2pm or call 275 6885.

What's on in the Bridge

MONDAY	Guides 6-8pm. CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm. Methodist Church Hall. St John Youth - 6:30-8:00pm. Wriggle & Whyme 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall
TUESDAY	Keas 5-6pm Cubs 5-6:30pm Line Dancing (intermediate) 6-7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	Brownies 6-7:30pm Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Ctr. Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 - 12:30 Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm Line Dancing (absolute beginners) 7-8pm
THURSDAY	Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00, Memorial Hall Scouts 7-9pm.
FRIDAY	Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
SATURDAY	Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
SUNDAY	Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm
Mon/Tue/Thu	Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
2nd Sun's	Sunday Walking
Tue - Thu	Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
Mon/Tue/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.
3rd Thurs	Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm
4th Wed	Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30
4th Fri	Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling club phone 634 6091 for information

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm
Thursday - Friday 9am to 6:00pm
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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

There seems to be a never-ending round of submissions. Currently there are Annual Plans for 2013/2014, new Bylaws and the up-coming Unitary Plan which is a major one for our community. These take time to research and prepare submissions for but if we don't fight our corner we can't complain if decisions are made that are not to our liking. The monthly Residents & Ratepayers Association meetings are a great way to keep up with what is happening in our area. I report to this meeting, passing on information of interest to the community and receiving feedback about any problems in the Village. They meet on the third Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm St James Church hall.

Mangere Bridge Library would like to thank local businesses for their generous support for the various events that were part of the 'Dare to Explore Summer Reading Adventure'. Please note that on Thursday 21 March the library will not open until 1.00pm due to region-wide staff development training. There are some fun things to do at libraries these days. Check out the monthly Tea & Topics, Craft Group and Book Club and for the children the monthly Lego Party and weekly Wriggle & Rhyme for mums, or dads, and babes plus Storytime for preschoolers.

The volunteer Community Patrol is looking for more members for vehicle patrols around the wider area (in a very flash vehicle) and foot patrols in the village. It's a great way to support your community. Volunteers are rostered on once a fortnight. Contact Brian Pilkington 021 584 883.

The SABA Ballet School is now in Royal Oak. Contact Emma on: 09 411 7234

St Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration

Sat 16 Mar, 9am - 2pm Paddy's Market
11am - 2pm and 6pm - 9pm Irish Music

Sun 17, 9am - 1pm Irish Boutique Market
11am - 2pm Irish Music
Get into the spirit of the occasion and wear something green

Jazz & Blues Nite
Saturday 21 Apr 6pm - 9pm

If you plan to dine at any of the above events book your tables early. Others should bring a chair to sit on.

Food & Wine Festival
Sunday 21 April 10am - 4pm

kind regards
Carol Anne Armitage

Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Mangere Bridge Plunket Playgroup

One of the things I love best about living here in the Bridge is feeling part of a community. I've been a member of the Mangere Bridge Plunket Playgroup for a couple of years now, and it is a wonderful part of my life here as a mum of two young children. It is not only a fantastic place for the kids to play and learn, but also a great place to meet with other local parents (and a few grandparents), and share the highs and lows of parenthood. Indeed there have been many times in this past year where another mum holding my baby (while I had a cup of tea) or a safe place for my older daughter to play with other kids has been a lifeline.

There is a great playground suitable for preschoolers, activities including playdough and painting, and plenty of toys for the kids to enjoy. We aim to be a relaxed, fun and welcoming place to be for children 0-5 years and their caregivers. Come along and check it out. The first few visits are free and after that its just a gold coin donation per family each session.

Mangere Bridge Plunket Playgroup meets at 5 Taylor Rd, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 am and 11:30am.

Mangere Bridge Community Patrol

If you have a spare 2-3 hours a month then your Community Patrol needs you. We have a great group of people who are rostered patrollers and our patrols are a vital tool that keep crime down in our area. You can either do a foot patrol or a mobile patrol. For mobile patrols you will need a full drivers licence. All new patrollers receive full training.

If you are wanting to participate you will need to come into our office and complete a form which will then be sent to NZ Police for a police clearance.

6 Week Challenge

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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

The February meeting was attended by twenty members. Roger Baldwin Chaired the meeting even though he was just out of hospital having been under the knife. Several reports were presented on various topics. Carrol Elliott gave a resume of the Mangere Otahuhu Local Board activities and answered members questions. She confirmed that the boat ramp modifications would start shortly. Carol-Anne the Village Manager reported on the success of the Santa Parade. The next big function is the Food And Wine Festival coming up on Sun 21 April. Mark Erskine told us of the gradual change of attitude of Local Councils on Mangrove Control. The MP for Hunua Dr Paul Hutchison is preparing a letter to deliver to the Minister of Conservation based on Marks research seeking radical changes to the current local body thinking. We are to hold our annual mangrove seedling plucking working bee in March. The date has yet to be confirmed, but it looks like Saturday March the 16th. Word will get around, but check with Frances Hancock 6345228 or Brian Pilkington 6366993 or Tonni Geux on 6223185. Next Meeting is on Wednesday 21 March 7.30 pm at St James Church Hall.

Mangere Bridge Library

Thursday 7 March 2013 - 6:30pm

An evening event. To celebrate New Zealand Book Month we will be hosting "Words on the Wind - Speculative Fiction Writers of New Zealand". A selection of New Zealand science fiction and fantasy authors will be reading from their work - giving readers a great opportunity to meet the authors, and find new books to read! Featuring local authors Grant Stone, Grace Bridges, Darian Smith, Elaine King, and Lila Richards.

All welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday 15 March 2013 - 10:30am

Sing-a-long Storytime. To celebrate Pasifika Month we are having a Pasifika-themed storytime with stories and songs from the islands.

Contact details for all of the above:

Mangere Bridge Library - 6366797

Line Dancing Classes

Tuesday Night

6pm - 7.30 Intermediate Class

Wednesday Night

Absolute Beginners starting 6th March 2013
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Sew Style (L1)	Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	\$5	(sewing machines provided)
Sew Style (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	10.30am - 11.30am	\$5	(beginners/introduction)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$5	(intermediate - advanced)
Art Classes	Mon/Wed	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(soft tech & recyclables)
Create with Milly	Thursday	10.30am - 12pm	\$5	(Learn to make crafts)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	gold coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Onehunga Art	3rd Sat/month	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5	

ADULT INTEREST

High Notes	Monday	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free	(learn Te Reo thru song)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30am	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	\$4	(art for special needs adults)
Scene	1st Tues/month	1.00pm - 3.00pm	from \$3	(social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	\$2	(bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

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	Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am	\$5	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	11am - 12pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Zumbatomic	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.15pm	gold coin	(5 - 11yrs)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	gold coin	(pre-school age)

EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Mon/ Wed	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Tue/Thur	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Boxfx	Tue/Fri	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5	
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Hot Hula (New Teacher)	Thursday	11am - 12pm	\$2	(children welcome)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

Important contact details

Citizens Advice Bureau	275 6885
Mangere Bridge Post office	636 9645
Village Management Office	636 7491

Mangere Bridge Community Information Services	
Village Newsletter	021 815 184
Mangere Bridge Website	021 815 184
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Eye on Nature - March 23rd

Get your hands dirty at our Free family event, everyone is welcome at Eye on Nature, so bring the kids and a picnic to Auckland's spectacular Botanic Gardens for a day of fun in the sun. This year's focus is Edibles - from the garden to the table. Chef Mikey Newlands (of Bracu Restaurant fame) will demonstrate how to whip up spectacular dishes from the garden. Do the live hive jive at the bee exhibition! -

Check out the artistic talent of our young Aucklanders, thier Treasure Box Gardens will be on display, and their Wearable Garden Art will be paraded in the evening. Enjoy live music, arts, crafts and games, the ethnic cuisine competition, then buzz around the maze and various stalls

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