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New Bus Service Onehunga to Airport via Mangere Bridge

From 9 June 2013 there will be a new bus service, 380 Manukau /Onehunga to the Airport travelling via Onehunga/ Mangere Bridge/ Mangere Town Centre/ Auckland Airport/ Papatoetoe/ Manukau. It will offer better connections to Mangere Bridge/Mangere Town Centre/Airport for local residents and employees.

This is an extension of the current Manukau to Airport service and provides a new link between the train at Onehunga and the Airport. Buses will start and terminate trips at the Onehunga bus stop 8589 on Upper Municipal St. You will also be able to catch the 380 bus from the Onehunga Train Station.

Current service between Manukau and the Airport will be largely unaffected as the current 30 minute frequency and hours of operation generally remain the same. The timetable has been slightly adjusted to create operational efficiencies and reflect the new running times for each trip. However the crucial information about timetables and fares from Mangere Bridge has sadly been omitted. There will be a route map on the noticeboard in the Village Square.

While the information on the outside of the buses will be refreshed, the familiar orange colour of the "Airporter" will be retained but will now have the Auckland Transport brand similar to the Northern Express.

Connections with InterCity Coachlines and Nakedbus at the Manukau City Centre stops will be maintained. These connections provide passengers with a reliable service to and from the airport and are promoted by InterCity Coachlines and Nakedbus.

The new service will result in more options for students attending schools close to the route in Mangere and Mangere Bridge. Tertiary students at the AUT Manukau campus and the new MIT campus at Manukau will also benefit from the greater catchment area of the service.

Talented Kiwi artist comes to Mangere Bridge for Waterlea parents night out!

Waterlea PTA are excited to be hosting a social event for parents/caregivers on Friday 14th June 2013 at the OMUSC in Domain Road. A fantastic opportunity to enjoy a night out with live music from the incredibly talented 'Jesse Sheehan' and band. Tickets strictly limited to parents & caregivers, and available by order form at the office at only \$10 per person. Be in quick for this unique opportunity to hear one of New Zealand's most exciting up and coming singer/songwriters! (R18 - cash bar). You can listen to Jesse's music on Youtube <http://alturl.com/qbdoj>

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
Saturday 9am to 1:00pm

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

Winter has arrived and the village will soon be covered with more leaf fall from the trees. It is disappointing that since Auckland Transport has taken over responsibility for footpaths these are now only swept once a week. I have registered a complaint with Auckland Transport, our Local Board and Councilor Alf Filipaina and am awaiting feedback from them. Since becoming one city this deterioration in service levels has been noted across the region. Lindsay, our village volunteer, is now sweeping the footpaths however when the leaves are wet they are difficult to sweep up. As they are slippery it can create a safety issue so do take care when you're out and about in the village after the rain.

At the time of writing I am preparing the Business Association's feedback to the Draft Unitary Plan. The Planning Team will take on board all the feedback they receive then the Draft Plan will come back out again for public consultation in October for a formal submissions process. If you were too late with feedback for the May closing date you will have another opportunity then.

It's great news that the airport bus will soon travel through Mangere Bridge. However it is extremely disappointing that the Mangere Bridge information has been omitted from the recently printed timetables. Hopefully we will be able to access this information online once the service starts.

The Boutique Market is almost full to capacity now with a number of new stallholders, some of whom came from the Food & Wine Festival. It has almost developed into a 'night market' style except during the day and it has a great atmosphere.

I hear good reports about Pars Kebabs lamb burgers and they also do a very nice butter chicken. Dine in with a glass of wine or take away. They close at 9pm, seven days a week.

Along with their specialty breads and cakes Ros Bake makes fresh Sushi every day.

Running late or unexpected visitors drop in for tea? Brandy's Roasts takeaway diners are just the thing and the meat is so tender.

Keep a look out for something 'new' that'll be happening soon at the United Video store.

Please note that as my position is only funded for part time hours I work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons therefore the Management Office is often unattended. There is a voice mail to leave phone messages on (09) 636 7491 or you can contact me through the Business Association's website: www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz.

kind regards
Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

There were a few new folk at the May meeting who were concerned with the Auckland Council's planned intensive housing from Woodward Ave to the motorway. The meeting felt that the height of buildings in the planned zone should be limited to only two stories. It was noted that Mayor Brown has stated that public concerns about the heights in the proposed intensive housing zones had been so intense that a re-think would be undertaken. We did not have a representative of the Local Board present, so were unaware of the Board's view on the intensive housing zone. A committee member advised he had attended the open day at the Onehunga foreshore development as there had been local comments that sediment from the site was reaching the Mangere side of the harbour. The outer edges of the reclamation had been dredged and the mud mixed with cement and returned to the original position. This has provided a stable area that will eventually support the new beaches. There was no sediment visible along the whole frontage. The whole project should provide a lovely park and beach area that was promised by Transit New Zealand many years ago when Onehunga beach was cut-off by the motorway.

Work has started on the modifications to the all tide ramp. Everything one sees there at the moment is enabling work. This will all be removed as the new work starts at the deep end and works back to the top. Very interesting and worth keeping an eye on. Francis Hancock told the meeting of the successful Treasure Hunt at Ambury Farm. Over 150 people turned out even though it teemed with rain. Children and parents had a great time roaming the farm looking for clues to make up the phrase: Leave Only Your Footprints. Some children even found gold in the haystack. Other events are coming up. For information ring Francis 021 0722 696. The forthcoming Local Body Elections will be upon us in October. The Residents and Ratepayers wish to represent you on the Local Board. Anyone keen is asked to attend the June meeting where the matter will be discussed.

There was strong criticism about the disorderly behaviour occurring on the mountain. This is mainly caused by the isolated location of the skate board area. Drinking and drug use, burning play equipment, smashing windows and graffiti at the memorial hall, robberies and invasion of neighbouring properties, and the disgusting leftovers from back-of-the-car activities. The opening and closing times for the barriers are not being properly adhered to. The meeting resolved to write to the Auckland Council on this serious problem. The next meeting will be held in the St James Church hall on Wednesday the 19th June at 7.30 pm.

Matariki Celebration

In the Māori language Matariki is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster and also of the season of its first rising in late May or early June—taken as the beginning of the New Year. In traditional times, Matariki was a season to celebrate and to prepare the ground for the coming year. We have put together a programme of events at Mangere Bridge Village as part of Auckland Council's Matariki Festival.

School Kapa Haka Groups - Fri 28 June 12:30pm, Fri 5 July 12:30pm.

Markets - Sun 30 June 9am - 2pm - Kite making and weaving demonstrations
- Cultural Performance 11am
- Sun 7 July 9am - 2pm - Weaving and carving demonstrations
- Cultural Performance 11am

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Mangere Historical Society

Mangere Historical Society were told of a unique way to loose weight through exercise.- Row the Atlantic! Tara Rimmington had been a teacher at the Ambury Park School in Wellesley Rd, when she and her friend decided to take up the challenge of participating in the Trans-Atlantic rowing race from the Canary Island to Antiga in the Carribean.

The first attempt would have put most people off. They had 3000 miles as an albatross might fly but in truth, more like 15000-20000 miles for the rowers who are buffeted by wind and waves and weather. After one week they were struck by a hurricane. Second week, another hurricane to contend with. When they were 189 days from land they were attacked by a huge shark that came up from the deep, ramming, crunching, bashing and making holes in their hull. Their compartmentalised hull allowed them to seal off areas in the bow. Eventually they had to get overboard to check on the damage and scrub down the hull. On their 48th day they experienced a tropical storm with 10-15m waves that crashed over their boat and a rogue wave rolled it several times. They pumped and rowed in two hour shifts but realised that they had to get into their two-man life raft with difficulty.

Eventually they were rescued by the yacht "Aurora". Tara with a split head and both with minor injuries. In 2005 of the 20 other boats in the race 6 were lost at sea. In 2007 Tara was contacted to crew a 4 woman boat sponsored by the U.K.Meningitis Trust. This one was 27feet long and had a fibreglass hull. They all ate high fat and carbohydate diets to build up energy. They rowed in two hour shifts and did chores and ate and slept inbetween. They also had their share of dramatic weather lashing down as well as enjoying watching a whale come up and spout beside their craft, dolphins dancing and cavorting around them, figate and other marine birds hovering overhead in calmer times. Their skin suffered from perpetual wetness. When they were 200 nautical miles from their destination they had been rowing for 48 days. Their satelite phone had given the weather forecast warning of a huge storm.

The girls decided to row with the wind and waves behind them, when others closed down and would wait for it to pass. The winds were 40-45 knots and the waves 10-15 metres. They surfed down these doing 11.6 knots where as they usually moved at 2 knots per hour.

The first man-powered boat crossed the line while the girls were coping with these conditions. They arrived safely a week later, fourth over the line but the first womens crew and they had broken the world record by 17 days: their 51 days, 16 hours and 31 minutes was amazing.

Tara now works towards sponsoring Charlotte Cleverly-Bisman the nine year old from Waiheke who lost her arms and legs to meningococcal disease as a little girl. What a way to lose weight!

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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 (Class 1)	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	gold coin	(pre-school age)
Music Mondays (Class 2)	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)
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Hot Hula (New Teacher)	Thursday	10.45am - 11.45pm	\$2	(children welcome)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Congratulations to our first Championship winners of the year:

Triples	Winners	Ian Price, David Sayers and Geoff Slee
	Runners-Up	Mayilyn Baskiville, Maria Reid and Dolly Lowe
Mixed Pairs	Winners	Marilyn Baskiville and Geoff Slee
	Runners-Up	Jeanne Carey and Jocelyn Rose
Drawn Fours	Winners	Marilyn Baskiville, Jocelyn Rose, Mamie Finau and Sinora Rai
	Runners-Up	Jeanne Carey, David Sayers, Geoff Slee and Sue Redfern
Singles	Winner	Ian Price
	Runner-Up	Marilyn Baskiville

Copy Deadline for July 2013

Deadline for the July issue is the 21st June 2013. To ensure that your article makes the July issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz. 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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