

MANGERE BRIDGE



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Great News from Waterlea School

It is true that NZ has talent - it is in abundance in the Waterlea children and was on display at our recent hit musical "Delayed". Our staff created such a setting that the talent oozed out of our children. The many creative and cultural items enthralled the captive, full house audiences over 3 nights.

It was all peace signs and white doves at Waterlea School during Peace Week. The school's student peer mediators led the events. They educated their peers on peace issues to make a difference in creating a more peaceful world. Celebrations included rewards for those playing peacefully, dressing up in white and face painting!

Our new families were welcomed in style with entertaining items including Evolution of Dance from the recent successful musical, the choir led by Helen Wedde and Room 14's waiata accompanied by Sophie Sorenson.

Your Community Needs You!

Mangere Bridge Community Patrol needs people from our community who are prepared to commit 2-3 hours a month to patrolling our wonderful area. Perhaps you have recently retired or the kids have all gone to school now, or maybe you just want to keep your community safe. All you need is a full drivers licence and the ability to pass a NZ Police Check. There is full training given (all common-sense, practical stuff), we drive an automatic 4WD modern vehicle and utilise the latest technology, and best of all it's fun, especially when you realise how much you are helping to protect our community.

Please contact Robin Bovey at the Mangere Bridge Community Police Office on ph 6342208. You can leave a message if he is not there.

Give softball a go!

Give Softball a go this season at Onehunga Mangere United Softball Club on Mangere Mountain, Domain Road.

We have registration nights in September at the Club Rooms on Mangere Mountain on Thursday 12th, 19th and 26th from 6pm to 7.30pm. Eftpos will be available.

Come along to our Open Day on Sunday 29th Sept from 10am to 12 noon at Swanson Park, behind Supervalu. Have a go at batting, pitching and catching. Join in a game of T-ball or Softball, all ages welcome from 4 years. Free sausage sizzle to all who participate. Registrations available too but cash only as no eftpos available.

We had a great season last year and we are hoping to recruit new members again this season.

Check out our website www.omusc.org.nz or like us on Facebook to get regular updates about what's happening at the club or email us on omsoftball@live.com.

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

As Santa's 'helper' I'm always amazed how quickly the Santa Parade seems to come around. Planning is well under way for this year's event on Thursday 5 December so mark the date on your calendar. Once again there will be a prize for the Best Float. Last year's winner was Ambury Farm.

Auckland Council is working on a Waste Minimisation Policy to cut down the amount of waste that is going into landfill. Our business association is working together with the 'Friends of Ambury' group to see how we might cut down the amount of waste that we produce in Mangere Bridge. We are working on a trial project with the shops in the cafe strip and have just had a waste audit done. We already have bins for cardboard, paper and other recyclables and are eager to recycle even more waste if we can. Another initiative I will be working on soon is to become plastic bag free in the village with a return to cloth bags. Watch out for more information on this over coming months.

After such a warm August it isn't hard to believe that Daylight Saving is not far away. I heard someone on radio recently bemoaning the loss of local hardware stores with their individual customer service. We are very fortunate to still have a local hardware store where you can get good advice on just about anything for around the house and garden. Rasheed has a good stock of seeds and seedlings to help you plan for your summer garden. With the longer daylight hours we'll soon be into catching up on all those little jobs that have accumulated over the winter.

Village Focus:

Bridge Variety ~ Contact Mark if you have any second-hand goods to sell. He also does quotes for house loads.

Dry Cleaning ~ The Post Office still has the Alpha Dry Cleaning agency. They are open till 5.30pm weekdays and 1pm on Saturdays.

Mangere Bridge Pharmacy ~ Join their 'Club Card' loyalty scheme. Earn bonus dollars on everything except prescriptions.

Subway Gift Cards ~ looking for a healthy gift choice? Purchase a Subway Gift Card.

Sushi ~ Ros Bake, the bakery in the cafe strip, sells fresh sushi daily.

I try to be down in the village between 2pm and 6pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays however, you can always leave me a message on (09) 636 7491 or you can contact me through our website;

www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz.

kind regards
Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Playball has come to Mangere Bridge!

Its time to get our children active!! Playball has come to Mangere Bridge!!

Playball is a sport and movement program for 2-8 year olds. The main objective of Playball is not to create superstars, but rather to provide children with the opportunity to develop a host of necessary social, educational and personal skills. By giving children competence in sport, they will develop skills that are not associated with sport at all. From a child's perspective the most important element of our program is fun! For many children their Playball lesson is the highlight of their week! And now you can join in too!!

Coach Erin and her team are running classes for:

2 - 5 year olds at the Mangere Bridge Scout Hall on Taylor Rd (behind the bowling club) on Friday mornings 9.15am - 9.55am

4 - 8 year olds at Waterlea Primary on Wednesday afternoon 3.15 - 4pm.

Contact Erin for a FREE trial on 021 923232 or coacherin@playball.co.nz

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Mangere Bridge Lions

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Mangere Bridge Lions would like to welcome new members within the Mangere Bridge and Mangere areas.

If you are interested in helping others within your Community and are prepared to help with fundraising and Street Appeals such as:

Red Cross, Arthritis Foundation, Daffodil Day, Pink Ribbon, Multiple Sclerosis etc.

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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

The annual meeting of the R&R was held in the Mangere Bridge school auditorium on Wednesday 21st of August. As usual it was a horrible night weather wise, but still almost seventy people attended. After the usual meeting formalities, in which the treasurer, Tonnie Geux reported that we were in good shape financially. The chairman Roger Baldwin read his annual report, in which he announced his retirement as chairman after many years in that capacity. He announced that Val Payne was prepared to take that position, subject to the meetings approval. Roger was thanked for his long service to the community and was presented with a painting of the Kiwi Esplanade waterfront, painted by a local resident. As the former committee members had indicated their willingness to continue in office it was moved That Val Payne be the Chairperson, and that the previous members of the committee be re-elected. Carried. Retiring Local Board member Sylvia Taylor reported on the years work by the Board. She and Ken had moved to the Warkworth area so she was not standing in the forthcoming election. She was thanked for her time as a councillor an Board member. Carol-Anne the Village Manager spoke of the various matters that had been dealt with in the Village in the past year. The Business Assoc has donated \$1500 towards the hanging baskets project. Anyone wishing to help with that project, please ring Naomi on 6369426. The section of footpath that had been removed, and bark laid to protect the roots of the plane tree was discussed. The bark was not considered the best solution and various suggestions were offered. Carol-Anne said the matter would be looked into. Bill Kirk noted that the building of the new all tide ramp was well under way, although the contractor had experienced difficulties with unexpected foundation material and problems with sea water pressure against the coffer dam. It is still on target for summer use. Frances Hancock reported on the success of the recent mangrove removal working bees. Between 60 and 70 people including church groups had worked two shifts and a large area had been cleared. A resource consent will be applied for to remove the mangroves from the area west of the causeway. Ken Duff spoke on the recent hearing held on Watercare's application to build the giant tunnel from Western Springs to the Treatment Plant at Mangere to relieve problems of local sewage overflows in the Western suburbs due to storm water entering the system. The Assoc and the Mangere Bridge community were opposed to this project. Satellite plants to the West and SW as previously planned should be built. A report on The Mangere Bridge Community Patrol was presented by Brian Wannell. More volunteers are welcome. Drop in to the Community Police office and find out how you can help. Carol-Anne introduced a One Tree Hill resident who is seeking support to change the route airlines take over her community. Carol-Anne supported her saying she was bothered with low flying aircraft at all hours of day and night. She presented a petition that she urged people to support. It was pointed out that the Assoc had had two people on the Airport noise committee over many years and had achieved worthwhile changes to arriving aircraft routes that had benefited our area. If residents are bothered with aircraft noise, they should ring the 24/7 Noise Complaints number, 2568133 with details. The complaint will be investigated. The meeting made no resolutions on that topic. Ben Corbett spoke about the uncompleted job of establishing the historic cottage near the Mountain Interpretation Centre. + \$53,000 had been provided by a visiting historian to complete the work, but that money had been swallowed up in the Council coffers and could not be located. He hoped there would be widespread celebrations when the building was completed. A vote of thanks was accorded to Headmistress Judy Hannah for allowing the use of the school hall, and to Land agent Michelle Farnham for printing and distributing the circular advertising the annual meeting. If you couldn't attend the meeting, we would appreciate your support. Please send \$5 annual sub, to Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Assoc, Po Box 59023, Mangere Bridge. Next meeting is on Wednesday 18th of September in the St James Church Hall at 7.30 pm

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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 (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 Santa Parade

Mangere Bridge Village - Thursday 5 December - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Yes, it's that time of the year already and the Santa Parade is not so far off so it's time to do some creative thinking for your floats! Last year's Best Float Award went to Ambury Farm.

It's also a great opportunity to publicise your club or group during the entertainment that follows after the parade which will include Bouncy Castles, Face Painting and Pony & Cart Rides. Space will be allocated for participants to erect tents/tables and for arts and craft stalls.

If you would like to take part this year please contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491 or through the business association's website www.mangerebridgervillage.co.nz

Copy Deadline for October 2013

Deadline for the October Issue is the 21st September 2013. To ensure that your article makes the October 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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