

# MANGERE BRIDGE



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## Mangere Bridge Santa Parade

The Met Service was spot-on with their weather forecast for Manukau which was; 'no rain, warm and sunny'. However due to the heavy rain earlier in the day some floats and stall holders pulled out and crowd numbers were down but the Santa Parade was judged by some to have been the best ever. A new resident commented on the great community spirit with all the local groups involved and the effort that had been put into making their floats and costumes.

The Scouts Sausage Sizzle was a good success and brought in much needed funds for scouts to attend the Jamboree in January. The ever popular clown, Jiggles, entertained the children before the parade and at the festival. After a few hiccups with the sound system there was a great Bollywood Dancing Demonstration by Anju Desai and her team who got members of the public to join them for a dance – thanks to United Video who supplied a replacement sound system!

Some stand-outs were Friends of the Farm & Foreshore 'Junksters' who were raising awareness about minimising our waste and the Epacs Lion Dance Team who were colourful and thoroughly entertaining as was the Police Genesis Youth Team in character costumes who boogied their way down the street. The sea scouts boat blew bubbles all along the route and the sports clubs were decked out in their club colours. The SPCA Dog Squad's dogs were popular along with some miniature ponies. Of course, the best float is always the last one, Santa's (supplied by Higgins Contractors and complete with snow) who was accompanied by the outgoing Miss South Auckland, Sarah Brodrick. Santa's Throne was contributed by the Mangere Town Centre Business Association and decorated by Mangere Floral Studio.

The smooth running of the parade would not be possible without the assistance of all those 'behind the scenes'. The event organiser, Carol-Anne Armitage, makes special mention of members from the Bridge Community Network; Lindsay & Lorraine Jones, Peter Judd, Christie Fountain, Peter Heyes, Peter Hitchcock, Callum & Fiona McKinley (photographers) plus Robin Bovey, Bryan Wannell, Robin Young (from our local G.A.S station & Rotary), Mangere Maori Wardens and NZ Traffic. The event would not be possible without funding and contributors this year were: Four Winds Foundation; Lion Foundation; Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board and the Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association who host the event.



### Copy Deadline for February 2014

Deadline for the February Issue is the 21st January 2014. To ensure that your article makes the February issue please email your articles to [articles@mangerebridge.co.nz](mailto: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.

## 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

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## Village Happenings

*with Carol-Anne*

It's been a busy year for the business association. There is still a lot going on as we settle in to being a 'supercity'. Currently new Bylaws are due to be finalized. Over the holidays I will be pouring over the second draft of the Unitary Plan so see what changes have been made for Mangere Bridge in response to the huge amount of feedback the planners received from our community. Looking to the future our shopping centre will need to grow in order to provide for the day-to-day needs of an additional 2,500 residents. As older properties come up for sale developers with megabucks could jump in quickly to get ahead with apartment blocks. But these only make sense if there is a definite commitment for the rail link to the airport.

All of our events draw new people into the village. 59% of people attending the Food & Wine Festival were from outside of the area. I am very aware of the contribution made by many locals who assist with these events. Members of the Bridge Community Network did surveys and were marshals for the parade. The Harcourts office laminated the photos for the Heritage Weekend and printed posters for the parade. Library staff assisted with a number of things.

At the time of writing I'm fully engaged with the Santa Parade. (It is no easy task being Santa's Helper!) This year there were 60 floats registered plus a good variety of stalls. The Business Association acknowledges with thanks additional funding from; the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board; Four Winds Foundation and The Lion Foundation. Draw Art Supplies donated face paints; Higgins Contractors supplied the vehicle and driver for Santa's Float and Mangere Floral Studio decorated it.

As part of our waste project in the village we are looking for people who would like coffee grounds or egg shells for their gardens. Snails hate both. Coffee grounds are good for roses and egg shells for hydrangeas or to make into mush for chicken feed. Contact [www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz](http://www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz).

The business association's new committee is: Bruce Manning (Chairperson) and Carole Spencer, Harcourts; Jim Norris, St Vincent de Paul; Paul Kennedy, Bridge Fruit n Veg; Justin Ng, Mangere Bridge Pharmacy; Sepali Naus, Mangere Floral Studio.

Village Focus

Bridge Fruit n Veg: hard-to-find seasonal fruits, interesting gourmet items

**Hammer Hardware:** gift vouchers for the man of the house

**Mangere Floral Studio:** lovely variety of gift baskets and floral arrangements

**MB Fruit Supplies:** taking orders for Christmas flowers

**MB Pharmacy:** good savings with their loyalty Club Card

**MB Stationery:** nice variety of gift ideas

**Rosbake:** available for out-catering at reasonable prices

I will be on leave during January. On behalf of our members we thank you for your custom throughout the year and wish you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2014.

kind regards

*Carol-Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

## Mangere Bridge Carols by Glowlight

The annual Carols in the Bridge takes place this year on Thursday 19th Dec 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the village square outside Hong Kong Bakery.

Instead of candles, which are hard to keep alight in the breeze, glow sticks will be provided for the children. This will be a mix of traditional carols, modern children's Christmas songs and activities, with plenty of fun for everyone. Bring a blanket, a chair and the family. Why not have dinner at the Bridge first.

There is no 'raincheck' date, so if the day is wet the carols will not happen

For details contact Lindsay Jones 021546379

## Christmas Services 2013

### At St James Anglican Church Mangere Bridge

**Advent Sunday Service:** 1st December at 9.00 am. Placing of the Advent Wreath and lighting of the first of the 4 Advent candles.

**Nine Lessons and Carols Service:** Sunday 15th at 7.00 pm. Nine Lessons and Carols. The Christmas Story in carols and readings.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Tuesday 24th December at 11.30 pm.

This is a traditional midnight service with carols and candles. The church bell is rung at midnight. Followed by the first communion for Christmas Day.

**Christmas Day Service:** Wednesday 25th December at 9.00 am - A thanksgiving Service.

For more details ph. 6343009. email [radio@extra.co.nz](mailto:radio@extra.co.nz)

## Mangere Bridge Writers Group

MBWG (Mangere Bridge Writers Group) has more success! Robyn P Murray who wrote *The Rooster* and *The Spirit of Cameron* of Ambury Park Farm has a new book out for Christmas this time short stories for grown ups. *Tales to Read* in a Hammock will be available in a few weeks and Peter Rankin whose thriller "Stealing the Trees" set in Northland has just published his latest thriller set in South Africa *One Step Ahead*. In mid January at the library there will be a book launch for both books. They will be available for sale before Christmas. Robyn has a stand on Sunday Morning selling her books and will be offering some specials for two or more books. Contact Robyn at [robmur@extra.co.nz](mailto:robmur@extra.co.nz) and Peter at [plrankin@extra.co.nz](mailto:plrankin@extra.co.nz) to enquire about the books.

## Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

It was good to see such a good turn out for Prizegiving on 13th November. The Noel McDougal Memorial Shield for attendance points went to Ian Price as well as the Aggregate, with runner up Jeanne Carey. Stewart Rennie Points Prize for playing in outside championships went to Jeanne Carey with the Chris Payne Trophy going to Geoff Slee. We also thank Andre' Toft for coming to present the Toft Trophy to Sue Redfern, being the most improved player. It was also a pleasure to present a cheque to representatives from Mangere Bridge Plunket Playgroup with the proceeds of our tournaments held during the year.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing bowlers and hopefully some new faces back on the mat in February.

Secretary: Marilyn Ph 634 2241

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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 etc. - Multiple Sclerosis

Please do not hesitate to call:

Cath Imrie: 09 634 7777 022 099 1869

David Fox 275 6010

Jacqui Ewens 09 636 1054 0211087538

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## SPLASH! Break-away holiday program

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Mon 13 - Thu 16 January and Mon 20 - Thu 23 January

9.00am - 2.30pm daily, 11-17 Year Olds

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Flax Weaving	Monday	10.30am - 11.30am	\$5	(beginners/introduction)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$5	(intermediate - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$8	(soft tech & recyclables)
Creative Kids	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(art classes for 8-12yrs)
Art Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
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)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	gold coin	(pre-school age playgroup)

## EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Monday	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	

## FOOD & COOKING

Kiwi Cooking	Thursday	11.30am - 1.00pm	\$2	(Learn to cook traditional kiwi meals)
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## Daffodil Day Collection

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Registration Details will be available soon.

## Important contact details

Citizens Advice Bureau	275 6885
Mangere Bridge Post office	636 9645
Village Management Office	636 7491
Community Constable	634 2208

## Mangere Bridge Community Information Services

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Mangere Bridge Website	021 815 184
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