

MANGERE BRIDGE



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Mangere Boating Club Gurnard Competition

The Mangere Boating Club held its Gurnard competition on the 2nd August.

Many thanks to all the sponsors, mainly Ray White Real Estate Mangere Bridge, Paul's Fishing Systems Onehunga, Mitre 10 Onehunga and Top Catch Otahuhu.

We raised an additional \$620.00 to go to Rick Stewart for the lift required for his van as he has MS. All the best Rick, we all hope you get mobile soon.

The Forecast for the day was doubtful that the comp would happen, however we soldiered on and the days weather was quite good as the Manukau Harbour was well behaved considering.

There was 57 Gurnard weighed in and being only 2 per person to weigh was a good result by the anglers. My boat was plagued by Kahawai as were many others but only gurnard counted.

There was the top prize of \$500.00 to 1 angler with a Gurnard of 1.38Kg, the next 1.20Kg went to a blokes heaviest and a 1.12Kg went to a woman's heaviest. Then there was the nearest to average weight as well as a lot of spot prizes.

Everyone had a great day, looking forward to the next competition for the Mangere Boating Club and to next years Gurnard competition.

Mangere Boating Club is looking for new members and families to join our club. If you are interested don't be shy, come on down to the club and see what facilities we have to offer. The club is located on Kiwi Esplanade.

Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Mens Singles: Winner – *Joshua Smith*

Runner up – *Ian Price*

Ladies Singles: Winner – *Marilyn Baskville*

Runner up – *Maryann Stipich*

Pairs Winners: *Ian Price and Joshua Smith*

Runners up – *Helen Robinson and Sue Redfern*

Four's Winners: *Ian Price, Danny Maddon, Geoff Slee and Janene Ramsay*

Runners up – *Murray Keesing, David Sayers, Alison Smith, Dolly Lowe*

Our next Plunket Tournament is 19th September. The winners of the July Tournament were Lou Baskville's Team, Cindy White's Team runner up and David Foy's Team third.

Our hall fees have increased and we need more members to keep the club running so would like to see you come along on a Wednesday evening to the Memorial Hall, Domain Road, names in by 7.20pm to give indoor bowling a go.

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 & Whyne 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall
TUESDAY	Keas 5-6pm Cubs 5-6:30pm
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 Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
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
Tue - Thu	Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
Mon/Wed/Fri	Mangere Bridge Playcentre 9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
2nd Wed	R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall
1st Thu	Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips phone 526 0250.
3rd Tue	Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm St James Hall Church St
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 Pauline

Hello and greetings to Mangere Bridge Residents and Business Owners

I have recently been appointed Chairperson of the Mangere Bridge Village Business Association and have stepped in to replace our outgoing Chairperson Bruce Manning who has done a sterling job of steering the Association for the past years. Many of you will already be aware that Carol-Anne Armitage who has been the Business Associations Manager since its inception retired on the 28th August. We bid both Carol-Anne and Bruce Manning farewell at a function at the Library and there was an excellent turn out to say good bye to them both. It was important to acknowledge the incredible work Carol-Anne has done to ensure we have a vibrant, friendly, and interesting village at the heart of our community, not only for those that live here but those who visit this wonderful part of Auckland. We are currently seeking a replacement for Carol-Anne at present, but the committee are adamant they would like another local resident to take over the role.

As a Business Association we have interesting and possibly challenging times ahead. We are all aware the Mayor seeks to balance the books and achieve savings from every arm of the council. We are also into the fourth year of the super city and adjustments will be made to previous historical funding policies to bring all areas under one policy. This means previous funding that we counted on from the old Manukau City Council can no longer be sustained or continued under the super city blanket policies. Our biggest hope is that there is a stepped withdrawal of this funding to allow us time to adjust, seek alternative sponsorship/supporters and revenue streams. The association is committed to maintaining and growing the fabulous base that Carol-Anne has created. The work to build on tourism and promotion of the area, support and security of the village and businesses will continue as will all the key events already annually in place.

We are very pleased to advise that Harcourts, Mangere Bridge have signed on as key sponsor with a five year term for the Food and Wine Festival which enables us to have real confidence around the future of this fantastic event.

My background is dotted with chairing different committees through the years. I stood down as Chair of the Mt Albert Business Association last year. I have served three years as an elected community board member and three years as an elected local board member and community and economic development were my key interests.

I hope I can be of benefit to the association and look forward to working with the committee and business owners for the benefit of the whole Mangere Bridge Community.

kind regards

Pauline Anderson

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association



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Village Clinic joins ETHC network

On 1st July 2014, the Mangere Bridge Village Family Health Centre located at 41 Coronation Road joined the East Tamaki Healthcare network of clinics.

East Tamaki Healthcare (ETHC) owns and manages the largest network of primary health-care clinics in the greater Auckland region. Their track record of delivery of quality healthcare to various Auckland communities is well known and recognized.

The operating hours of the clinic will continue to be Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. To see the doctor an appointment will no longer be required, so that you will be able to come at a time that is convenient to you. The clinic welcomes new enrolments.

After hours care can be accessed at ETHC Mangere Town Centre A&M clinic located at 10 Waddon Place. This clinic is open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

You can contact the clinic at 09 254 4290. Alternatively, you can also call the ETHC Call Centre at 09 274 7823 for queries on East Tamaki Healthcare. For more information on the clinic network, please go to www.ethc.co.nz.

Mangere Bridge Community Picnic

Sunday 14th September

12 - 3 at our farm - Ambury Regional Park

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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

Seventy people attended our annual meeting held in the St. James Church Hall. Chairman Val Payne set things in motion. After the normal meeting procedures and the re-election of the committee, we were addressed by Frances Hancock about the group of Friends of Ambury Farm who have formed the Waste Wise Management team. They showed items that should not be put out in our weekly rubbish bags and how many years these items take to break down. Up to 200 years for some items! Nick Bakulich a member of the Local Board told us of the doings of the Board. Of particular concern to the Board was the granting of a liquor licence to a shop just across the road from the entrance to Nga Tapuwae College. The Board wanted to appeal to this decision, but Auckland Council would not agree to fund this. So The Board Chairperson Lydia Sosene and Deputy Chair Carol Elliott have personally paid for the appeal. We wish them luck. Carol Anne Armitage, the Village manager gave us a run down nothings' at the bridge. This is to be her last visit to the Residents meetings, as she is retiring from the position. She was thanked for her valued contributions to the Village development, and was presented with a floral bouquet by Val. Bill spoke about the presentation by New Zealand Transport Agency of their provisional plans for the building of the new Mangere Bridge. He was concerned to see that the Mangere end of the bridge was to be located beside the new all tide boat ramp. This was a pinch point with conflict between boating vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. The end was to be there because that was the easiest way to build the bridge. What a pity that the easiest way has been chosen. Considering that we expect the area between the bridges to be reclaimed at some time it would be sensible and safer to have the bridge end some distance towards the motorway bridges, with demolition material from the old bridge used for fill rather than being carted off to some distant landfill. He was going to make this suggestion to Auckland Council who will take responsibility for the bridge on completion. The width of the Kiwi Esplanade walkway was brought up. It had been mentioned at the last AGM. As the Maritime Recreation fund still exists, a letter was to be sent to the Local Board asking that they nominate the widening of the walkway to be the project for Mangere's next grant from the fund. Since the meeting, the Association has been advised that their submission on the reclamation of the sea bed between the bridges will be discussed at a pre hearing meeting to decide how best it should be dealt with. The Local Board support this proposal. Well that 's a start. Wish us luck. Next meeting to be on Wednesday 10th of September St James Church Hall at 7.30 pm.

Drum Lessons in Mangere Bridge

Have you ever thought about how much fun it would be to play the drums? Are you a closet drummer who's always tapping on your steering wheel or desk? Or maybe it's your child who's born to be musical? Maybe it's time to try something new by marching to the beat of a different drummer- YOU! Lessons are now available right here in Mangere Bridge.

Paul Barry, a seasoned drummer and Mangere Bridge resident, is looking to fill up some afternoon and evening lesson slots at the Scout Hall on Taylor Road. He currently teaches boys, girls, men and women and has students ranging in age from 5 to 55 years old. Whether you have some experience or are a total beginner, Paul can tailor a fun and unique lesson plan to suit your needs. So, why not get in touch with Paul for a no obligation, half-priced first lesson? Phone 022 198 0044 or email paul@paulbarrymusic.com.

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Soft Plastics Collection Point: Mangere Bridge Village Market

Did you know...

- New Zealanders use one billion plastic shopping bags every year?
- Over 40,000 plastic bags are dumped in landfills every hour in New Zealand?
- 47% of wind borne litter escaping from our landfills is plastic, mostly bags?
- 16 million plastic bags end up as litter on our beaches, streets and parks?
- Plastic bags take 15-1000 years to break down in the environment?
- 100,000 birds, whales, seals and turtles are killed each year by plastic bags?

If your weekly rubbish bag is full of plastic bags and you want an easy way to get rid of them without harming our environment, bring them to the Mangere Bridge Village Boutique Market on Sundays (10am-1pm). We've created a new Soft Plastics collection point at the Oddbits stall. Soft plastics (including numbers 2 and 4) include;

- plastic supermarket and bread bags
- clean gladwrap
- plastic milk bottles
- ecostore bottles

Your soft plastics will be turned into beautiful, durable bags by 'Rematerialise' and sold in their stall at markets around Auckland. Anything they can't use is sent to Envioreel, a Penrose company that turns soft plastics into garden edging and cable reels.

If you have questions about what can be recycled, check with the wonderful women at Oddbits and they will be happy to advise you.

Led by Friends of the Farm, the Soft Plastics Collection Point is an outcome of our Sweet Talks event held in May 2014. Happy recycling!

Pink Ribbon Appeal

Calling all volunteers help is need for this years annual pink ribbon street appeal. 10th and 11th of October. If you can spare a couple of hours on either of these days please call Sarah 622 2267 or 0274804954.

Mangere Bridge Santa Parade

Ho Ho Ho! Santa says he's looking forward to attending our Santa Parade to be held at Mangere Bridge Village on Thursday 4 December. Time to get your thinking caps on and come up with some float designs!

Local groups and organisations will be able to promote their clubs at the festival afterwards. where there will be entertainment for the children.

So don't forget to mark the date in your calendar!

Thursday 4 December - 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Contact info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz

Copy Deadline for October 2014

Deadline for the October Issue is the 21st September 2014. 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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