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## Mangere Bridge Community Working Bee – 23 May 2015

### Mangrove seedling removal - rain or shine

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association is organising its annual community working bee to remove mangrove seedlings from Shelly Beach and other parts of Kiwi Esplanade foreshore. This year there's been a huge influx of mangrove seed pods all along the foreshore and the seedlings in our beach area (by the playground and boat club) are particularly worrying. We need to get stuck in and get rid of them, or else we'll lose beach access and our beautiful views.

We have Council approval to remove seedlings. We ask our generous community volunteers to lend a hand and be part of a wonderful working bee:

**WHEN:** Saturday, 23 May – rain or shine

**TIME:** 9.00 – 11.30 am

**WHERE:** Meet at boat club car park (near playground at Shelly Beach) on Kiwi Esplanade

**WEAR:** Dress for the weather; gardening gloves if you have them & footwear that won't get stuck in mud (sneakers or wet booties)

**BRING:** A sense of humour and a water bottle. Bring a bucket if you have one to put the seedlings in and you can then transfer them to bags provided on the shore.

The Association will provide bags, gloves and arrange for disposal

Pass on the word. We need a big group of volunteers! - For more information contact: Brian Pilkington: 021 584883 (or Frances Hancock 021 0722696) - Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association

## Mangere Bridge Food and Wine Festival

The Harcourts Mangere Bridge food and wine festival is happening on the 12th of April at 10 am - 4 pm - in the village.

Live Music from: "Elvis", Fred Baker, Nor East Bridge, Anything Goes with Tasi, Ben Deverall. Facepainting and kids entertainment.

Rain date: 19th April (enquiries 021 776 139)

## 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
- THURSDAY** Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00,  
Memorial Hall  
Scouts 7-9pm.  
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
- FRIDAY** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.  
Playball 2-5 years 9:15-9:55am, Mangere  
Bridge Scout Hall, Taylor Rd
- 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  
Meet at Village notice board - 636 3556
- Mon/Wed/Fri Mangere Bridge Playcentre  
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
- 2nd Wed R & R Meeting 7.30pm  
St James Church Hall  
Library Book Club 10:30am
- 1st Thu Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips  
phone 526 0250.
- 3rd Tue Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm St James  
Hall Church St
- 4th Wed Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30
- 4th Fri Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling  
club phone 634 6091 for information

### Opening Hours

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## Village Happenings

*with Kate*

St Patrick's Day was a great success even with the horrible weather that we had on the day!

I would just like to say thank you to all those that made the day happen, to the Mangere Otahuhu local board for their support and to Ray White for funding the music. To Harcourts for their fabulous activities tent and of course Donna who ran the markets for us as she does every weekend.

Well it's defiantly the end of an era, we are sad to see Raewyn and her great stationery shop closing its doors. She has served the community for many years and I'm sure you all agree that she will be missed. I wish her all the best

You may have noticed that we have had a few wardens patrolling the village, this is something new and we hope that their presence will help the begging issues that we appear to be having around the village. This is something that we have been working on with the Council and also the Police to help make Mangere Bridge a safer community.

### Village Focus

Upcoming events 2015

Harcourts Mangere Bridge Food and Wine Festival is coming up next month, great day out for the whole family. Mark it on the calendar and come along.

Sunday 12th April from 10am-4pm

There will be live music, kid's entertainment, great food and plenty of market stalls.

kind regards

*Kate Adams*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

## Mangere Bridge Library

Monday: Wriggle & Rhyme 9.30am – School Term Only, Mangere Bridge Library

Tuesday: Book a Librarian 10am – 12pm

Wednesday: Book a Librarian 2 -4pm

Friday: Sing-a-long storytime 10.30am Mangere Bridge Library

Friday: Children's Book club 3.30-4.30pm Mangere Bridge Library

2nd Wed: Library Book Chat Group 10.30am

Last Wed: Library Tea & Topics 10.30 – 11.30am

## Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

Out March meeting had twenty people attending. Various matters were discussed. Bill Kirk advised that he had given up keeping the new boat ramp free of mud at low tides. The ramp has been rebuilt at a cost of over \$3m to overcome the problem, but nature has the last laugh as the new ramp was not raised to the level required to overcome the problem. Council has now decided to keep the ramp clear of mud. Time will tell. He has been trying to get NZTA to change the Mangere end of the new footbridge. Their plan is to locate it beside the all tide ramp which is already a pinch point. It would be better situated some 30 metres towards the motorway bridges thus separating the boat ramp operations from the users of the new bridge. This would require some reclamation which is a no no as the area between the bridges is zoned Coastal Protection Area 1. "An Area of Significant Archaeological Importance" The Association made submissions to the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan asking that that zoning be lifted as there is only mangroves, mud, rubbish and rats in the already highly modified area. NZTA has recently informed us that the zoning is to change and reclamation will no longer be a prohibited activity, but they intend going ahead with their plan as that is all they have to do. What a pity that all the demolition material from the old bridge will be carted away to some distant landfill at considerable cost, instead of being used to double the width of the causeway. The location of the second runway at Auckland Airport will be open for public submissions as a review of the designation is to be held later in the year. Mangroves are an increasing problem. Mark Erskine our mangrove guru advised that there is a region wise agreement that local bodies should not control mangrove removal. They have such widely differing requirements and consent costs. We plan a public seedling removal working bee towards the end of April. The date to be advised at our April meeting. A resident advised that the proposed motorway tolls would be a big cost to Mangere residents who would have to pay \$2 every time they crossed the motorway bridge. He said it would cost him \$8 a day! Friends Of Ambury Farm had done a foreshore rubbish collection and had collected heaps. Good work folks. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 April at the St James Church hall at 7.30pm.

## Mangere Community House

Free Drivers License Courses, Mon, Wed, Thurs 6pm – 8pm, Thurs 9.30am – 11am.

Free Tivaevae classes from 10.00am – 12.00pm every Monday

Free Soup Kitchen, Food and clothing every Monday 11am – 1pm

AA classes Sun nights 6pm – 8.30pm, Niuean Crafts Group every Fri 10.00am – 2pm

Tongan exercise Group every Tuesday 10.00am – 2pm

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## Mangere Bridge Primary

We are off to a great start to the 2015 school year at Mangere Bridge School. We have a large number of new students attending the school and many familiar faces back from last year.

As always, there is a strong focus on learning and raising student achievement. Our Term 1 concept has been "Wonder" (Whakamāharo). One of our key understandings has been that wondering helps us to think in new ways and explore our world. The essential question we have been exploring is 'what does it mean to wonder?' It has been exciting to see the many different ways our children have been 'wondering' this term. Near the end of term, we held a Wonder Sharing afternoon with parents and whanau to share our learning. It was so pleasing to see so many parents attend and share the learning with their children.

Outside the classroom, there have been many opportunities for children in things sporting and cultural.

Our wonderful Kapa Haka group had the privilege of performing for the Mangere Bridge community at the Whanau Day at Te Puea Marae. It was a fantastic experience for our tamariki to visit our local marae. The group also featured in a short clip on Maori Television much to their delight!



Our children have been involved in many sporting events this term. A key highlight was our whole school swimming sports. A great turnout of parents on the day made for a fantastic family atmosphere.

We have also had many of our children representing the school in different sports including swimming and turbo touch. We were delighted, in particular, with the swim team coming 2nd out of 11 schools at the MOSA Swimming Sports.

## Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

We have had a good start to the year with 19 members participating in our first championship with Neil Robinson, Danny Madden and Sue Redfern playing off against Marilyn Baskville, Ken Oldfield and Geoff Slee. We would still like to get a few more new players. Indoor bowls is a game for all ages and abilities, a good way to meet new people and get some exercise. Come along on a Wednesday 7.15 and give it a go.

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**Maundy Thursday:** 2nd April at 7.00 pm. A re-enactment of the Last Supper with foot washing service. Commemorating Christ's action is washing His disciple's feet before His crucifixion, as an illustration of Christian servanthood to one another.

**Good Friday:** 3rd April at 8.30 am in the Village and 9.00 am at the church. This service is preceded by the Procession of the Cross from the Mangere Bridge Hardware in the Mangere Bridge Village at 8.30 am. There are a number of the Stations of the Cross on the way up to the church. Do come and join us in this procession of witness. The Good Friday reflection service at the church begins at 9.00 am.

**Easter Eve:** Saturday 4th April at 11.30 pm. This service begins with all main lights off. A short Service of Light when the new Easter Candle is lit, followed by the Eve service which begins at midnight. The first communion for Easter.

**Easter Day:** Sunday 4th April at 9.00 am. Easter Celebration Communion Service for the resurrection of Jesus. The St James Choir will be joining with us for this special service of Easter anthems.

### ANZAC DAY 25TH April

Anzac Day this year in Mangere Bridge - A special 100th year remembrance of the Gallipoli landings. - The Parade with band and flags will form up in front of the Cafes in Coronation Rd from 9.00 am.

The Parade starts at 9.30 am to march up Coronation Road to the Mangere Memorial Hall in Domain Road for the service and flag ceremony and wreath laying at 10 am.

All youth and service organisations are invited to come and parade their flags at the service. All services are broadcast live from the church on Worship Live, on our low power radio station SJAC 106.7fm to the Mangere, Mangere Bridge, Onehunga, Hillsborough, Te Papapa, Penrose and Otahuhu areas.

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Or email [radio@xtra.co.nz](mailto:radio@xtra.co.nz)

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