

# MANGERE BRIDGE



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## Mangere Bridge School

A few weeks ago, we held three performances of our whole-school Dance Production, "Opportunity". It was a pleasure to enjoy all the performances and see the culmination of our children's learning over recent weeks. There is a huge amount of work involved in a Production and requires a high level of dedication and commitment. Thank you teachers! A very special thank you to all our wonderful children and their fantastic efforts preparing for the Production and for amazing performances. It has been a delight to enjoy the fruit of your efforts and see the result of your learning. Thank you children: you are gems!



On Tuesday of Week 5, the whole school took part in a visit Ambury Park Foreshore visit as part of our 'Curiosity' concept learning this term. It was a fantastic experience with lots of great learning for the children. The foreshore is an important part of our Mangere Bridge community. Watercare have invited us to create a poster resource that helps people understand the different aspects of the ecosystem that exists on this

waterfront. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to engage in 'real world' learning and then be able to share that learning with the community.

## St James

Coming to St James 20th September to the 7.00 pm evening Service.

Renowned composer and singer Jules Riding, Jules will be leading the second section of the evening service at St James on 20th September at 7.00 pm

Everyone welcome.

Contact Les Dixon on [information@st-james-nz.org](mailto:information@st-james-nz.org)

## Entertainment Books

We now have the 2015-2016 Entertainment Books available to purchase for \$65 each - Contact [shane@mangerebridge.co.nz](mailto:shane@mangerebridge.co.nz) or 021 815 184 to order one

## 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

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# Village Happenings

*with Kate*

## Village Focus

Planning is well underway for the next big event, the Santa parade which will be held on Thursday the 3rd December, there will be market stalls and kids entertainment before the parade. If you need a registration form for a float or stall you can pop into Harcourts or email me. Daylights savings is just around the corner and I'm sure like a lot of you I can't wait. Be nice to enjoy lighter evenings, with the village music nights starting up it's a great chance to pop down and have dinner and enjoy the lovely entertainment. Have you been to Ambury farm lately, there are so many cute Lambs and also piglets there at the moment, take the kids down and check them out, Lamb feedings are daily at 9am, 12pm and 4pm.

**Bridge Variety** – Contact Mark if you have any second-hand goods to sell He also does quotes for house loads. Good bargain's to be had , so pop in or call 0800030490

**Sushi** – Ros Bake, the bakery in the café strip, sells fresh sushi daily.

**Paul's Fruit shop** - With summer on the way stop in and check out Paul's wonderful range of salad dressings he has for sale .

## Upcoming events 2015

### Boutique Markets

The markets are now running extended hours and run from 8.30am – 2pm every Sunday.

We are looking at starting up a crafty Sunday market once a month and will also be on a Sunday. If you are interested please contact me on [info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz](mailto:info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz)

### Summer Series Live Music

Summer live music at the café strip is due to start on the 1st October and run through till the 24th March. I will have a schedule of who is playing when etc up on the village notice board and Facebook next month.

kind regards

*Kate Adams*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

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## Newsletter improvement ideas

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## Mangere Historical Society

The members enjoyed listening to Bruce Ringer, the talented Librarian and Researcher from Manukau Library, who showed us many photos from the "Footprint" series. The team at Manukau had collated many photos they had been given from a variety of sources. He spoke of the importance of the collections that many local Historical Societies housed and treasured, that were added to those they already had. Trevor Penman-late husband of our member Gladys- was a Chemist at Papatoetoe who used every opportunity to capture scenes in his locality. His thousands of photos were given to various sources on his passing, and have become greatly valued. Henriette Alford, another past member was another who took every opportunity to capture houses and roads that are now very different from the years that she caught on film. The ketch "Elsie" coming up the Oruarangi Creek was one of the first pictures and we were reminded how important shipping was to settlements in the early days. A spectacular photo of a Tiger Moth circling over the Auckland Aero Clubrooms brought a discussion on the importance of Aero Clubs who trained so many men to get their Pilots Licence pre WWII. The popular beach at off Watea Rd showed cars and people enjoying the sunshine and probably netting for fish as well as swimming. Early Group Housing showed clearly the intensive housing around the Windrush Close area, neat houses marked out by fences etc. The Library were delighted to be donated decades of photos from the Manukau Courier, each one telling a story It was important that all people were named in pictures, as the large group of Scouts at Mangere East was shown and to was noted that they were all named, so important in the years to come. Many other glimpses of Mangere were on show. The members were encouraged to look for themselves at whatever area they were interested in and be reminded of much earlier times, perhaps when they were growing up.

## Onehunga Community House

Heritage Day - 26th September 1:30pm



Historic walk leaving the Community House and going to the Onehunga Mall to visit shops with a historical connection to Onehunga Primary School and the Community House followed by a Victorian afternoon tea.

Cost \$20. - Bookings are essential. Please ring the community house 8.30-12.30pm

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## Mangere Bridge Resident and Ratepayers

A very full hall of concerned and interested residents met at St James Hall for the A.G.M of this group. They heard reports from Chairwomen Val Payne on the many things that the R & R had been involved in over the past year, as well as from various other groups:-

"The Friends of the Farm" and the wonderful things that this group has undertaken through the past year. Their Wastewise challenge has educated many in recent times. They plan a Community Picnic when better weather comes.

"SOUL" Save our unique landscape, a group opposed to the high intensive housing scheme planned for Ihumatao, very close to the Northern Runway which will be used by the big International Aircraft.

Mangere Bridge Village Business Assn Manager told of the plans and frustrations that the many road closures cause to the shopkeepers/businesses and residents, and heavy trucks using the local streets through the Village are requested to re-route: the need for an updating of the many CCTV cameras which record the comings and goings of everyone and help the Police as to who may have been responsible for break-ins, fights etc: the upkeep and cleanliness of the Village: the need for someone to take over the organisation of the planting of the hanging Baskets this years, which are always a lovely addition to the Shopping Centre.

Local Board member Nick Bakulich reported on the work that the L.B. has undertaken for our area: the sanding of Swanson Park which is used extensively by the local Softball and Soccer Club for training: the Boat Ramp, off the Bridge: the removal of some of the mangroves and the application for consent to undertake this: the upgrade of skate board park: installation of basketball hoop on reserve near Boat Club on Kiwi Esplanade, upgraded at Library: assisted with the installation of lift at Football Clubrooms enabling disabled people to use this facility: the threat of lifting the alcohol ban from some of the local parks and the need for submissions on this subject. There were many things that some had no idea about.

The main speaker was the indefatigable Jim Jackson from Onehunga, who using a power point presentation touched on the East-West connection not currently acceptable to local folk, the plans to develop the Onehunga Wharf area and the hope of a ferry service between Clarks Beach, Cornwallis and Onehunga. The unique new beaches restored on the foreshore was developed well under the cost the Council had accepted, and now considered to be State of the Art by authorities.

The Executive and Committee were re-elected unopposed. All are welcome to the R & R meetings held on second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 at St James Hall.

## Comedy Night

A Mountain full of laughs Come along and have a great night and fundraise for our football club. Featuring the comedic talents of some on NZ's brightest talents. Featuring Matt Stellingwerf, Jamaine Ross, Nathan Winter, TM Bishop, Gabriel Kearns, David Correos & Luke Callaghan. Tickets available from the clubrooms behind the bar or call Dion 021 178 7202, Door sales will be limited so get in quick.

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## Spotted Frog Preschool

A brand new family-run preschool has opened in McIntyre Road this month. Spotted Frog Preschool is a bright and colourful centre. The new building is warm and comfortable with lots of light and a lovely view of the mountain.

Once children venture outside they are enchanted with an outdoor space designed by the award-winning landscape designer, Jill Rice. The playground design features natural resources including a waterfall feature including bilge pump, a whare, a magic garden and a bike track.

Everything at Spotted Frog is purpose-built to entertain and inspire little children's creativity.

Spotted Frog caters for children aged between 2.5 and 6 years and has a strong educational focus. It aims to provide children with a rich learning environment which is planned with stimulating and challenging activities. Your child will have fun while securing a strong foundation for a successful school life.

The centre has a fully qualified and professional teaching team lead by Bernadette Hamlin (Bee). Bee has been a teacher for over 20 years in Primary Schools and ECE centres and started her career in Mangere Bridge. They believe that children learn best through play and provide opportunities for child to make their own choices and to participate in structured activities.

Spotted Frog is open from 8.15am – 4pm, 5 days a week and offers 20 hours free (ECE hours) with daily sessions from as little as \$10 per day.

Pop in and meet the team or see [www.spottedfrog.co.nz](http://www.spottedfrog.co.nz) for more information.

## Ellerslie Cricket Club

"It is all systems go at the Ellerslie Cricket Club" according to Chairman Kris Baker as he prepares the Club's return to its home ground at Michaels Avenue Reserve this summer. The main field has been sand carpeted and the seed sown ready for the spring. Six new cricket nets will provide valuable training facilities for all teams at the Club. "It is an exciting new chapter in the Club's history and we are looking forward to welcoming our members back to Michaels Avenue this season" says Mr Baker.

The contractors have also started to tidy up the surrounding areas including the fitness trail, concrete paths and the path lighting to ensure that everyone in the Ellerslie community can once again enjoy the benefits of their Reserve.

The Ellerslie Cricket Club is a family orientated community Club offering playing options for both Junior and Senior players in the south central region of Auckland. It has teams in the competitive two day competitions, one day teams, Twenty20, Twilight and Presidents. Junior boys and girls begin in the Nursery Programme before progressing through the grades into the senior competitions.

Registrations for the 2015/2016 season are now open at [www.ellersliecricket.co.nz](http://www.ellersliecricket.co.nz)

### Copy Deadline for October 2015

Deadline for the October Issue is the 22nd August. To ensure that your article makes the October 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.



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