

MANGERE BRIDGE



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Village Local Receives A Community Volunteer Award

On Wednesday the 29th June I attended the Mangere Otahuhu Local board Community Volunteer awards night. It was a great night with live performances and lots of truly amazing community volunteers getting awarded for all the hard work that they put in to their communities.

I went along to see Linsay Tehana our village ambassador receive his award for all the hard work that he does around the village. Linsay was very pleased to be receiving his award. It's a nice way to acknowledge the support people provide to their community.

(Pictured below: Left is Linsay with his award and right is Myself, Linsay and his sister n law Lillian)



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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
Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road

TUESDAY

Keas 6-7pm / Cubs 5-7pm
Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
Mangere Bridge Walking Group 9am
Meet @ Village noticeboard - 027 201 1981
Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm
St James Hall Church St [3rd tuesday]
Library Bookclub 10:30am [2nd tue]
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
Waterlea Indoor Bowling Club - 7:15pm
New Members Welcome

WEDNESDAY

Brownies 6-7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mtn Education Ctr.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
R&R Meeting 7.30pm [2nd wed/month]
St James Church hall

THURSDAY

Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
Art Group, 9am - 12:00, Memorial Hall
Scouts 7-9pm.
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
Senior Citizens Travel Club, Day Trips
phone 526 0250 [1st thur of month]
Mangere Bridge Walking Group 9am
Meet @ Village noticeboard - 027 201 1981
mainly music 9:30am
St James Hall - 622 2807

FRIDAY

Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
Playball 2-5 years 9:15-9:55am,
Mangere Bridge Scout Hall, Taylor Rd
Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
Probus, Mangere Bridge bowling club
phone 634 6091 [4th Fri of month]

SATURDAY: Plunket Toy Library 9:30-10:30am

SUNDAY: Village Boutique Market 9am-1pm

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Opening Hours

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Saturday 9am to 3pm
Sunday 10am to 2pm

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village happenings

village focus

with Kate

As I sit here writing this month's issue the sun is shining but it's freezing outside. Winters definitely here and although it's crisp it's a nice feeling sometimes to rug up and dress cozy for the winter months. When it's not raining it's still nice to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

There has been lots of talk about speed and community safety. With an area predominately made up of young families we all need to be aware of the speed in which we travel.

Also the use of Disability car spaces is becoming a real issue, we have very limited spaces available in the village and recently there seems to be a lot of people using these carparks that do not hold the correct permit to do so.

Please be considerate of the members of our community, there is lots of parking in the service lanes behind the shops (behind ASB side, entrances are on Miro and Rimu)

Notices

Neighbourhood support

Did you know that Mangere Bridge has its very own neighborhood support? With a recent rise in burglary and bike / vehicle theft, neighborhood support offers a great way for your street to keep in touch with each other and keep an eye out for each other. If you would like to sign up please contact nhsmangerebridge@gmail.com and ask how you can become a part of this group.

Mangere Bridge Fun run walk or stroll

We plan to hold this event again this year and hope to get some more entries. Great event for all there is not first place its more about participation.

Lots of spot prizes. This year's event will be held on Sunday 12th November

School Holiday Activities at the Library

Monday 17th July 2017 10.30am-11.30am

Beneath your skin – Part 1, what is beneath your skin? A fun activity to learn more about you.

Wednesday 19th July 2017 2.30-3.30pm

Beneath your skin - Part 2 what lies beneath your skin? Help to recreate your skeleton

Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Santa Parade

Registrations will be sent out this month with the event being held on the 7th December 4pm-8.30pm - Parade will start at 6pm

I can be contacted on email:

info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz or I am based in the Harcourts office on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

kind regards

Kate Adams

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Mangere Historical Society

Mangere Historical Society learnt about horses and their therapeutic abilities.

Noel Morrison from Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy or as it was originally known, Riding for the Disabled, was able to tell of the difficult early years as a few hardy and enthusiastic people realised the marvellous progress that could be made by the use of riding horses to stimulate muscles and tendons, help encourage the confidence of people who often had low esteem of their abilities to do very much. The wonderful care and assistance they received at this Centre at the far end of Wellesley Rd, allowed them to bloom in many ways. The Regional Ambury Park of 133 hectares set aside 5 acres for the use of the Riding Centre.

Many well-known people were very supportive in many ways, not only financially and they had to raise a huge amount in the 1980s to allow the building of an indoor arena, so that the therapy could continue whatever the weather. In 1985 they had the Official Opening of the Indoor arena. Governor General Sir David and Lady Beattie officiated. The Prime Minister and local Member of Parliament David Lange was there along with many other supporters, parents and riders and well-wishers. Gradually over the years they added seating, office rooms and reception area, stables classrooms etc. Names that are found on the supporters wall include, the Fisher and Paykel Families, Kelliher, Bruce Carter, the Robinsons, Dr Lindo Fergusson and his wife Laetitia, who was the first Physiotherapist, Dr Denis and Joy Hanna, who was also a physiotherapist, Lionel Otto and many others. Several of these were "Horse people" and there was a great need for horses of all sizes and shapes. They had to have the right temperament to cope with nervous and in some cases, twitchy passengers; some horses or ponies needed to be fairly broad to stretch the constricted hips joints. Physio therapists were on hand to help and advise the riders.

The first Director was Dr Jill Calveley. She had a great interest in education and they started elementary school classes to help their riders. At one stage several houses in the near vicinity were bought to allow for residential facilities but this proved to not be a viable option. The Centre became a Charitable Trust. As new Directors came, they each influenced this wonderful asset with their own strengths and interests. These days Life Skills are taught that will allow the individuals to be able to look after themselves to their best ability as they mature and perhaps set out to live apart from their family care givers. They are given cooking lessons, the ability to catch buses for transport, personal hygiene, and so many other skills that we all take for granted, that have been absorbed as we grew up.

The Members watched as promotional video produced at the time of the 25th anniversary showing the affection that these horses engendered with their riders. An Open Invitation was offered to anyone interested in going to visit this wonderful facility that is in our own backyard, and yet often unknown to Mangere residents.

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St James Anglican Church Patronal Festival

You are most welcome to join St James Anglican Church in Mangere Bridge as we celebrate our Patronal Festival Service to our Patron Saint, St James, on Sunday the 23rd July at the 9.00 am service.

Our Celebrant and Preacher will be Bishop the Rt. Revd. John Patterson.

Call us for more info on 09 6343009 or email radio@xtra.co.nz or listen to radio SJAC 106.7fm for announcements.

Or just turn up on the day. Remember St James Patronal festival Service 23rd July at 9.00 am. Don't forget to bring the children.

Fundraising for Ella: Salon Day

Monday 17th July - Were Fundraising for four year old Ella. The Granddaughter from the local bridge fruit and vege shop. Ella's family is taking her to Missouri for life changing surgery to give her a chance to walk independently. Proceeds from the salon day will go directly to Ella's fundraising efforts. Facebook - 'Fairy steps for Ella' for more information on Ella.

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Mangere Historical Society

One of our own members spoke of the 25 years that her family were involved at Mangere Lawn Cemetery. Her husband Alan came to Auckland in 1958 and for the princely sum of Twenty Pounds per week took over the management of this facility. It was overgrown with blackberries, weeds and genera rubbish. Allan was insistent that all the workmen attending to a burial presented themselves in newly laundered white service coats, white shirts and black tie and clean shoes or boots. This meant that on occasions Beverley would launder up to up to 20 white coats. A new one was used for each service. She told of things that happened on rare occasions, like a grave digger throwing out his tools and then finding he could not get out himself. All graves were dug by hand in those days and often her husband would work late attending to this work. She took all the bookings and required the measurements of each coffin. On one occasion the minister stepped too close to the edge and over-balanced! There was one person who had insisted on being buried standing upright. Stillborn babies graves were unmarked. Beverley tried to make the scene a little brighter for the grieving parents by decorating three sides of the grave with flowers. She spoke of the very long hours worked by various family members that helped establish the beautiful lawn cemetery we have there today.

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Mountain View School

Sir Douglas Bader School Leaders Visit Mountain View School

The Principal Scott Symes from Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate School brought 4 of his Student Leaders and their Diversity Group to Mountain View School for a special assembly with our children and families. The Leaders were part of a visit to the Parliament Beehive and Te Papa in Wellington with a focus on learning about leadership. The students delivered speeches and a Powerpoint Presentation. The students presented very clearly and articulately with a strong message about leading by example, setting goals, helping and serving the community and following their dreams. The Diversity Group performers were beautifully attired in their cultural costumes and performed with great skill. The Sir Douglas Bader students were wonderful role models of leadership for the Mountain View School children and our community.



Mangere Bridge Library

Beneath your skin: Part 1

What is beneath your skin? Part 1. A fun activity to learn more about you.

Where: Māngere Bridge Library

When: Monday 17 July 10:30 – 11:30am

Beneath your skin: Part 2

What lies beneath your skin? Part 2. Now we are recreating your skeleton.

Where: Māngere Bridge Library

When: Wednesday 19 July 2:30 – 3:30pm

Please direct all enquiries to 636 6797, emailing mangerebridge.library@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or asking at the Library.

Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by parents during the activities.



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