

The Mayor of Manukau and his Deputy visit Mountain View School

Manukau's Mayor Len Brown and his Deputy Su'a William Sio visited Mountain View School on their first whole school visit since the Council Elections.



They were welcomed with a Powhiri by the children who then, while escorting them around the school, were also able to tell them of the schools various achievements.



Both the Mayor and his Deputy said how impressed they were with the schools learning environment. Mayor Brown, in speaking to the children, drew attention to the importance of setting goals which would keep them firmly on the path to their dreams. The children have written letters to the City Leaders thanking them for acknowledging the importance of the future generations.

New Director/Principal at Ambury

Introducing the new Director/Principal of the Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy, Anna Houston.

Married with three adult children Anna's husband is currently the Principal for Cornwall Park Primary School in Auckland. The two eldest children both work in Auckland while the youngest has just completed her third year of a conjoint Commerce and Arts Degree

Anna has worked in education for more than twenty years and for most of these she has held Senior Management roles.

Coming from a dairy farming background she spent a lot of her teenage years with her horse *Ginger* but confesses to the fact that she has not ridden much since then.

For almost ten years Anna worked both part time and full time as a Youth Pastor setting up Trust and Community programmes for youth in Dargaville.

Prior to taking up her present position she worked as a Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour and comes to the Ambury Park Centre for Riding

Therapy with a breadth of experience in not only education but in particular Special Needs Education. Anna says that both the Board and the Team at the Centre have made her very welcome which has made moving into her new job so easy and enjoyable.

Anna says that she looks forward to meeting many of the local community at Ambury.

February 'Tea & Topics' Cancelled

March Topic - Natural History of Rangitoto Island

Due to circumstances beyond the Libraries control they have had to cancel the 'Tea & Topics' session scheduled for the 13th of February.

'Tea & Topics' will be back on March the 12th when Mike Wilcox will present the new book "Natural History of Rangitoto Island".

All the children who completed the Manukau Libraries Summer 2007 Reading Challenge *Zip to the past; Zap to the future - read and go places* are to be congratulated.

What's on at the Bridge

Every Wed	Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Every Thu	Bridge Art Group 9am to Noon Memorial Hall
2nd Sun's	Sunday Walking
Every Wed	Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Wed	Brownies 6 - 7.30pm
Mon	Guides 6 - 8pm
Every Mon	CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm Methodist Church Hall
Mon	W.I. second Monday of the month
Cub Scouts	Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 7 1/2 - 10 1/2 years
Kea Scouts	Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm 5 1/2 - 7 1/2 years
Scouts	Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm 10 1/2 - 14 1/2 years
Mon/Tue/Thu	Plunket Playgroup 9.00am - 11.30pm
Mon	Plunket Toy Library 11.30am - 12.15pm
Sat	Plunket Toy Library 10.30am - 11.30pm
Mon/Thu	Plunket Car Seat Rentals 12.45 - 2.45pm
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Tue - Thur	Mangere Bridge Walking group 9:00am
Mon,Wed,Fri	Mangere Bridge Playcentre 9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
3rd Wed	R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall
Every Fri	Sing-a-long Storytime 10.30am Library
Mon/Wed	Senior Citizens Housie, 1.00pm Bridge Crt Hall
Mon	St John Youth- every Mon 6.30 - 8.00pm
Wed	Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS
	Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Last Tues	Cafe Church at Latin Coffee 7.00pm
Wed	Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre
Art & Craft	1st & 3rd Saturday of the month Village Sq Market
1st Thu	Senior Citizens Travel Club, Day Trips every first Thursday Phone 634 1062 Mathematics/Mandarin Tuition Phone 622 2688 or 021 135 0368

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,
Happy New Year! I trust you all had a relaxing break. No doubt those of you with school aged children will welcome the start of the school year.

Planned Events: Please mark these dates on your calendar:

17 March: St Patrick's Day promotion

19 & 20th April: Autumn Festival Weekend.

Jazz Festival Sat 19th and Food and Wine

Festival Sun 20th. Check on the Notice Board for further information.

Character Project: The second art sculpture, by George Nuku, is to be installed shortly. It will represent the prow of a waka, with the European history of the area carved into one side and the Maori on the other. It will be another great addition to our Village and will be a piece of interest to both locals and tourists.

Public Toilets: You will be pleased to hear that our toilet block is due for replacement in the new financial year commencing 1 July 2008.

Website: The Business Association now has a website.

Check it out on www.mangere-bridge.co.nz

Live Music: The bands have started again on Thursdays from 6.30pm to 9.00pm outside the cafes and will continue until it gets too cold.

Calendars 2009: We are revisiting the idea of producing a Mangere Bridge calendar for 2009. Look out for further information on the notice board and in the library. Order forms will be available shortly

Craft Market: The Market will start again in February as usual on the 1st and 3rd Sat of every month. In Summer 9am to 1pm and Winter from 10am to 2pm

Village focus: It is evident that due to rising costs many families are cutting back on discretionary spending. This can hit small shopping precincts, such as ours, just as hard as the larger shopping complexes. In order to maintain a vibrant shopping area it is important that the community support their local shops and cafes. I will be available by appointment at the management office on Tues, Wed and Thurs afternoons.

kind regards

Carol Anne Armitage
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Orpheus Festival Saturday 9 February

Let the whole family be part of the 'Orpheus Festival' which celebrates the youth of today and acknowledges a historical event that happened in this area.

The 'Orpheus Festival' will take place at the **Rose Garden** (adjacent to Shortt Street), Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge on Saturday the 9th of February 2008 starting at 1.00pm.

This is the 145th Anniversary of the founding of the Steam Corvette HMS "Orpheus" on the Manukau Bar - the most disastrous shipwreck in New Zealand's shipping history.

Entertainment will include the Onehunga Jazz Band with Edwina Thorne, The Greater Auckland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Drumline, Manukau City Pipe and Drum Band, Children's Amusements, a Sausage Sizzle, Demonstrations Information tents and Boats on the water.

A balanced view of the history surrounding the 'Orpheus' will be on show in the information marquee.

St James Community Radio Station on 106.7 FM

LPFM Community Radio Station of St James Anglican Church in Mangere Bridge broadcasts christian music 24/7 with a bit of easy listening thrown in.

Notices are broadcast for both church and community activities on the hour as well as the half hour.

Services at the church are broadcast live to air for those who cannot get to church. Reception covers Mangere Bridge, Mangere Central, Onehunga, Hillsborough, One Tree Hill and Royal Oak.

To arrange for community notices for Mangere Bridge and the Onehunga areas or for any other information about the activities at St James' please contact the church on Phone 634 3009 Fax 636 2213 or e-mail: ministry@st-james-nz.org

Check the St James' websites

www.st-james-nz.org

www.cafechurch.net/firms.com

www.sjac1061.net/firms.com

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE a service of Repentance and forgiveness, with the imposition of oil and ashes takes place on 6th February at 7.30pm

The programme commences with a **Parade** of the Youth and Service Groups at 1.30 pm to be followed by the **Firing of the Cannon** by His Worship the Mayor Len Brown who will then judge the 'Orpheus' Biscuit' baking competition.

From 3.00pm to 6.00pm it will be Family Picnic time in the Rose Garden, a time to relax and enjoy the atmosphere and entertainment on the shores of the Manukau Harbour.

Citizens Advice Bureau Looking for Volunteers

The Mangere Citizens Advice Bureau at Bader Drive will, starting on the 9th of February 2008, be open every **SATURDAY** from 9.00am to 12.30pm so as to cater for those unable to attend during the week due to work commitments.

This service will be in addition to the **FREE** Legal clinic (by appointment only) and the JP services.

Applications for new volunteers now being taken. Now the children are back at school, you are retired or semi-retired and have some spare time or perhaps you want some work experience or are wanting to make new friends, maybe practice your language skills then you are invited to join the Mangere CAB and train as a Bureau worker.

The CAB are looking for good listeners, people who are open minded and are keen to learn, those who are interested in people and want to help others, those who want to learn about their community and wish to share that information and most importantly are able to make a commitment to regularly give of their time to the Bureau.

The next training course starts on Tuesday the 19th of February 2008.

There are other volunteer opportunities for those who do not have the time or inclination to do the CAB course but would still like to help. Administrative tasks, fundraising activities, checking information, inputting data are just some of the activities where you would be able to provide invaluable help.

The Bureau would also like to hear from Justices of the Peace who could give a couple of hours of their time to the Bureau each week.

To volunteer phone Ingrid on 275 9217 or call in at the Mangere Citizens Advice Bureau located at the back of the Library at the Mangere Town Centre. The hours of business are Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

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Mangere Bridge Residents & Ratepayers Association

Following Les Dixon's election to the Mangere Community Board Dianne Clark was elected to replace him on the Residents and Ratepayers Committee.

At the Associations last meeting there was unanimous support by members to the proposal that the Onehunga rail link be extended to Mangere Bridge, the Auckland Airport, Wiri and Botany Downs before finally joining the existing rail at Panmure.

A letter supporting the proposal was to be sent to the Minister of Transport and representatives of all political parties in Parliament as well as local body politicians.

Vector Energy rejected the Associations request that power lines on Kiwi Esplanade be placed underground.

The meeting was told that the Council is introducing street orderlies to cover high profile town and main shopping centres where Council has a cleaning responsibility.

The meeting was told that the establishment of a Recreational Facility was stalemated as an agreement to find a way forward had not been reached. However the Council, it seems, would support the exploration of possible future recreational facility if the residents of Mangere Bridge proved that they had an interest for this type of facility.

Other matters covered were the development of the Mangere Gateway Heritage Destination aimed at visitors, the Associations submission to the Auckland Regional Council about their proposed plan change with regard to mangrove management and pointing out the potentially serious ecological and financial consequences from the unchecked spread of the mangroves and the concern about the control of stoats and ferrets on the Waterfront of Ambury Park.

The Associations next meeting will take place at St James' Church Hall, Church Road on Wednesday the 20th of February at 7.30pm.

Kedgely Music Centre

Taking Enrollments for 2008

The Kedgely Music Centre (based at Kedgely Intermediate School) is still taking enrollments for 2008.

Classes run after school on weekdays and on Saturday mornings for Primary (from age 7 years) as well as Intermediate children.

Lessons available are - the clarinet, drums, flute, guitar, keyboard, recorder, saxophone, singing, trumpet and violin.

Fees for the year are \$80 for the first child and \$50 each extra child from the same family.

There are some instruments available for hire. For availability of these instruments as well as an enrollment/information pack you are asked to phone the KMC office on 277 7043.

Enrollments close at 3.00pm on Wednesday the 13th of February.



Mangere Community House Programmes

The Mangere Community House, at 141 Robertson Road, Mangere, ask those who are interested in any of the following programmes, that will be available in the first Term of 2008, to ring and register their interest.

Learners and HT License - Phone Sam Patua on 257 4881 or Harry Barrett on 257 2009

Anger Management - Phone Varna on 275 4249

Simple Budgeting, Parenting Difficult Children, Self Esteem, You are not Alone, Having Fun Together - Phone 277 5337

Tai Chi Ph - Phone 275 4920

AA Aroha - For more details Phone 636 8281

Aged Concern Programmes - Phone 275 4920

Mirimiri Clinic - Spiritual Messages and Healings Phone Theresa on 275 4476

The Community House is looking for people interested in starting up 500, Scrabble, Walking Groups, or Gardening Groups. Phone 275 4920

They also have rooms for hire. To obtain more information visit their website www.manukau.govt.nz the Key Words: Mangere Community House

Bridge Park Bowling Club

The New Year sees the first of the competition results

Drawn Pairs

1st N. Thomson (S), J. Wood
R/Up J. Hunt (S), J. Fitzpatrick

A Novelty Competition

Skips J. Moore

R/Up J. Hunt

Threes T. Pepper

R/Up F. Stone

Twos S. Caine

R/Up J. Wood

Leads L. Bacon

R/Up D. Kapitovna

Tournament 25. 11. 07

1st N. Stone (S), T. Leydon, R. Allen
2nd O. Speer (S), N. Martin, A. Rogers
3rd J. McGillicuddy (S), J. Hunt, F. Stone
Skip T. Hanson
Two J. Spicer
Lead C. Pert

Tournament 27. 11. 07

1st R. Russell (Mangere)
2nd K. Siffleet (S), J. Drummond, N. Thomson
3rd G. Pert(S), C. Jacobs, R. Slow
4th N. Martin(S), O. Speer, A. Rogers
5th T. Pepper(S), J. Hardy, G. Surtees
Lucky Skip J. Moore
Two J. Spicer
Lead T. Spenser (Epsom)

Tournament 2. 12. 07

1st R. Williams (S), F. Stone, C. Jacobs
2nd J. McGillicuddy (S), M. MacElvanna, P. Alliu
3rd M. Stone(S), T. Pepper, J. Drummond
4th J. Hunt(S), L. Hanson, R. Mann
Lucky Skip G. Copland
Two M. Hayward
Lead N. Thomson

Mangere Women's Institute

First meeting for the year on the 11th February

The President June O'Neill and the Committee Members of the Mangere Women's Institute wish all the members and friends a Happy New Year and look forward to meeting up with everyone at the Institutes next meeting on the 11th of February.

You are asked to remember that both *Membership* (\$15.00) and *Home & Country* (\$15.00) subscriptions are due this month.

Visitors are very welcome at both the social hour at 10.30am as well as the meeting which starts at 12.30pm.

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For class dates, times, venue, cost, or any further information you might require, please contact Sarah on 622 2267

Car Boot Sale and Market Day 15th of March

Come and enjoy the **Ambury Park Centre Annual Fundraising Day** on Saturday the 15th of March from 9.00 am. to 1.00 pm

It is important to note that this is **NOT** being held at Ambury Farm but at the **Ambury Park Centre, 66 Wellesley Road, Mangere Bridge.**

There are trees and shaded areas for the stall holders while gazebos and umbrellas for those stallholders wishing to bring them are welcome.

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Copy Deadline for March 2008

Deadline for the March Issue is the 21st of February 2008. To ensure that your article makes the March issue fax copy to 634 4251 or

email: mangerebridge@harcourts.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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Mangere Community Law Centre

The Mangere Community Law Centre invite members of the community to attend their next **'Law in Our Communities Programme'** (LIOCEP)

The course is for members of the public or community workers who would like to know more about the law and their legal rights.

Topics to be covered will include: An introduction to New Zealand Law and the Courts, Family Law, Domestic Violence, Making a Will, Powers of Attorney, Consumer Law, Buying a House, Employment Law, Civil and Human Rights, Child and Youth Law, the Privacy Act, Official Information and Property Relationships Act.

This 8 week legal education course will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm and will run from February the 13th to the 2nd of April.

The cost for this programme is \$25 which includes the cost of materials, certificate and morning tea.

The Mangere Community Law Centre is available to speak to any community group about law related topics either as a one off or as a series designed to meet the organisations needs.

These can be held either at the organisations premises or in the Centres Seminar Room at the Mangere Town Centre (opposite the entrance to Foodworld).

For more information or to register your interest please contact Louise or Ida on 275 4310 or e-mail mccl@xtra.co.nz

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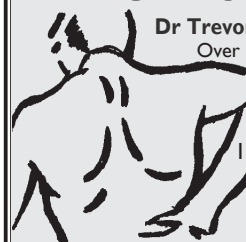
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