

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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The Staff of Harcourts as well as all who put together  
the Harcourts Newsletter wish each and everyone in  
the community a

*Very Merry Christmas*

*and*

*a Happy and Prosperous New Year*

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## Students Participate in BASF Kids Lab Programme

30 students from years 4 to 6 experience life in a science laboratory

Early in November BASF, the Chemical Company offered a limited number of places in their BASF Kids Lab programme to students from Waterlea School. Thirty lucky students with a strong interest in Science were selected from Years 4 to 6 to experience life in a real science laboratory.

During the visit the students were treated to a hands on chemistry session where they experimented with a number of different chemicals under a variety of scientifically controlled conditions.

The students loved the opportunity to be real scientists for a day and appreciated the generosity shown to them by the BASF Chemical Company.

Waterlea School is proud that Marina Povey, a year 5 student, has been selected to attend the Gifted Kids Programme at Waikowhai School for their one day a week class in 2008. In late November the Waterlea School Library is to be showcased to visitors from schools in the Waikato as an exemplary model school library.

Linda Jeffares, the designated librarian and Penny Jensen, the school's Deputy Principal, have worked hard to create a learning environment that not only encourages students to be motivated to use the library effectively but is a place where reading is fostered as a fun activity.

Throughout the year the Waterlea BOT fund a variety of programmes to enhance learning opportunities for students. The Phonemic Awareness Programme is one such programme.

A designated teacher, Andrea Jamieson, works with a team of trained teachers aides who individually tutor students.

The one on one support assists students to be aware of the sounds letters make, As the students' awareness improves so too does the reading levels. The BOT are pleased with their investment as the results from this intervention brings students' reading ages up to and in some cases beyond their chronological age.

Two walking school buses are now operating at Waterlea. The school is pleased that so many of the pupils are exercising. It is a healthy attitude towards getting to and from school.

### Copy Deadline for February 2008

Deadline for the December Issue is the 23rd of January 2008. To ensure that your article makes the February 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

## 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
	Plunket Rooms. 5 Taylor Road. M/Bridge
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
Every Tues & Fri	Low impact aerobic/boxing class at St James Hall 9.30am to 10.30am

## A BIG PLUNKET THANK YOU

Mangere Bridge Playgroup would like to thank the Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club for their very generous donation of \$1622.00.

They would also like to thank their sponsors, the ANZ Bank, the Dolphin Theatre, The Village Butcher and to all who donated to Plunket this year. The Plunket Play Group wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Lovely New Year.

Any queries about the Plunket Playgroup at Mangere Bridge please phone Franika on 275 7615

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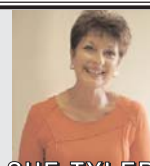
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## Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,

The Santa Parade has been and gone for another year and everyone is in recovery mode. I would like to thank the Business Association and Mangere Community Board for funding towards this event as well as the many helpers who assisted with the Parade.

Retail generally has been very slow over the Winter as people have cut back on discretionary spending. Could I please encourage you to 'Shop Local' as often as possible in order to retain the businesses we have.

After the winter break Thursday night entertainment started with a well supported Karaoke Competition which unearthed some very good local talent. The bands have restarted for the summer (except January) with a variety of music styles. However, in order to justify the ongoing expenditure we really do need to see more people supporting these evenings and indeed, the various promotions that are run.

**The Autumn Festival Weekend** in April was a huge success and subject to ongoing funding we hope to make this an annual event.

**The 'Character Project'** is in the final stages of completion after some hold ups with the lighting on the new welcoming signage. The seats are to be restrained and graffiti guarded. We are saddened by the damage to the new art sculpture and hope the two to be installed will be treated better.

**Queens Burger & Pizzas** has been taken over by the owner of Pars Kebabs so you can expect Pars Kebabs same high standard of food and customer service. They also now stock Sushi.



Winner of the Business Associations Shopping Competition, Kathy from Mangere, receiving her travel vouchers from the Village Manager Carol-Anne

**Management Office.** The Management Office will be closed from the 20th of December till the end of January. Messages may be left on 636 7491 or e-mail [mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz)

kind regards

*Carol-Anne Armitage*  
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

# Orpheus Festival and Biscuit Recipe Competition

The Orpheus Festival will be held on Saturday the 6th of February starting at 1.00pm. The parade will travel along Kiwi Esplanade finishing just past the Orpheus cannon and flag pole.

There will be great entertainment in the Rose Garden after the Parade and the "Firing of the Cannon". The full programme of events will be advertised closer to the date however there will be boats on the water, information tents, and children's amusements.

Celebrating the youth service clubs of the area offers a great excuse to make it a family picnic day.

The organisers say that the tide will be in and the weather will be perfect.

All Youth Clubs, Scouts, Guides etc. in the area, as well as around Manukau Harbour, are invited to take part in the Parade as well as give some thought to having an information/activity site in the Rose Garden or alternatively be in the musical concert on the 9th February.

Please contact Diane on 634 2003 if you are interested in either joining in or requiring further information.

### The "Orpheus Biscuit"

You are invited to create an original Orpheus biscuit recipe using ingredients similar to those that would have been on board ship 150 years ago. Rum is an optional extra!

Create your own recipe and bake a batch of biscuits. The winning recipe in the considered opinion of the judges, (these yet to be decided) will be named the "Orpheus Biscuit" on the day of the Festival.

Your recipe, with samples of biscuits using the same recipe should be sent to Diane (Facilitator of the Orpheus Festival Committee - phone 634 2003) for preliminary judging, no later than the 17th January 2008.

The chosen finalists should have their baking ready for judging on Saturday the 9th of February 2008

## Mangere Bridge Kindergarten Prize Draw

Winners of the Mangere Bridge Kindergarten Raffle drawn on the 12th of November were:

Draw 1: Swingset H. Mc Cormick  
Draw 2 TV3 Experience G. Foster

## Mangere Women's Institute

The Institute members turned out to enjoy the usual Social Hour, everyone hoping that they are lucky enough to win a card.

After lunch which offers the opportunity to catch up with family news the meeting was addressed by their youngest member, Lynda Greenland who is a volunteer with the Salvation Army.

Lynda was an interesting speaker who works as an Advocate and helps solo parents with budget and practical advice.

At the end of the address Margaret Bovey presented Lynda with a small token of appreciation.

Mrs Josie Goldsmith, the Federation President, reminded the meeting of the Mobray Cup Competitions to be held this year at the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall on the 28th of November and suggested that it would be nice if as many members as possible attended.

As this issue will come out after the next meeting, members are reminded that meetings resume on Monday the 11th of February 2008.

The President and Committee wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to meeting up with everyone next year.

## Volunteers Wanted for Centre for Riding Therapy

If you have some time to spare, want to keep fit, have fun and help others then the Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy could use you any day, Monday to Friday for from one to two hours assisting riders with disabilities.

You do not need any horse experience as full training will be given.

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**Remember that there is no issue of the Harcourts Newsletter in January**

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# Bridge Park Bowling Club

More competition and tournaments have been completed with the following results

## Drawn Fours

1st B. Hotene (S), F. Stone, A. Rogers, L. Hansen  
R/Up J. Hunt (S), N. Thomson, L. Leydon, S. Caine

## Grandmothers

1st N. Thomson (S), M. Leydon, M. Garnham  
R/Up J. Hunt (S), J. Fitzpatrick, C. Pert

## Tournament on 30. 10. 07

1st O. Speer (S), N. Martin, A. Rogers  
2nd G. Cotton (Mangere)  
3rd M. Matulich  
4th E. Jacobsen (S), G. Copland, J. Brown  
5th B. McCullough (Mangere) with T. Pepper

## Lucky Prizes

**Skip** J. McGillicuddy

**Two** P. Fitzpatrick

**Lead** G. Mincher

## Ladies Veteran Pairs

1st J. Hunt (S), L. Hansen  
R/Up A. Smith (S), T. Pepper

## Tournament on 13. 11. 07

1st I. Gordon (Papakura)  
2nd G. Cotton (Mangere)  
3rd T. Tetley (S), T. Pepper, M. Garnham  
4th M. Matulich

## Lucky Prizes

**Skip** M. Hayward

**Two** C. Jacobs

**Lead** F. Stone

## Men's Veteran Pairs

1st R. Williams (S), N. Webb

R/Up G. Copland (S), O. Speer

The Bridge Park Bowling Club wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

# Manukau Yacht & Motorboat Club

The Manukau Yacht & Motorboat Club would like to thank all their sponsors for their continued assistance and wish them all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Club's Christmas Party will take place after the racing which commences at 1430hrs on the 16th of December.

It would seem that Santa is arriving by boat at about 5.00pm

The Club's first racing day for 2008 is the 13th of January at 1300hrs.

Following this the Hartley 16 New Zealand Champs will be held in New Plymouth from the 24 to the 28th of January.

The Club's next race day is the 10th of February at 1200hrs when the French Bay Cup will be contested

The Club's full calendar can be accessed on their website [www.mymbc.org.nz](http://www.mymbc.org.nz)

The Club hopes to run a Kids Learn to Sail Course in February 2008. Dates are to be advised later.

New members are always welcome.

# Mangere Bridge Library

## Zip to the Past - Zap to the Future

Zip to the Past; Zap to the Future - read and go places! That is the message from the Mangere Bridge Library.

Enrollments for the Manukau Libraries Summer Reading Challenge begin after school on Thursday the 5th of December.

Places are limited so you are asked to get in quick.

Full details of the Challenge are available on the Manukau Libraries website.

Dates to enter into your Diary are Wednesday the 12th of December - The Waterlea School Choir will entertain with Christmas songs and then on Thursday the 20th December it's Christmas Pyjama Storytime with stories, songs and lots of fun for the family.

The Library staff wish all a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Happy reading over the holidays. Make sure that you visit the library and get your reading material.

Remember that the last Sing-a-Long Storytime will be on Friday the 14th of December. It will re-start after the holidays on Friday the 18th of January.

It is suggested that you keep watching the website [www.manukau-libraries.govt.nz](http://www.manukau-libraries.govt.nz) for details about future events to be held at the Library.

If you have any queries you can contact the Mangere Bridge Library by phoning 636 6797 or e-mailing [mangerebridge.library.govt.nz](mailto:mangerebridge.library.govt.nz)

# Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

## Summer Season Club times

The Club had it's prizegiving on the 14th of November. After playing three short fun games, while at the same time enjoying drinks and nibbles, the winners trophies were awarded.

Winner of the Neave Tankard aggregate prize was Ian Price with 144 points. The runner up was Marilyn Baskville, just one point behind, with 143 points.

Ian also received the Noel McDougal Memorial Shield for not missing a night where he did not score the most aggregate points.

The lady going the furthest in the Champ Singles was Alison Smith. while the winner of the Stewart Rennie prize for the most points in outside championships was Marilyn Baskville.

The Club expressed their thanks to Mr Gordon Ward of NZ Wheel Clampin, who was a sponsor of their tournaments and for coming in to present the Secretary of the Mangere Bridge Plunket Playgroup with a cheque for \$1622.00, raised from the tournaments run by the club through the year.

Thanks were also expressed to Andree Toft and Redfire Nurseries for the plants supplied which also went towards making the tournaments a great success.

After the prizes were awarded, supper was served and the raffle drawn.

The Committee wish the players a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone back at bowls on the 13th of February 2008

# Volunteers for Mangere Mountain Education Centre

The Mangere Mountain Education Centre is looking for volunteers to help with Gardening, Administration Assistance, and their Guided Walks, particularly over the Summer months.

If you would like to be trained as a Guide or you can help around the Centre, either call in to the Centre at 100 Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge or phone Mani on 634 7305

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## Mangere Community House Programmes for 2008

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

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# Irish Magic at the Historical Society

Lilting Irish Music and Irish Fables

The last meeting of the Mangere Historical Society was both interesting and entertaining.

Those attending were entertained by the delightful Katherine Mowbray who in addition to playing some gloriously lilting music told some wonderful Irish fables.

The audience were left enthralled by her stories as well as her music.

The speaker for the day was Stewart Harvey from Watercare who showed very interesting slides and related the history of the many dams and springs that have supplied Auckland over the years

Apparently apart from the water tanks and creeks, the settler utilised Auckland's Domain Springs (now the duck pond) while later on Western Springs became a source of supply.

## ICON Suggest Business's Check Holiday Security

With the Christmas rush already underway for many it is important to take a few moments to consider your security requirements says ICON.

If you plan to close your business over the holidays, these are some of the areas they suggest you need to consider.

- Ensure that the locks, alarms etc are functioning correctly.
- If your alarm is monitored ensure your keyholders are going to be contactable and if not provide your monitoring company with an updated list.
- Check that the security lights are working.
- Ensure that all cash and valuables are removed from the site or appropriately secured.
- Consider contacting additional security patrols from your security provider.

It is also important to consider your staff safety with extended trading hours and larger than normal bankings.

Where possible staff should not work alone and a cash collection service or regular clearance of tills should be implemented.

ICON are happy to assist with security planning and can be contacted by phoning Anton on 09 522 9350

The ICON GROUP Team wish all a very safe and secure Christmas and New Year.

The exploration of the Waitakere Ranges resulted in the harnessing of the streams and rivers there to provide water which is the necessity of life.

Wooden Dams such as Nihotapu which was built in 1900 were eventually replaced with hand mixed concrete versions.

To carry supplies from the Manukau Harbour to the work sites a narrow gauge rail line was built, with the workers living in primitive huts alongside the rail line while the dams were built

William Langland, the contractor commissioned to build the concrete, was killed on site which saw Auckland Council workers being brought in to complete the project using equipment which had earlier been used on the Waitakere Dams.

With no roads, horses and sleds were used to move the equipment.

The Hunua Ranges were used for the Cossey Dam in the 1950 - 1955 and the 60 metres high Mangatawhiri Dam in 1961 - 1965.

These dams provide 350,000 cubic tons of water per day to the ever growing Auckland City.

After the address, afternoon tea was provided to round off a most enjoyable day.

## Guided Walk on Mangere Mountain

This is an opportunity to discover how the Mountain was formed and to explore the history of the people who lived on the mountain.

Mangere Mountain is one of the best preserved volcanoes in Auckland with much evidence still remaining of the people who once lived here.

Mangere Mountain Education Centre will provide guided walks on the mountain on Thursday the 13th December as well as on the 10th of January 2008.

Walks start at the Education Centre, 100 Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge, at 9.45am ending around Midday.

The cost is \$5

They suggest that those attending wear suitable walking shoes.

Bookings are essential. To do this you are asked to phone 634 7305 or

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