

Mangere Bridge Residents & Ratepayers Association

Looking Back Over the Past Year

The occasion of their AGM was an appropriate time to look back over the issues the Association has dealt with in the past year:

- Use of sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant by Living Earth
- Planning for the Mangere Bridge Foreshore the behaviour of hoons on the old bridge
- Living Earth - concerns about a possible failure to comply with conditions of the resource consent for the composting plant on Puketutu Island,
- Maori Leader's Residence in Wallace Road, Mangere Bridge
- Pollution of Oruarangi Creek
- Beach Water Quality
- Sculptures in Mangere Bridge Village
- The location of new state housing in Mangere Foreshore Walkway, Mahunga Drive
- Recycling Bins
- Low flying aircraft
- The nuisance caused by increasing pukeko numbers
- The need for a new road to Puketutu Island.
- Smell from Watercare Sewerage Plant
- State Highway 20 development
- Auckland Super City

Although some might be seen to be of minor importance to an outside observer all of these issues are important to the local community. Two issues stand out as being of major importance for the coming year.

One is the opportunity to develop the Mangere Bridge foreshore as the result of the construction of the new Mangere Bridge. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the local community to reclaim access to the Manukau Harbour foreshore. The Mayor of Manukau City has indicated his support to ensure that this opportunity is not missed. It is vital that

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the local community makes its views known and plays an active role in developing the plan. The second is the effect of the reforms of the governance of Auckland City on the local community. The establishment of the super city is a fait accompli. Maintaining the identity of the Mangere Bridge community within the super city is a task for the coming year. It is a task that needs a strong and effective voice. The Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Association is one organisation capable of being the community's voice

Weather Helps with Security

If there is one benefit from the poor weather over the last few months it is that things have been very quiet on the security front, except for the ongoing battle with graffiti. Whilst graffiti ranks at the low end of crime, it is a serious problem and impacts adversely on the way we view our community. A zero tolerance policy is recommended automatically referring all persons caught tagging, or with spray cans, to the Police. An issue that has been raised on a number of occasions is that of monitored alarms. Alarms are now very cost effective and reliable, and the monitoring costs around \$1 per day. Most insurance companies offer discounts for alarmed and monitored businesses that will probably off-set the purchase cost of the alarm. With monitored alarms, you can set up appropriate instructions for activations such as phone the owner/manager first and only dispatch a security patrol with authorisation of the owner/manager or if contact can not be made with nominated 'keyholders'. If your business is not alarmed or monitored, contact Anton, Doug or Brian on (09) 522 9350 for cost free advice.

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 9.30am - 10.30pm
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, Tues, 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
Daily	Mathematics/Mandarin Tuition Phone 622 2688 or 021 135 0368

ONEHUNGA MANGERE UNITED SPORTS CLUB,

Upcoming events:

15th August Quiz night
28th October Summer soccer -
Commencement Weekly 7 aside.
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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,
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New Cafe

Lucky Café is now open, at 24 Coronation Rd, seven days a week till 4.00pm. Do drop in to welcome the new owners to our community.

Tree Lights

There have been some hiccups with some of the lights. The Business Association would like to acknowledge and thank Mangere Floral Studio which has sponsored the tree lights on the eastern side since 2006. However, with three large trees costs increase so we will be leaving the lights off until we can source additional sponsorship. Mangere Floral Studio is now sponsoring Thanks a Bunch in the Manukau Courier. Well done Sepali!

Medical Centre Proposal

Completed Healthcare Questionnaires should be returned by 31 August, if possible please, and can be dropped into the box at either the library or United Video. There is a shortened version of the form elsewhere in this newsletter and there are spare copies at the library

Santa Parade

Planning has started for this event, the only parade in the Mangere Ward, and it just gets better every year. It's all about community so put your thinking caps on and dream up some great float ideas.

Village Focus

'Mangere Bridge Forever' Tee Shirts
Kathy's shop now stocks a selection of these in various sizes and colours.

Free Range Chickens

The Village Butchery stocks free range, and also corn fed, frozen chickens.

Full Liquor License

Pars Kebabs is the only fully licensed café and is open 7 days till 9pm.

kind regards

Carol Anne Armitage
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Citizens Advice Bureau Hit by Cuts to Adult Education

Sally Te Rangi from Mangere CAB says that the planned 80% cuts to ACE funding will leave a significant gap in the opportunities for people from Mangere to learn new skills.

Adult Community education provides an important learning opportunity which can help people to become more confident and active in their own lives and in their community, says Sally

The CAB works to help people in our community to have the knowledge and confidence to understand and exercise their rights. "We support people with information and advice when they need it. So everyday in our service, we see the power of non-formal learning, where people are able to define and access what they need to know and subsequently take control over their lives.

With the cutting of funding to night school classes, people in NZ will lose one of the key avenues of non-formal life-long learning.

"We are deeply concerned that cutting ACE funding removes a vital learning pathway towards supporting people to be informed and active citizens," says Sally. The CAB often informs clients with a variety of needs about the various courses and classes that are available through the ACE programmes.

It may be that someone is wanting to learn Te Reo or computer skills, pattern making or English as a second language. The great thing is that a wide range of affordable classes are available to meet people's needs.

An evaluation by Pricewaterhouse Coopers in 2008 showed that ACE courses are an important stepping stone towards both improved career prospects and greater involvement in the community.

Sally points out cutting ACE funding also removes an important source of funding for Citizens Advice Bureaux. Schools which are part of the ACE scheme currently have to make 9.5% of their funding

for programmes provided by community groups. "Over the last two years our bureau received over \$1,000 in funding to help train our volunteers". In 2008 our bureau assisted with 15,400 client enquiries on a wide range of issues from employment to custody of children all of which is reliant on having well trained volunteers. If the ACE funding cuts go ahead we will have to try and find resources for training from elsewhere, at a time when funding sources are drying up. This will put more strain on our already limited sources of funding says Sally. The Citizens Advice Bureau is an independent community organisation offering a free, impartial and confidential service of information, assistance and referral from 91 locations stretching from Northland to Invercargill. Last year volunteers received 639,000 enquiries on issues ranging from immigration, housing and employment to consumer rights, health and family.

For further information contact Sally Te Rangi on 09 275 6885.

MANGERE BRIDGE PLUNKET INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Champ Pairs Winners: Marilyn Baskiville and David Sayers

Runners up: David Ward and Anne Morris
Their Open Fours tournament on 24th July was a great success, the winning team being Bev Caulton of Holy Cross, Second was Charlie Toft of Plunket and third Lou Baskiville of Mangere. They wish to thank their sponsor of this tournament Mr Gordon Ward of NZ Wheel Clamping for his kind donation to make this event possible. As usual the members of Mangere Bridge Plunket Play Group put on a wonderful supper, thank you.

Their next Open Fours Tournament is on Friday 25th September.

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 Add water as necessary
 Keep the mixture moving
 Cook until a moderate heat, and keep on simmer
 Let cool and firm
 Preparation and cooking time: Total 1 hour
 Finding the right activity for you is sometimes a matter of finding the right recipe. And I believe Silver Sneakers is one of the best recipes for exercise around. It offers a well thought out blend of exercises designed for the older adult. This class builds gradually in intensity, draws you along with a variety of

interesting yet simple movements, and then wraps up with a special cool down section. Developing Silver Sneakers has challenged me to make the most of my 15+ years experience teaching (and learning!), selecting exercises that work at keeping every body able, and using cleverly designed movements and choreography that make the most of each minute of class. Silver Sneakers is your affordable exercise option; there are no membership fees, no lengthy contracts, just pay as you go - \$4 each class. Silver Sneakers - good honest exercise, at a good honest price!
 Tues/Thurs at 9.30am, Senior Citizens' Pearce Street Hall, Onehunga

Mountain View School Events Centre Construction

Mangere Bridge Residents may have been wondering at the great mountains of volcanic rock and earth on the Mountain View School amphitheater grounds. It is part of the construction of a new Events Centre incorporating a Theatre, Recreation Centre and Food

school is able to realise the community's dreams. The design of the building reflects the multicultural community with a Pacifica Wave roof line and the wide verandah overlooks and links to the volcanic stone wall amphitheater. Mountain View School and the community can



Technology catering facility. This much needed multipurpose complex was requested by the community when Mountain View School won the Goodman Fielder New Zealand School of the Year and was given \$50,000 as part of the award. Now having saved the taxpayer and independently raised over \$2.5 million the

gather for multiple sociocultural activities, performing arts, physical, sporting and healthy living activities. The completion of the Te Papa Tuhono - gathering place of the people project will finalise the long term property developments Mountain View School has planned for the community over many years

New Sales Consultant Joins Harcourts



Jackie Kirk

Jackie has recently joined the Harcourts Team at Mangere Bridge and invites you to call her anytime for friendly, honest, obligation free advice.

You can contact her at the Harcourts Office at 43a Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge
 Phone: 634 4250 Mobile: 021 108 3963
 Fax: 634 4257



SANTA PARADE Thur 3 December

Yes, it's that time of the year already and the Santa Parade is not far off so it's time to do some creative thinking for your floats.

Last year's crowd was estimated at 15,000 and we had some great floats so we are looking forward to what this year's parade will have to offer.

It's also a great opportunity to publicize your club or group during the entertainment to follow after the parade. Space will be allocated for participants to erect tents and stalls.

If you would like to take part this year please contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491.

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Spring is Nearly Here with Lambs and Calves Starting to Make an Appearance

Welcome to the beginning of Spring, the daffodils are blooming as are the new farm arrivals, it's that time of year again! Lambs and calves are starting to make an appearance. With 400 ewes 'Down on Ambury Farm' are expecting around 600 lambs.

Each year they ask their park visitors to stay out of the lambing paddocks, as ewes and lambs are easily disturbed and separated. Often people see a lamb by itself and worry that it is lost, in most cases the mother is off grazing and has left her lamb in a spot to come back to.

By asking people to stay out of the lambing paddocks they have a lot less problem with lost lambs. Garry Hewson their farmer checks the ewes and lambs twice a day and keeps a very close watch on them.

They ask you to please let the Rangers know if you have any concerns, you can use the emergency phone to the right of the notice board or pop over to the office if you are at the park, or call the contact centre on 366 200 ext 2.

Lambing will be finished by mid September, then you are free to roam through the paddocks to watch the lambs at play.

Their 40 beef cows are also calving. If strolling through the farm, keep your distance from mother and baby as cows can be very over-protective.

Cherry their pig is also blossoming with piglets brewing, the piglets are expected around the beginning of October, take a guess how many she may have, she is a first time mum.

Like always they are expecting a few orphan lambs so they invite you to come along and help bottle feed the lambs, this will start around the 20th of August, by that time any orphans they do have will be strong enough to run to the fence and drink a bottle with ease.

The lambs are fed at 8.00am and 4.00pm during the week days, during the weekends they are fed at 8.00am, 12.00pm and 4.00pm.

Remember they milk their dairy cows every day at 10.30, so come along and see the milking action. The calves are also fed around 8am and 4pm.

Sadly they no longer have a horse, their beloved Clydesdale passed away suddenly on the 17th July. They are looking to replace him in the near future.

Don't forget Ambury Farm Day this year it is on the 11th October, if you would like to volunteer on the day or have any queries please don't hesitate to contact them on 636 6118, or email janine.nillesen@arc.govt.nz.

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MEDICAL CENTRE PROPOSAL

As part of its Strategic Business Plan the Business Association is looking at the long term health-care needs for Mangere Bridge with a view to establishing a medical centre.

A group of Mangere Bridge residents came together to form a local focus group to consider the aspirations of our community in relation to the primary healthcare services that we require.

Some of the proposed services should be fulltime, some could be on rotation.

We are eager to have feedback from the community and would appreciate it if you can spare a few moments to fill in and return this questionnaire.

Please mark which of these services you would use if they were available in Mangere Bridge

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> More doctors (male/female) ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Minor Surgery ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Counselling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Podiatry Services ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinics (Diabetes/Mental Health etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapy ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Services | |

Name:

Address

Phone: Email:.....

Please return completed form, by 30 September 2009 if possible. There is a box in the Mangere Bridge Library and also at United Video.

Copy Deadline for October 2009

Deadline for the September Issue is 20th September 2009.
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