

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Advising Electors of the Citizens Initiated Referendum

Donna Tolladay is the Registrar of Electors for the Mangere electorate taking up the position last year after the retirement of Moyra Peckston who had held the position for 26 years.

Donna came to Electoral from the IRD office, and is well versed in computer skills, and dealing with people from all walks of life.

Donna is advising electors of the Citizens Initiated Referendum.

"Should a smack as part of good parental correction be a criminal offence in New Zealand".



Every person enrolled to vote will have the chance to have their say on this question. She says, "We are working to ensure people know how to take part in the referendum. To vote people:

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Mangere Central School to Celebrate 150th Re-Union

On the weekend beginning 18 September 2009, Mangere Central School will be celebrating 150 years.

This includes the old school and school house further up Kirkbride Road.

The festivities start on Friday 18th with a mix and mingle from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Saturday 19th will be a full day from 10.00am – 4.00pm followed by a re-union dinner at Butterfly Creek, in Tom Pearce Drive, in the evening.

There will be a church service at 10.30am on Sunday 20th at Makaurau Marae, Ruaiti Road, Mangere, followed by a hangi lunch and entertainment.

Registrations close on 31 July 2009.

For further information either email:

mangerecentral@gmail.com

or bot@mangerecentral.school.nz;

phone (09) 275 6773 or fax (09)275 7631.

New Taichi Class to Start

Taichi is taught at both the Chinese Community Centre and also St James Church Hall.

A new class is scheduled to start on Tuesday the 21st of July at the Chinese Community Centre for people who are over 50.

This class is an extension of the ACC classes that take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. . In addition there is a class at the St James Hall Church rd on Mondays at 7pm. This is more vigorous than the Tuesday classes and would suit people who are a bit fitter.

Contact: Miranda Russell

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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

Lost Rainbow Lorikeet

Beloved pet called 'Jamie'

Hand raised and has been missing from Mangere Bridge around the Muir Avenue area. He has been missing since 7th June.

He talks – the words he says are – JOY and KITTY KITTY.

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,

Rimu Rd is now open to two-way traffic. We commend the Manukau Harbour Crossing Alliance for the fine work **Super City**

I have met with other town centre managers to discuss the huge implications we might face as a Business Improvement District, depending on what model the new council decides to adopt. Having made such great progress in the last five years it would be a tragedy to see local shopping centres deteriorate. We have made a submission to Part 2 of the Bill with hearings later this month. **Medical Centre Proposal**

In discussion with the District Health Board, the Business Association is looking at the long term healthcare needs for Mangere Bridge with a view to establishing a medical centre. Feedback has been sought from the wider community. Copies of the questionnaire are still available at the library, www.mangerebridge.co.nz or www.mangere-bridge.co.nz.

CCTV

The business association made a joint application with Mahunga Drive Business Assoc for funding through Manukau City Council's CCTV Policy. I am pleased to report that our proposal was approved. We will now complete the CCTV system in the village and new cameras will be installed in Mahunga Drive.

New Cafe

New tenants have taken over the lease for 24 Coronation Rd (previously Latin Coffee). It will remain a café and work has already commenced on the interior. Watch out for the opening date.

And remember... Shop Local!

As I work flexible, part time hours please phone 636 7491 or send an email to mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz if you need to talk to me

kind regards *Carol Anne Armitage*
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

SPRING EXHIBITION MANGERE BRIDGE ART GROUP

This sale of original art will be held at St James Church Hall, Church St Mangere Bridge on Saturday and Sunday, AUGUST 22nd and 23rd from 10.am to 4.00pm.

This will be the sixth year the Group have organised the sale and there is something for everyone with prices starting from just a few dollars.

A variety of media – oil, pastel, pen and water-colour – are represented.

Refreshments are available throughout the weekend.

Come along to support your local group and enjoy the results of their artistic efforts. During the sale days a 'resident artist' member will be demonstrating their chosen media.

Mangere Bridge Toy Library

Are your children or grand-children, getting bored with their toys?

Don't want to add to the collection?

Join the community run Mangere Bridge Plunket Toy Library!

For just a small cost you'll have access to 100s of toys, including puzzles, games and ride-ons, with more being regularly added.

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Hours are:

·Every second Wednesday 9.30 to 10.30am

·Every Saturday 9.30 to 10.30am

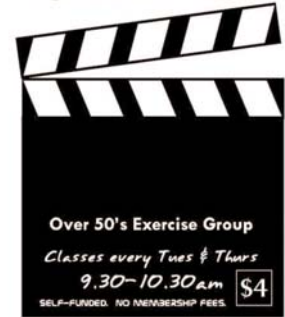
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Goddesses In Gumboots

Are you a Goddess, or do you have a Goddess within waiting to be released. Then we can help. We are just about to start our next Belly Dancing beginners class which runs on a Sunday afternoon for 9 weeks.

We are offering people a chance to join in and have some low impact exercise in a fun, safe and friendly environment. With our beginners class we provide three teachers to work with you and help when needed, we also give you a fully detailed worksheet and will provide you with music.

If you would like more information then you can call either one of our Goddesses, Sarah on 622-2267 or Loryn on 636-9616 or you can turn up on Sunday 26th July at Waterlea School Hall in Mangere Bridge

Quiz Night

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From Humble Beginnings to Government House

Mangere Historical society members and visitors enjoyed listening to a fascinating family history of the Thomson, Fenwick and Mappin families. Elizabeth Somerville is the Great grand-daughter of George and Jeannie Thomson who arrived in N.Z from Glasgow in February 1863 on the sailing ship "The Gertrude". They lived on the side of a gully in Grey St, Auckland, presumably what is now Grey Ave before heading to the Kaipara, but had difficulties getting something with enough room to transport their large cases, piano, carpets and furniture.

Chief Manukau came to their rescue and offered his largest war canoe and six big Maori men to man it. Dressed in their traditional flax skirts they were an impressive sight as they loaded the canoe, strong brown muscular bodies contrasted with the white Scottish people. On arriving at their destination they unloaded it below the high water line on the Kaipara, explaining that it was Tapu above it.

Another settler helped them to reload their things onto a smaller boat and it went on upstream to Port Albert. Those who were to become known as Albertlanders had not had a chance to look at the land they had bought, before arriving there. With no roads, the settlers seldom saw their neighbours.

George and his son George Lamberton Thomson cleared their land and pit sawed timber was used to build the first completed wooden cottage at Matakahe. Their children grew up and married into other immigrant families.

They had two sons and two daughters, Ruby and Ivy. Ivy married a Stirling who was the originator of the now famous Kauri museum. After thirty years of contributing so much to this area, the Thomson family moved to Wymondley on the upper reaches of the Tamaki River, at Otahuhu.

George Senior died in 1894. His brother William Richard Middlemore Thomson came out from Scotland to help his sister-in-law and family. They bought 350 acres of land on the other side of the river, that had been owned by the missionary Mr Fairburn. Part of their house is now incorporated into the Auckland Golf

Club at Middlemore. In later years Mr R.W.M. Thomson sold his share of this land to Ruby's father and returned to Scotland. It is now occupied by Kings College, the Golf Club and Middlemore Hospital.

George (jnr) and his wife Amy moved to a large house on the corner of St Vincent and Remuera roads, called Araroa. This is now a retirement complex with lovely mature trees that had been planted by George and Amy. Their daughter Ruby (Grandmother to the speaker) married Frank Crossley Mappin and had their reception there in 1909. The newly married couple started off their life in Silverdale growing apples and pears for the Auckland market. They had a wharf and a packing shed built on the Wade River.

Their three daughters were born here, Laura, Marjorie and Ethel, mother of Elizabeth.

Ethel was married for 49 years to George Fenwick a notable eye surgeon in Auckland. He died of cancer just before Ethel herself suffered macular degeneration which left her practically blind.

The Mappins humble circumstances were radically changed when a telegram arrived announcing that Crossley had inherited his Uncle's estate in Sheffield England. This comprised of the house, named Birchlands, the contents and substantial grounds. The family moved there expecting to live permanently in England. Life did not live up to their expectations for the family and they never settled happily, so they opted to return to Silverdale N.Z. but on their arrival in New Zealand bought some land and a house on the NE side of Mt Eden. They renamed it Birchlands after their Sheffield house, and it remained their family home for forty years.

The 12 acres of sculptured gardens was a sanctuary to the very private Crossley and Ruby, but they had a strong sense of community responsibility and frequently opened their gardens for garden parties for St John Brigade members, Horticultural Societies and Conference functions.

It was a huge shock to them to learn that Crossley had also inherited the Baronetcy, so at 59 he became known as Sir Frank Mappin

Bt. The same name as his Uncle from whom he had inherited the unexpected wealth. Elizabeth spoke of the 25 years that she and all the family had enjoyed the magnificent property and the love and care of her devoted grandparents.

In 1962 the family realised that no-one in the family was in the position to take over the responsibility and upkeep of this property and the idea of subdividing was unthinkable. The idea was formulated to present the property to the Queen to use as her new Auckland Government House. The present owners were to have the use of the property for their lifetime but in 1966 they moved out and presented the property to the Crown and the people of New Zealand.

After making sure that his immediate family were well catered for Sir Frank and Lady Ruby Mappin contributed significantly to the development of the City of Auckland.

On moving to a smaller home they donated many of the pictures and some furniture to the Northern Club. His long term involvement from 1925- 55, on the Council of the Auckland Museum determined that he donate many Maori adzes and the near perfect skeleton of a previously unknown species of Moa, which was named after him and is still on display there. He endowed a large contribution for the building of the Auckland War Memorial Museum which is considered as one of the finest heritage buildings. He also gave a large collection of armour which had adorned their entrance hall along with a dining table and chairs to the Museum.

Sir Frank had been involved in the Order of St John and he donated their Daimler car which was converted to an Ambulance and is on display at their Mt Wellington Complex.

Kings College benefited from his energy as he fundraised to move the school from Remuera to Otahuhu. He was elected to the Board when Canon Archdall was the Headmaster.

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Copy Deadline for August 2009

Deadline for the July Issue is the 27th July 2009. To ensure that your article makes the August issue fax copy to 636 6096 or post to 6 Conifer Lane Mangere Bridge

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150th Celebration Programme for St James Church

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Saturday 25th, Is the Patron Saints day of St James, events will be from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm. These will include an 8.00 am service on the Urupa (cemetery) and at 9.30am a celebration service in the church and hall. At this service, The Bishops of the Anglican Church three Tikanga will be presiding: The Right Rev John Paterson from the Auckland Diocese, The Right Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu for Te Rohe o Te Tai Tokerau and The Right Rev Winston Halapua for the Diocese of Polynesia. Also attending the service will be some direct descendants of people from the early years of St James, whose family members are buried in the Urupa (cemetery) behind the church. Sunday 26th The 9.00am service will emphasise the special nature of the weekend. Both Saturday and Sunday services will be broadcast live on St James low power fm (LPFM) radio station SJAC 106.7fm and linked to CROSSWAYS fm 88.1. giving coverage to most of Onehunga, Hillsborough, Royal Oak, One Tree Hill and Mangere Central, Otahuhu and Papatoetoe in the south.
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Waterlea School

"She'll Be Right" Musical Has Pupils Excited

Waterlea School's Junior School is very excited about the performance of their musical called "She'll be right" in which a potpourri of kiwiana comes alive through dance and song. Both the Senior and Middle Schools have enjoyed swimming this term with all children making progress. We are very grateful to the Manukau City Council's Field of Your Dreams programme for providing the Middle School

swimming free of charge.

The Senior School has had fun testing the kites they had made as part of a homework project. The trophy cabinet is filling up fast following the recent interschool's winter sports tournament. The Red Netball Team were unbeaten on the day and proudly brought home the netball trophy.

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