



Local Resident Appointed Chief Executive Officer of Hospice South Auckland

The South Auckland Hospice has announced the appointment of their new Chief Executive, Gary Sturgess. Gary took up his appointment on the 7th of May.

His most recent position was executive officer of Whangaparaoa College on the Hibiscus Coast, where he was responsible for the development of the finance, administration and infrastructure of this brand new year 7 to 12 college which opened its doors in 2005.

Gary joined the College from the position of executive officer of the Auckland Energy Consumer Trust which has a 75.1% shareholding in Vector Limited. Prior to being involved in the electricity distribution industry from 1989 to 2005 he held general management positions in manufacturing and local government.

He is a life fellow of the NZ Institute of management and is currently the chairman of NZIM Northern Division, a director of the National Board and two private companies. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1989.

Gary succeeds Elaine Dow, who retired after holding the position for the past eleven years. Gary said that Hospice South Auckland is highly

regarded both locally and nationally and is one of New Zealand's largest Hospices.

"It is a fantastic opportunity to lead a growing organisation that provides specialist palliative care services to the South Auckland community which in turn relies heavily on the support of that same community through its extensive fundraising activities. I am particularly looking forward to working with the medical and nursing teams and the planned capital development programme"

Gary lives in Mangere Bridge and is married with four children



Mangere Community House Programmes

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Safe With Age - Driving Seminar Ph 279 4331

In-House Counselling - Friday am Phone 277 5337 to make an appointment

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Drivers License - Beginners, Restricted, Full and HT, phone Harry on 257 2099 or Sam on 257 4213

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AA Aroha - Sundays 7.00pm Ph 636 8281

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Most parents are doing pretty well in their parenting, but from time to time find themselves challenged or stressed in particular situations or with a particular child.

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Tai Chi - ring Joanna to register your interest

Rooms for Community and Private Hire

Phone Joanna for more information or visit their website at www.manukau.govt.nz the Key Words: Community Houses

Mangere Bridge Residents & Ratepayers Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc. will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 16th of July at the Mangere Bridge Primary School in the Performing Arts Centre.

It is suggested that you bring a cushion
This is your opportunity to find out what is happening in your neighbourhood - Have your say - and, importantly, support the Associations aim to make Mangere Bridge a better place to live.

For more information contact Roger Baldwin on 027 493 0478 or Lionel Devaliant on 636 3523
Membership fee to join the Association is \$5 per household.

What's on at the Bridge

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| 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 L 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 |

Kedgley Intermediate 50th Jubilee

Kedgley Intermediate will be holding their 50th Jubilee on the 19th and 20th of September. Past pupils and anyone interested in attending should either e-mail jubilee@kedgley.school.nz or phone 279 5025 for more information and a registration form.

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,

The Village is very quiet at the moment, as it is everywhere, and this awful wet weather hasn't helped any. Hopefully some fine weather will see everyone out and about in the Village again.

Touch Rugby Team

We have enough boys and girls to form 3 or 4 teams. They will be practicing on Mondays from 4pm – 5pm at the site office for the new bridge, at the end of Coronation Road down by the old bridge. If anyone else would like to join the list is still at the library.

Roadworks Rimu Rd

The onramp will not now be reduced to one lane but the lanes will be narrower so take care as you drive around the corner onto the onramp. From 14 July there will be no eastbound traffic from Rimu Road to Mahunga Drive. Traffic will divert to Walsley Road to get to Mahunga Dr, Favona and Otahuhu. You will be able to return that way; Mahunga to Rimu, however less traffic going through there will enable them to do the work on the new over bridge more quickly. The on and off ramps will not be affected.

Parking area behind Video Ezy to Bridal Shop

This is a private parking area designated for staff parking and delivery trucks only. To avoid arguments please do not park there.

Demolished Sculpture

The name of the person who was driving the vehicle has now been supplied to the Police. Investigations are continuing.

Two teenaged boys; European, slim build, one approximately 5'4" and the other slightly smaller, both with long, brown curly hair, may have some information about the Maynard Place street sign that went missing recently (off Taylor Rd). If you know who they are please pass their details onto the Community Police Office at the Village.

Leaves on Footpath

Currently the leaves are not being cleaned up very well. The issue has been taken up with Council and the Contractor.

Replacement Titoki Trees have been planted in the Village and two Cherry Trees are due to be planted soon in Lavender Lane.

The Management Office phone is 636 7491, or contact me by email: mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz

kind regards

Carol Anne Armitage
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Mangere Women's Institute

The Institute ladies met on the 9th of June for a lovely day with friends with similar interests.

The trading table as usual was popular with a variety of items on display. The home baking and the fresh produce are eagerly sought and sell quickly.

Many thanks are due those who regularly make cakes, biscuits and lemon spread.

The meeting opened with the Institute prayer especially for Colin, husband of member Betty, who has been in Middlemore Hospital and now is in private care. The meetings thoughts were with Betty and her family.

The speakers for the day were Gloria Culley the Area Manager and Nancy from Barnado's. This organisation has since 1972 been a major non profit supplier of Child Care Centres as well as home based care for those parents who wish their child to be cared for in someones home.

After their address both Gloria and Nancy were thanked and presented with a small token of the meetings appreciation.

The 'Skite' Table was laden with knitware etc made for the Plunket Society and Kidz First Hospital. These items are always appreciated by the organisations that they are intended for. The hand made blankets especially popular at this time of the Year

Members are asked to remember that the 14th of July meeting begins at 10.00am at St James' Church Hall, Church Road, Mangere Bridge.

After the meeting you will be taken out to lunch.

There will be NO Housie, Trading Table or Competition.

For further information please phone President June 634 2959

Mountain View School

QSO conferred on Principal

Sue McLachlan, the principal of mountain View School was recently honoured in the Queens Birthday Honours with a Companion to the Queen's Service Order (QSO) for her services to education in our community.

The citation notes that she has made a "significant contribution to education through her leadership, teaching, research and involvement with professional networks in the Manukau region".



Sue McLachlan accepted this prestigious award while acknowledging the contribution of the work and the commitment of the many people who had supported, assisted and mentored her over the years in the quest to make a difference for children through research and the improvement of teaching practice and student learning.

Sue was one of the first Reading Recovery Tutors working with Dame Professor Marie Clay on research that is considered world famous.

Sue has been a Lecturer, an Advisor to Schools and a Literacy Consultant both in New Zealand as well as Overseas. She was invited to participate in the inaugural and subsequent United States and New Zealand Roundtables on Education Policy and the Minister of Education's Advisory group on Education in the 21st Century.

Sue also plays an active role in the Manukau Community through her involvement on the Mangere Mountain Education Centre Trust.

Under her creative, innovative and educational leadership, as well as her focus on quality learning environments, Mountain View School was awarded the Goodman Fielder Award for the best school in New Zealand and through the years has hosted many important visitors. Sue McLachlan's investiture will take place at Government House in September.

Copy Deadline for August 2008

Deadline for the August Issue is the 23rd of July 2008. To ensure that your article makes the August issue fax copy to 634 4251 or email: mangerebridge@harcourts.co.nz

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Historical Society

Hear the history of Customs & Excise

The Mangere Historical Society were entertained by an absorbing talk on the history of Customs and Excise by Andrew Adams, who is an expert on the collection of Customs Tax through the ages.

He explained how the early rulers soon realised that by taxing the various imports and exports from their kingdoms they were able to raise the necessary funding for the weapons required for their many wars.

The Romans he said used the taxes to build their roads and aqueducts while Longshanks - Edward I brought tariff duties to his people in 1275. Using his trusted Barons and Lords to collect the taxes on alcohol and wool he forbade the export of yew that was required for his armies longbows. The goose feathers used for the flight of the arrows was also taxable. The gathering were in fits of laughter when Andrew explained the origins of several fingered gestures.

The gathering learned how Henry V instituted passports to allow the army to travel safely to Europe and back and how Charles II used his 'royal prerogative' to institutionalise a Civil Customs Service in 1675. The uniform adopted was that of the Royal Navy and it was explained that while the New Zealand uniform had changed dramatically they still wear the Naval epaulets to show their rank.

The introduction of the Customs Tax with its huge taxes on liquor, tea and tobacco was, the gathering heard, responsible for the smuggling trade. The first New Zealand Customs officer was George Cooper who came to the country from Sydney with Governor Hobson. The meeting was told that he was very corrupt and used his ill gotten gains to buy Maori maidens for himself and allow finances for Hone Heke to purchase muskets to overcome his neighbouring tribes.

Mr and Mrs Cooper and their eight children returned to Australia and seemed to disappear completely.

The meeting was told that in the early days in New Zealand there were 45 Custom Houses situated at ports mostly on the West Coast. Today NZ Customs have a computerised system that is the envy of many countries.

Today they have specialised dogs to detect, not only drugs but also terrorism powders etc, also these days containers and baggage can be x-rayed to ensure that nothing illegal is being smuggled into the country.

The members of the Mangere Historical Society left the meeting with a better understanding of the work undertaken by the NZ Customs Service

The Anti Smacking Law

Did YOU know that it is against the law to punish your children by smacking them? Under the old law it was okay to use force for correction as long as the force was "reasonable"

In New Zealand there have been too many cases of parents using too much force on their children with many cases of child abuse each year. In the face of this, the Crimes Act was changed and a new section 59 inserted.

The only time that you can use reasonable force on a child is to -

- (i) Prevent harm to the child or another person
- (ii) Prevent the child from engaging in criminal activity.
- (iii) Prevent the child from engaging in offensive or disruptive behaviour.
- (iv) Performing the normal daily tasks which are part of good parenting.

The law is Clear; there can be no use of force for disciplining a child.

If you smack your child for punishment you could be prosecuted by the Police and/or referred to Child Youth and Family for child abuse.

The Police have discretion as to whether to prosecute for minor cases of assault against a child, where the offense is considered to be so inconsequential that there is no public interest in a prosecution.

The Police have written some guidelines as to how the section is likely to be interpreted.

- (i) To Prevent harm to the child or another person

To stop a child

- Running across a busy road
- Touching a hot stove
- Inserting a metal object into a power point
- Striking another child or person with an object

- (ii) Prevent the child from engaging in criminal activity.

To prevent a child

- From damaging or stealing property
- The child from assaulting other people or themselves

- (iii) Prevent the child from engaging in offensive or disruptive behaviour.

To prevent a child

- From yelling and screaming
 - Throwing objects or food
- (iv) Performing the normal daily tasks which are part of good parenting.

For example

- Changing nappies
- Dressing
- Securing a child in a car seat
- Applying sunscreen

In all these permitted circumstances the force must be reasonable and cannot be used as punishment.

It is against the law to use any objects or weapons to smack a child. Hits around the head or kicking would be considered assault and could be prosecuted.

The Police have made it clear that they do not want to criminalise good parents. In a review over the six month period from September 2007 to April 2008, Police attended 288 child assault events.

13 involved "smacking" and 69 involved "minor acts of physical discipline"

All of the 13 cases involving "smacking" and 65 of the 69 "minor acts of physical discipline" were determined to be inconsequential and therefore not in the public interest to prosecute. Of the four cases prosecuted, one was withdrawn after successful completion of diversion and three are yet to be resolved through the Court.

If you need any further information or advice on this matter or any other area of Family Law contact the Mangere Community Law Centre by phoning 275 4310.

Kempo Ryu Martial Art Classes

For those in Mangere Bridge interested in the Martial Arts the Kempo Ryu Martial Art classes offer the following - Fitness, Self Defence, Street Awareness and Discipline.

Those participating in these classes learn Chinese Animal forms, Self Defence, Weapon Handling Skills and Sparring Techniques

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Icon Security Report

Over recent weeks ICON's Security Group Patrol Managers, Peter Vandermade and Rei Katamiro have been actively visiting the Mangere Bridge retail stores drawing the attention of shopkeepers to some basic rules that should be applied when it comes to security.

Shopkeepers were advised to ensure that front windows of stores were not blocked by signage as this tended to diminish the ability of passers by from seeing any unlawful action taking place in the store. Icon says that it is advantageous for people passing by to see figures in the store from the waist to the top of the head. Where possible it is suggested that visibility be as open as possible.

Outdoor lighting should be checked to ensure that these are working. Additionally it was recommended that quality locks be employed as well as bars or grills over windows etc.

Finally ICON recommends that if shop keepers do not have their premises alarmed that they give this matter some serious thought and have a monitored alarm system installed.

ICON would be happy to discuss your needs, and if you wish, submit a price for the service you require. They ensure a prompt and professional response by patrolmen trained to handle all possible outcomes including the situation when they find offenders on site.

ICON strongly suggests that you, at no time, put yourself at risk. For further assistance or information contact Peter, Rei or Anton on 522 9350

Middle Tier Comes to Mangere Bridge

The Country Women's Institute came to Mangere in 1972 holding their first meetings at night. After a short period of holding meetings at night, day meetings were introduced and this has continued through the years with monthly meetings being held in the St James' Hall in Mangere Bridge.

The National Office of the 'New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes Inc' is situated in Wellington and is the governing body for the fifty eight Federations throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Now in 2008, the middle tier of the Women's Institute known as the 'Auckland East Federation' meets at the St James' Hall in Church Road, Mangere Bridge. The Auckland East Federation has

five Institutes under its banner, namely -Eilerslie, Maraetai, Middlemore, Whitford and Mangere.

The next meeting of the Auckland East Federation will be held on the 27th August this will feature their Annual Flower Show Competition with all five Institutes participating.

The Women's Institute movement is open to all women for friendship, home-making skills and various arts and crafts.

Mangere Bridge Touch Rugby Team

On Monday 33 children took part in the first practice of the Bridges proposed Touch Rugby teams. Ranging in age from 5 to 15 the children put in some



training under the guidance of the coach, Steve Shapland from the Manukau Harbour Crossing site.

There is a hope that around four teams could be formed and for that reason the Business Association, whose idea this was, see the need for more coaches to help Steve.

Any interested Mom's or Dad's who would like to assist with the coaching can contact the Village Manager on 636 7491

FREE ACC Tai Chi Gentle Exercise Classes

Free Tai Chi gentle exercise classes have been made possible by ACC's special Thinksafe programme which is aimed at seniors (65+, Maori/PI 55+) who may be experiencing balance, stiffness, pain or mobility issues.

40 Free lessons are available on Mondays and Thursdays 9.15 to 10.15am at the Chinese Community Centre, 99 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge.

Folk who do not meet the free criteria may still attend at a subsidised rate of \$5

A public Tai Chi class is also available Mondays 7 - 8pm at the St James' Hall 29 Church Road, Mangere Bridge. (Seniors/students) \$6, (workers) \$10

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It is just gentle exercise that aims to do your body good.

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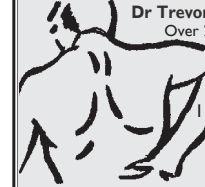
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