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Following news that the Mangere Town Centre Countdown is closing after over 50 years in the community, tributes have also poured in for one of the store's longest serving staff, Chas Hoskin. Read more on pg 6.

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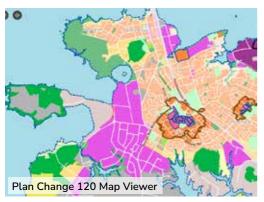
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PLAN CHANGE 120

Currently Auckland Council have opened up submissions for the Proposed Plan Change 120. This is part of the Auckland Unitary Plan, to respond to central government's direction for more housing in our area and it also allows council to strengthen its natural hazard rules.

Important things to note, areas around our town centres mainly the Mängere Town Centre and Mängere East Town Centre are set to intensify in their zoning, which could mean allowing buildings up to six stories high. On the other hand, some areas along the coast, e.g. Mangere Bridge, will have low height restrictions due to flood risks and coastal erosion.

If you are interested, have a look at the map viewer which is located on the website above, and click on the 'View the maps' button to see what is planned for your house and surrounding area. Submissions are due Friday 19 December.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

Talofa lava and warm Pacific Greetings.

I'm excited to share that Labour has unveiled its first policies which will grow the economy for everyone, back Kiwi businesses, and fund three free doctor's visits a year for every New Zealander.

Christopher Luxon promised to fix the economy instead he's making it worse. It's no wonder record numbers of people are leaving.

Labour is committed to building a better future for all New Zealanders.

Our simple, targeted capital gains tax will shift investment from property speculation into the productive economy, level the playing field for businesses, and create jobs.

We want a productive, growing economy where hard work pays, healthcare is affordable, and our kids choose to build their lives here.



On other news – I'd like to congratulate all the newly appointed local board members and thank the Mangere community for ensuring their voices were heard on who was representing them. I will continue to work alongside the

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LOCAL BOARD SETS TOP PRIORITIES FOR NEW TERM



From left: newest member Talei Solomon-Mua, current chair Kaea Walter Inoke-Togiamua, current deputy chair Christine O'Brien and Joe Glassie-Rasmussen who will serve as deputy in the second half.





Tupuivao Harry Toleafoa will be chair in the second half of the term.



Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board's new chair has promised that improving the parks of the area to help young people stay active will be among his team's top priorities for this next term in office.

Kaea Walter Inoke-Togiamua, who will be chair of the local board for the first half of the three-year term before handing the duties over to Tupuivao Harry Fatu Toleafoa, says finishing the Ōtāhuhu streetscapes project, refurbishing Massey Homestead and upgrading the area's sports fields will be the primary areas of focus for his board.

"At the moment, you can see Massey Park getting a bit of a facial lift," he told 275 Times, at the board's inauguration ceremony on October 29.

"And we want that for all our parks, to have that sort of upgrade to ensure that our children are able to continuously be playing on those fields. And parks, no doubt, will be an ongoing thing for us."

Inoke-Togiamua and his fellow members will also soon begin work on developing a new local board plan, which sets the strategic direction for how Auckland Council invests money in the area.

"It will be about carrying on from the previous term and just ensuring that we get those projects or initiatives that we've been trying to get across the line and that's what we will be focusing on."

However, he also highlighted the ongoing budget pressures for the board to navigate.

"We have to come up with a million, or just over that, as part of our savings ... hopefully it won't affect our service delivery to our community but it's a discussion that we need to have with our officers and our units in council."

Following another hard-fought election campaign, Inoke-Togiamua also wanted to express his gratitude to the community for reelecting him and his fellow Labour Party members.

"First and foremost thank you for having faith in our team to deliver," he said.

"We will be coming out to our community and we're hoping to engage more with our community ... [so] we can hear from all the corners of our community."

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Connecting Mängere: Walking and Cycling Improvements



Explore 3.5km of new walking and cycling facilities in Te Ararata Mangere West and the range of destinations they link to.

The Mangere West Cycling Improvements are all about creating a better-connected Mangere. It creates new connections to schools, parks, churches, Auckland Airport and other key destinations in Mangere and beyond.

The cycleway is nearly ready to ride. Throughout November, we'll be putting together the finishing touches on construction.

It forms a new link for people riding bikes between Māngere Bridge and Māngere and fills a vital gap in the local Māngere bike network. It also creates new links to bike paths extending south to Auckland Airport and north to Mt Roskill, Hillsborough, Mt



This cycleway wouldn't have been possible without the support and guidance of the local community.

We appreciate your input in developing the design of the cycleway, your feedback during consultation and your patience during construction.

Celebrate the opening of the Mangere West Cycleway!

AT has been working with members of the community in Māngere and Māngere Bridge to put together a **FREE** celebration event for the whole community to come together.

Bring your friends and whānau, give the cycleway a go, and enjoy a range of fun activities!

When: Sunday, December 7, 11am - 3pm

Where: Mangere Bridge School, Moyle Park and pop-ups along the Mangere West Cycleway in between.



Find out more

Scan the QR code or visit haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/mangere-west-cycling-improvements for updates.



NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK MAKES HISTORY WHILE BREAKING DOWN TABOOS

Qiane Matata-Sipu's new children's book My First Ikura and its te reo Māori translation Taku Ikura Tuatahi are redefining how families in Aotearoa talk about periods - and it's already resonating nationwide. The release has appeared on the Unity Books bestseller chart for two weeks in a row, a milestone that speaks to the demand for the book's message.

Award-winning storyteller and Mangere local, Matata-Sipu says the idea came from her work with indigenous women, her experiences as a mother, and a desire to create a resource that could open up important conversations. "Sometimes we just need a resource to help spark those conversations or to help start those conversations or to help guide those conversations," she says.

She soon realised she was covering ground few had tread before. "There is a gap because this is the first book - and like how sad is that? I mean yes it's great, but how long have periods been around?







Author of My First Ikura Qiane Matata-Sipu (left) with Stacey Morrison (right) who translated the book into te reo Māori at the book launch event in Onehunga. Top right: My First Ikura, which reached #9 on the Unity Books bestseller chart. Bottom right: Book reading at the book launch event.

This is [the] first book about it for children in Aotearoa from a Te Ao Māori lens." That gap is even wider in te reo Māori: "People are telling me all the time that if you think that's hard to find resources in English, imagine trying to find them in te reo Māori."

The book blends mātauranga Māori and practical knowledge. "It's a period and these are the products you use for your period," she explains, while also highlighting cultural traditions, holistic wellbeing, and body

literacy. Illustrator Isobel Joy Te Aho-White used kokowai, a natural earth pigment, throughout the artwork. "To have the earth actually in the pages of the book is just really powerful to me."

Importantly, My First Ikura is not just for kōtiro [girls]. "On the cover it says for growing girls and their whānau. Because the idea is that it's for everyone in the whānau ... everyone has a role to play."

While the book was printed offshore, its heart is firmly local. "Everything

else was done here in Māngere," Matata-Sipu says. "It just goes to show that we can do really cool things in our community ... we're a little powerhouse community that can be making big contributions, not just to our community but to Aotearoa and the world."

Purchase your own copy from bookstores or www. nukuwomen.co.nz. or help donate books and period packs to those who are in need by heading to www.dignitynz.com.

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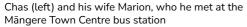
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THANK YOU CHAS, A TRUE MĀNGERE LEGEND CONTINUTED...







From left: Ashiana, Chas and Susie on their last day of work



Mängere Town Centre 1971

As Mangere said goodbye to its longstanding Countdown supermarket in the town centre on 7 November, the community also took a moment to honour one of the store's most familiar faces. Chas Hoskin. Chas had worked at the store for 48 years and became a symbol of service, kindness and a true Mangere "O.G." according to social media tributes.

Earlier this month, 275 Times shared a online post to the closing of the store, featuring Chas and two other staff. It quickly became the most-viewed post in the publication's history, reaching 534,000 views and attracting 571 heartwarming comments about Chas and memories of the

supermarket. One commenter Reomoana Rapana relayed: "Ol' mate Chas. No matter how busy he is, he always has time to stop and say hi to Mum and I. That man has worked in all seasons and all weather conditions for decades! Enjoy your extra free time with your lovely wife, my dude!"

Chas began his journey in November 1977 at just sixteen years old, when the store was still Foodtown. "I started working at Foodtown collecting trolleys and taking customers' groceries out to their cars," he recalls. Mängere Foodtown had opened in 1971, and Chas remembers shopping there with his parents in its first week. In 2000, the store transitioned from Foodtown to Countdown, and Chas simply kept going.

"A lot of people have gone overseas for about 25 years and come back here, and they say, 'Oh, you still here?"

Across nearly five decades, Chas has become woven into the fabric of Mangere Mall life, becoming known for his kindness, reliability, and the countless relationships he built over the years. "I have enjoyed every minute working with the staff and customers."

Chas's own family story is connected to the supermarket too. In 2000, he met his future wife Marion at the Mangere bus stop, as she was a librarian. They married in 2005 at the old Papatoetoe railway station - a fitting location for a lifelong train enthusiast.

Woolworths also paid tribute to Chas for his "incredible service, loyalty and commitment to the business over all these years". For Chas, he is looking forward to spending more time on his hobbies.

"I can go home with my model train. I've got a model train in my backyard."

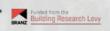
After 48 years of service, he's earnt a well-deserved break, and he will always be remembered as a true local legend.



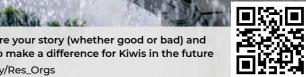
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YOUTH VOICES TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT THE SOUTHSIDE PROJECT

The Southside Project - South Auckland's inaugural youth-led debating competition kicked off recently at De La Salle College with powerful energy, heartfelt discussions, and a strong sense of community pride.

The competition, supported by Buzzly and Auckland Council, brings together high school students from De La Salle College, Tangaroa College, Aorere College, Papatoetoe High School, and Mangere College. Ten teams participated in Round 1, debating the motion:

"This Fale believes that it is more important to stay in school than to seek out work to support your family."

The debates were adjudicated by ten former South Auckland debaters, now university students and young professionals who returned to give back to their communities.

The talanoa revealed recurring themes that mirror both pride and



De La Salle student



Mängere College student

every detail was co designed by youth leaders who understand their peers and community context. Leroy King Lauao,

competitor and Year 11 Student at De La Salle College speaks highlly of the project.

"Personally, it's awesome to see the growth within our South Auckland community in terms of brown excellence and the Southside comp is a living example of how side by side we can accomplish amazing things."

Follow their progress on Instagram: @thesouthsideproject_

pressure among South Auckland youth. Students spoke candidly about the tensions between supporting family, pursuing education, and navigating identity in a multicultural environment.

The true beauty of the Southside Project lies in its design, an event by young people, for young people. From the debate motions and event flow to the engagement activities,

KEEPING CLEAN AND KICKING OFF A BUSINESS THROUGH WANANGA PROGRAMME

Only a couple of months into her recovery journey, Kristin Adams enrolled in Smart Steps to Business Level 3 at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa with the idea and hope of launching a spray tanning business.

She admits that initially she saw it as an opportunity to keep herself busy and stick to her recovery journey, but she achieved far more than that. completing the programme in 2024 and launching her own business. "I wanted to enhance my skills and do something part-time. I wasn't working at the time and honestly, I was just trying to stay clean. Now I have a registered business," she says. Now, Kristin also works full-time doing administration at Te Hā Oranga while running her beauty therapy business, Pinky and Co on the side. She speaks highly of the programme and the support that she received from her kaiako, crediting her for getting to where she is in both her learning and recovery journey.

"Theresa (kaiako) was amazing

and always pointed me in the right direction. She has supported me through almost every business decision I have made and she kept me engaged. Engagement was one of the most important things because that kept me thriving and kept me hunary for the next week." Through her studies at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Kristin was able to get her life back into a routine. Showing up to class kept her accountable and learning to manage her personal

life alongside her study

helped her rebuild

and regain a sense of balance and responsibility.

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"This programme was like a stepping stone and I have been able to excel since. It's the little things that help during recovery, like managing my calendar and juggling stuff around. It seems little but those were huge aspects for me."

Kristin has also gone on to complete the Certificate in Money Management Level 3 and will continue her learning journey by studying a diploma in business. "I'm going to be studying somewhere else just for the convenience around work. I'm sad to be leaving, but if I didn't study Smart Steps to Business with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, I wouldn't be halfway to where I am now."

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MĀNGERE COMES TOGETHER FOR LARGEST BEATZ EVENT EVER



Mountain View School Kapa Haka group



Rise Up Academy



Māngere Central Tongan Group



MVS Principal Ben Hutchings (left) with Deputy Felicity Davis

Beatz of Māngere has once again brought thousands together in a vibrant celebration of culture and unity. This year's event, coordinated by Mountain View School (MVS) Deputy Principal Felicity Davis and her team, drew more than 8,000 attendees - its biggest turnout yet.

Felicity has helped lead and coordinate the last two events. "After MVS successfully hosted it two years ago, the schools unanimously delegated the organising role to us at MVS - a massive compliment - due to the perfect venue for an event like this, especially as it has grown so much."

Beatz of Māngere is now a longstanding community staple. "Beatz of Māngere is a cherished, enduring Māngere tradition. It has been running since before the Covid break and has made a comeback. It's now cemented on the community calendar as the event everyone eagerly anticipates!"

This year brought together talent

from more than 16 schools. "This is a true collective effort. We bring together talent from over 16 Māngere schools, a huge portion of the local community, all united by the power of performance and culture."

The behind-the-scenes work is enormous. "The scale of the operation is immense," Felicity says, noting the outdoor stage, portaloos, bins, and full event infrastructure. She praises her colleague Rachel for timetabling "every single performance with precision," and acknowledges the challenge of funding. "The commitment to making it happen shows that dedication is truly priceless!" Above all, she highlights the passion: "This event is built on the huge commitment of time and passion from all schools as they perfect their incredible cultural performances."

This year's event exceeded expectations. "It was a massive, record-breaking success!" Felicity says.

"We welcomed over 8,000 people through the gates." Encouraging schools to stay all day also helped create "an unforgettable, unifying atmosphere that boosted every performer." With two performance venues, an outdoor stage, food trucks, and community groups, "the event has rightfully grown bigger and better with every instalment."

The impacts reach far beyond the day. "Kids are turning up for practices because they desperately want to be part of this success story," Felicity says. The event allows students and families to "embrace fierce cultural pride" and strengthens "incredible community cohesion... to stand as one vibrant community!"

For Felicity, the heart of Beatz is simple.

"The entire effort is 100% worth it when you see the community come together as one to celebrate its beautiful diversity!"



PORTAGE CROSSING LAUNCHES NEW REGATTA



One of the women's teams from Portage Crossing

The Portage Crossing Waka Ama Club has marked a major milestone, hosting the first-ever French Bay Regatta, a new event created to bring waka ama back to the Manukau Harbour and offer Auckland paddlers a fresh long-

distance challenge.

Juniors Coordinator Coralie Papali'i. who manages the club's tamariki alongside Juniors Coach Sirikon Phanthanaraj, says the event was born from a desire to grow opportunities for local paddlers. "We wanted to provide a challenging longdistance regatta in Auckland that we can build on each vear, to complement the

Portage Crossing Regatta."

Founded in 1996 by James Papali'i, the club has always been about connection and community. "Waka ama brings people together, building fitness, teamwork, and giving everyone, from kids to adults, a place

to belong. It keeps our young ones on a positive path," Coralie says.

The regatta drew over 100 paddlers from seven Auckland clubs, all racing from Mängere Bridge to French Bay and back again. Juniors, adults, and golden masters took part, with distances ranging from a 4km novice short course to an 18km main race.

Next on the horizon is a long-held dream for the club, a proper waka ama clubhouse in Mangere Bridge. "Good things take time," Coralie says. "Having a real clubhouse will help us support our waka whānau for generations to come."

Anyone keen to join can connect with the club on Facebook or Instagram, or email portagecrossingtrust@gmail.com.









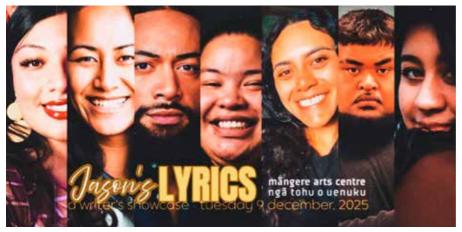
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EMERGING PASIFIKA WRITERS SET TO SHOWCASE LOCAL TALENT







We're back! Season 2 of Mangere Arts Centre's emerging Pasifika Writers - fresh from an 8-week series of writers workshops - Nga Tohu 101. Now they're ready to unleash their works upon the unsuspecting world ... well, South Auckland for now - but it's a start!

"We need more Pasifika storytellers - so this informal but practical series of writing workshops was created to do just that and 'together'," says Ngā Tohu 101's facilitator, writer/director Jase Manumu'a. Writers showcasing this year include: Bella Robertson, Ma'aola Faasavala, Mary Afemata, Richie Sikuea, Rokalani Lavea, Rosalind Tui and Sydney Hughes.

Writers meet weekly over 8 weeks

to delve a little more into characters, story structures, developing plots and big picture planning. With a number of practical exercises and team homework thrown into the mix - including ideas generation, higher stakes and overcoming creative blocks. The culmination of it all - a theatre showcase where the writers select any of their works to sample on the theatre stage - in front of a live audience! This showcase has been dubbed - 'Jason's Lyrics'.

In this ONE NIGHT ONLY event - you'll join three happy-go-lucky prison guards on the night shift, a girl named Mia re-lives the same moment over and over in time, a guy just trying to make a little side cash off some premium Tapaka - summons the

"Tongan Mafia", a musical number that takes you back to your high school tuckshop and much more.

After the success of this event last year (2024), interest in the workshops have increased. "It would be great to see a Pasifika Writer's festival - eventually," adds Jase, "The opportunities are endless - and so is the talent out there in the community."

Last year the Jason's Lyrics showcase sold out - don't be that person with FOMO this year - get your tickets now - available online at www. eventfinda.co.nz, or over the counter at the Māngere Arts Centre.

Make a night of it - there will be food trucks onsite, so come early or stay later - it will be worth it!

Contributed by Jase Manumu'a

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH SEEK SPONSORSHIP



Shilpa (centre) with the Diamonds in the Rough group

Diamonds in the Rough are a Māngere-based organisation who work to support and empower young Mothers and their Whānau.

The group are currently reaching out to businesses and organisations to partner with Diamonds in the Rough for financial contributions which will help them provide care packages, workshops, mentoring, whānau activities, and emergency support.

Founder and Director Shilpa Wilson explains why the support is needed.

"Christmas is a time when the pressure on young parents becomes overwhelming emotionally, financially, and socially. Many struggle with the basics: food, baby essentials, transport, connection, and access to supportive environments.

"Your support will help us continue journeying alongside these young mothers as they heal, grow, and build brighter futures for their children."

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LOCAL SISTERS CHAMPION YOUTH POTENTIAL

Māngere-based social enterprise In Loving Memory NZ is set to launch its new Youth Legacy Programme in term 1 of 2026, offering a year-long creative and leadership journey for senior high school students.

The initiative is led by sisters and co-founders Fatima Fa'asisila and Aoyana Afoa, whose organisation reinvests its work into the community through memorial, wedding, and event services.

Rooted in their own upbringing in Māngere, the sisters created the programme to give young people access to opportunities they themselves didn't have.

"We've always seen the brilliance within our community," Fatima says. "We want our next generation to feel seen, supported, and confident in their potential."

The Youth Legacy Programme will deliver weekly workshops focusing on identity, leadership, creativity, personal branding, digital storytelling, emotional wellbeing, and healthy relationships. Students will also gain



Koreti Mitai and Shenaaz Nuu Leaso (left) co-founders of Soars Out also leaders of the Otahuhu Youth Panel. Aoyana Afoa and Fatima Fa'asisila (right) co-founders of In Loving Memory NZ

hands-on experience supporting community events and connecting with Pasifika trailblazers who are leading and innovating across South Auckland.

A long-term goal is to establish a dedicated creative hub in Māngere with tools and resources not often accessible in the area. The sisters also hope to eventually take students to the Pacific Islands and Asia for cultural and leadership development.

The programme is currently selffunded, and In Loving Memory is now welcoming sponsorships and partnerships.

Interested families and youth can register via social media, the website inlovingmemorynz.com, or email youth@inlovingmemorynz.com.

FRIENDS OF THE FARM UPDATE



Repair Cafe: One repaired soft toy!

October was a busy month for Friends of the Farm (FOF) in Mangere Bridge, with three events focused on reducing waste, stretching resources, and celebrating community cooperation and environmental care.

The month began with the Seedling Swap at the Ambury Farm Barn on 4 October. Locals arrived with seedlings, seed packets, cuttings, and plants, creating an energetic buzz as people browsed the tables and swapped gardening tips. Local Brendan said, "This is a fantastic networking opportunity. We're riding



Seedling swap at Ambury Farm

the wave of a resurgence in gardening, and people jump at the chance to be involved."

The Giant Pumpkin Competition was launched at the Seedling Swap. Co-organiser Meegan Jade had planted 100 giant pumpkin seeds, keeping them warm and watered in readiness. FOF seeks opportunities for free family fun, and this competition invites families to grow something together. Fifty-six people collected a seedling. With pumpkins taking about four months to mature, judging will take place in late January 2026. The event will be combined with a harvest

swap, sharing extra food grown from the swapped seedlings.

The farm's cattle scales will be used to weigh the pumpkins, with prizes for the heaviest, the prettiest, the ugliest, and a guess-the-weight challenge.

FOF's second event was the Mangroves Clean-up on Sunday 12 October along the Māngere Bridge foreshore at low tide. It was the fourth and final working bee for 2025, involving more than 200 volunteer hours to remove thousands of seedlings. Volunteers were rewarded by seeing birds roosting on the newly cleared lava outcrops.

The month ended with the 11th Repair Cafe on Saturday 18 October at Māngere Bridge Library, marking International Repair Day. Volunteers repaired 120 items, from clothing and electronics to family heirlooms and bikes. Visitors enjoyed refreshments while learning from skilled locals, with koha supporting future Repair Cafes.

For more info, head to the website: aboutmangerebridge.nz

MANGERE ARTS IN THE CENTRE

A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY!







One of the stalls at Mangere Arts in the

The Queen Shirl'e Academy in front of the new mural by Monty Collins from FDKNS

group open our event with a powerful haka and beautiful waiata led by Whaea Moko Hohua and her awesome crew. Their performance set the perfect tone. filling the space with pride and unity. Following that, we hosted the very first Kids-Only Market Day for youthpreneurs, where our talented young people showcased their creativity, skills, and entrepreneurial

Families enjoying the Kids Area

The entertainment lineup was next level – featuring local legends and aspiring artists such as DJ Algoodie, Kas the Feelstyle, Sweet & Irie, Te Vaerua o te Rangi and their children's fashion show, Okis & A. Psalm, Lady Lyric and her sons, Stella, Q2Q, plus past and present students from the Queen Shirl'e Academy. They brought the house down with colourful cultural dance and musical performances.



spirit. It was truly inspiring to see

their passion in action!

The Kids Area was buzzing with fun activities, including mini-golf and kids' games by Kaupapa Concepts, face painting,

Mängere East Primary School

performing on stage

and a tagging table hosted by our Academy students. A huge shoutout to Monty Collins from the FDKNS crew, who led an incredible mural exhibition project with local youth – a 275 stomper masterpiece representing everyone who spent their childhood inside the town centre

Feedback was full of love: "We need this every year!" Massive thanks to Vicky, Edward, and the Mängere-Ötähuhu Local Board for their amazing support.

By Queen Shirl'e Wow, what a day! The Queen Shirl'e Academy was absolutely blessed to host the very first Mangere Arts in the Centre event, supported by the amazing Mangere **Business Association Town Centre Manager Vicky Hau** and Edward Charlie. This was truly a day to remember... a vibrant celebration of diversity, creativity, and the heart and soul of our Mangere Town Centre community!

From the moment the event kicked off, you could feel the love, energy, and essence of our community coming together. We're talking about bringing the grassroots back into the town centre and making this not just an event, but the first of many where our next generation can shine!

One of the absolute highlights of the day was having the Mangere

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TEN YEARS OF KEEPING THE WHEELS SPINNING



Onehunga Mangere United Softball Reserves team in their new uniform

This year marks a decade of Māngere BikeFIT empowering our community to ride with confidence and make use of the many cycleways around our area.

Since 2015, BikeFIT has helped thousands of locals learn safe cycling skills, maintain their bikes, and embrace active transport.

Founder of Mangere BikeFIT Teau Aiterau, or Mr Tee as everyone knows him, has built this initiative from community rides to now running regular school programmes throughout the area, and along the way, making cycling more accessible for everyone in Mangere.



Friday night Teeball programme at

He credits the community's youth for the organisation's ongoing success.

"Our tamariki, rangitahi, the young ones have made this happen. They've been cycling with us for ten years now and this is down to them we're still going. But getting this bike hub has definitely been a highlight, as it's a place people can come, hang out and get their bike sorted."

EXCELLENCE IN WHĀNAU EXPERIENCE

TURUKI HEALTHCARE WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Submitted by Turuki Health Care Turuki Health Care Charitable Trust is proud to share that we were named the winner of the Excellence in Customer Experience category at the 2degrees Auckland Business Awards — an incredible acknowledgement of our kaupapa, our people, and our whānau.

However, at Turuki, we do not see whānau who come to us as "customers." They are our whānau — mothers, fathers, tamariki, kaumātua, and communities who place their trust in us to walk alongside them on their journey toward wellbeing. For that reason, we have redefined this honour in our own words as the Excellence in Whānau Experience Award.

This award belongs not just to Turuki as an organisation, but to the thousands of whānau who open their homes, their hearts, and their lives to us. Te Puea and the leadership team wish to express our deepest aroha and gratitude to every whānau who has allowed us into their lives — whether through a clinic visit, a wellbeing wānanga, a home visit, or a schoolbased programme. Your trust, courage, and connection are the heartbeat of what we do.

Over the years we have listened to the voices and experiences of our whānau — whānau often come to us with more than one issue. Each story is complex, layered, and deeply personal. In response, we try to ensure that our range of services reflects this reality — offering integrated, wraparound support that addresses the full spectrum of health, social, and wellbeing



L-R: Rachael Scully, Regan Tamihere, Te Puea Winiata

needs that whānau may present with.

CEO of Turuki Healthcare, Te Puea Winiata reflects on the award.

"Excellence in customer experience is about whakapono and manaakitanga—our people knowing they belong, that they are seen, heard, and cared for. That's what makes the difference."

MĀNGERE BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A LISTING HERE. STARTING AT \$20 PER CLASSIFIED

Outrigger Ventures

Team building waka ama experience on the Manukau Harbour. Ph: +64 210 330 884 https://outriggerventures.co.nz/

Uncommon Print & Supply

Custom T-shirt printing & more 1/203 Kirkbride Rd, email uncommonprintandsupply@gmail.com

Midas Onehunga

Car service, repairs, tyres, WOF, transmissions etc. 09 634 5983 26 Selwyn St. Onehunga

Hands On Massage Therapy

Māngere Bridge. Kezia Siakimotu. IG @itskeziahands_on. Book via https://linktr.ee/itskeziahandson Email: keziasiakimotu@gmail.com

Five Rings Videography

Filmmaking, Videography & Photography. Email: thomas. mosby@outlook.com, instagram: @5_rings_films

Emz Pineapple Pies & Desserts

Available at Nesian Collective Shop, Māngere Town Centre emzpineapplepies@gmail.com

Cleean.co

Cleaning Service Email: Cle3an.co@gmail.com Ph: 021 164 8920

Mark Swords Electrical

Fully registered Master Electricians Ph: 027 275 0097 Email: mse.ltd@gmail.com https://mseltd.co.nz

Aunty Enahs Hangis

Food - Unique Hangis Email: Auntyenaskai@gmail.com Ph: 022 373 9141

FB: Aunty enahs Kai IG: aunty_enags_hangis

Takoha Ora Barbers

91 Mangere Road Otahuhu Email: Admin@takohaora.com Ph: 0273431436

Alliance Electrical

IG: @takohaorabarbers

Electrical services info@allianceelectrical.co.nz Ph: 027 414 1718 FB: Alliance Electrical

MĀNGERE TOWN CENTRE

Ph: 09 275 7078 office@mangeretowncentre.nz www.mangeretowncentre.nz

COMMUNITY HUB

I Am Mangere Community Hub 027 255 2049

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Mr Katsu Māngere	0210376358
Pacific Fresh Fish	09 257 5135
Pizza Curry Corner	09 257 5100
Sushi Time	09 275 0893
Zara Kebab	0212105602

RETAIL

Feathers	09 257 0909	
Jit Shoes	09 275 0405	
Māngere Fashions	09 256 0303	
Māngere Jewellers	09 255 5907	
Māngere Mini Mart	022 636 1371	
Māngere Post Shop	021 762 478	
Megastar Fashions	09 275 6962	
My Hairdressers & Barbers Salon		

My Hairdressers & Barbers Salon
09 218 9161
Nesian Collective
027 255 2049
One Stop Pak Mängere
09 215 8383
Pacific Fashions
021 510 071
Regal Apparel International Ltd/
Megastar Fashions
09 275 6962
Sunlight clothing shop
TechFixers Mängere
09 255 5105

SERVICES

BaderDrive Doctors 09 275 858
Beauty By Harpi 022 421 0957
Māngere Budgeting Services Trust
0508 22 22 83
Māngere Dental Centre 09 275 7754

Facade by Sade LTD

Cosmetic teeth whitening & Nifo koula Email: Facadebysade@gmail.com Ph: 02904503518 IG: @facadebysade

Remnant Brothers Tree Experts Ltd

remnantbrothersltd@gmail.com Ph: 2108495876 IG/FB: @remnantbros_treexperts

Precision Lawn Care

Lawn mowing & landscaping Email: info@precisionlawn.co.nz Ph: 022 042 1516 IG:cprecisionlawn Fb: Precision lawn care

MĀNGERE BRIDGE VILLAGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Ph: 021 776 139

info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz

CAFE/RESTAURANT/TAKEAWAYS

Brandy's Roasts	09 6363998	
Hong Kong Takeaways	09 6347159	
Neptune Seafoods	09 6369171	
Lucky Café	09 6369400	
Ros Bake	09 6345475	
Coronation Restaurant	09 6340969	
Burger Shop	09 2186327	
Happy Horse	09 6365053	
Ruby Red Café	09 6346454	
Phnom Penh	09 6363586	
Hong Kong Bakery	09 6367756	
Village Butcher	09 6367856	
Black Box Pizza	09 6369999	
Butter Chicken Factory	09 2560500	
Golden Sunrise Bakery	09 6348365	
Māngere Bridge Takeaways		

09 6342463

CHILDCARE

Small Kauri Educ Centre 09 6360644

HAIR/BARBER/BEAUTY

 Village Barber
 021 135 6370

 Keith the Barber
 027 478 3598

 Bridge Beauty
 09 3201667

 Hair Zone
 09 6365747

HEALTH

My Dental Mangere Bridge

	09 2421130
MB Pharmacy	09 6364249
Dr Usha Chand	09 6342542
Local Doctors	09 2544290

LAUNDROMAT

Coronation Laundromat

		0221093125
Sunrise Lau	udromat	Shop 27

LAWYERS

Mason and Mortimer 09 2960037

REAL ESTATE

Ray White 09 6369992

RETAIL

Bridge Mini Market	09 6365433
Post Shop	09 8926109
St Vincent de Paul	09 6361290
Coin Save	Shop 33
Coin Max	Shop 34A
Hammer Hardware	09 6367084
Mängere Bridge Flowers	09 6221292
Māngere Floral Studio	09 6366291
Fresh Choice	09 6368424

WHATS ON IN MĀNGERE

BADER INTERMEDIATE FIAFIA NIGHT

Wednesday 3 December, 4.30pm.

MĀPURA MURAL UNVEILING

Wednesday 3 December, 10am. At the EnviroHub, 17 Elmdon St.

MĀNGERE ARTS CENTRE

Senior Christmas Lunch 'Back to the Islands' Wednesday 3 December, 10am - 2pm. Theme: Wear your Island best!

Exhibition: 8 [Contemporary] Cook Islands Artists. 13 December 2025 - 14 February 2026.

COLLAGE WORKSHOP – Saturday 17 January, 11am – 1pm. FREE Create with the exhibiting artists in a hands-on collage.

PANEL TALK – Saturday 14 February, 11am.

I must not speak Niuean (production) Sat 12 and Sun 13 December. Tickets available at eventfinda.co.nz

PARTY ON THE PATH

Opening of the new cycle path! Sunday 7 December, 11am-3pm. Moyle Park to Māngere Bridge School.

FREE ART WORKSHOP

With Te Ara-rata Stream team. Join artist Margaret Feeney Sat 6 December, 10am-2pm, Mangere Mountain Education Centre.

SEEDY SUNDAY SESSIONS

FREE Māra Sessions at 17 Elmdon Street - Māngere Enviro Hub 14 Dec (Spring Harvest!). With Etū Rākau. www.facebook.com/eturakau

MUMA 3 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS INITIATIVE

Manukau Urban Marae will be hosting their 3 Days of Christmas on 16, 17 and 18 December. Giving away free kai plus more. Keep an eye out on their facebook page for further details or call 0800 866 862.

MOANA NUI-A-KIWA POOLS

The outdoor pools will be open from 6 December 2025 until the end of February 2026.

Manu bombing competition - will be held January 10th, 2026.

FREE XTREME-HIP HOP

Free step classes every Wednesday at the Mangere Town Centre (Zumba Stage) with Phatboifit.

Beginners - 6pm-6.45pm Intermediate - 7pm-7.45pm

MÄNGERE BIKEFIT

Bikefit Repairs, Tue/Wed/Thur 11am-4pm, Sun 11am-2pm.

WOW Rides Wednesday's On Wheels. 5pm. Waddon Place.

Christmas at the Bike Hub

Thur 11 December, 3pm. Food, free entry, giveaways, music.

MURA MURA ĀTEA: CREATIVE EMPOWERMENT SPACE

Free Woodblock carving workshops, Wed 10am-12pm, Thur 1pm-3pm. 68d Tidal Rd. Mike - 021 262 7087

BOXFIT (WITH PONO BOXFIT)

Free community fitness classes. Mondays 6pm, Māngere East Community Centre. Wednesday nights 6.30pm Aorere College.

BRIDGE KIDS ATHLETICS

29 Oct - 17 Dec. Wed 5.30pm-6.15pm. Base skills, running and games for 2-8 year olds. Gold coin donation each week. Swanson Park. info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz.

TURUKI HEALTHCARE

Head to www.turukihealthcare.org. nz/bookings for an amazing range of community classes & workshops:

Low Carb Cooking Class, Romiromi, Walk & Talk, Maramataka, Art Therapy, Raranga Hauora.

MUST BOOK - jcannons@thc.org.nz https://www.turukihealthcare.org.nz/bookings.

PAPATUANUKU KOKIRI MARAE

KAI IKA. Bring cans to swap for free fish head and frames. Mangere Centre Park car park. Wednesdays & Fridays: 11.00am.

PORTAGE CROSSING WAKA AMA - FREE SESSIONS

Try out Waka Ama for FREE, every Sunday 10am at the Māngere Bridge Boat Ramp.

Email portagecrossing@gmail.com.

FREE KAI @ MOANA NUI-A-KIWA

Every Wednesday 5.30pm. Ran by Life Community Kitchens. All welcome.

MĀNGERE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Before & After School Care & Holiday Programmes.

FREE CLASSES

Mondays: Te Reo Māori (10am–12pm & 6pm–8pm), Pono BoxFit Classes (6pm–7pm)

Tuesdays: Sewing for beginners (10am-1pm), Te Reo Māori (12.30pm-2pm), Hulafit (6pm-7pm), Ethnic Arts & Crafts (6pm-8pm)

Wednesdays: Law in a nutshell (6pm-8pm), Te Reo Māori (6pm-8pm), Zumba (6.30pm)

Thursdays: Sewing for beginners (10am-1pm), Zumba (6.30pm)
Fridays: Korowai Class (10am – 2pm)
FREE Parenting Programmes (Ante Natal, 3yr-8yr etc) Daily ESOL
Classes (English for speakers of other languages)

REGISTER TODAY:

www.mangereeast.org info@mangereeast.org | Ph: 275 6161

WHARE KOA MĀNGERE COMMUNITY HOUSE

141 Robertson Rd, ph: 09 379 2030, FB: @WhareKoa

IG: @wharekoamangere

MONDAY: Emerge Aotearoa: 10am-12.30pm, Sew Simple: 1.30pm-4.30pm

TUESDAY: Akatangi Ukulele: 10am-12pm, Fale Pasifika Parenting Programme 1pm-3pm

WEDNESDAY: Diamonds In The Rough: 10am-12pm, Tuitu'u Heilala: 1pm-4pm, Adullum Art: 6.30pm-8.30pm

THURSDAY: Tiare Taina Mamas & Eva Ma Le Koko: 10am-2pm **FRIDAY**: Polynesian Creative Arts: 10am-2pm, Brownālfa Creative Lab: 4pm-8.30pm

SATURDAY (MONTHLY):

Naitisian Fijian Mothers: 5pm-9pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WHARE KOA:

Re-Creators Workshop - Friday 5 December, 10.30am-1.30pm. \$10 Build a garden bed & gardening.

Whare Koa Community Market

10 Dec, 10am-2pm, Mangere Memorial Hall. Email sepa. iosefo@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Community DIRECTORY

A COMPACT LIST FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT, RESAUCES AND ADVOCACY. CONTACT EDITOR@275TIMES.CO.NZ FOR ANY UPDATES

ADVOCACY

Auckland Action Against Poverty Māori Wardens Office, Waddon Pl advocates@aaap.org.nz

Citizens Advice Bureau Māngere Shop 17, 93 Bader Drive www.cab.org.nz | 09 275 6885 0800 367 222 | mangere@cab.org.nz

Communities Against Alchohol Harm contact@communitiesagainstalcoholharm.co.nz

Mängere Law Centre

Shop 27, Mangere Town Centre reception@mangerelaw.org.nz https://communitylaw.org.nz/centre/auckland/mangere/ Ph: 09 275 4310

MP for Mangere

Māngere Electorate Community Office, Shop 9, 93 Bader Drive Mangere@parliament.govt.nz

BUDGETING

Māngere Budgeting Services Trust Shop 8B, Māngere Town Centre appointments@mbst.org.nz 0508 222 283 | www.mbst.org.nz

Viola Budgeting

Māngere Baptist Church, Bader Dr vpibs@vaiola.org | 09 256 9639 www.vaiola.org/contact.html

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Cook Islands Development Agency NZ 287 Kirkbride Road, admin@cidanz.co.nz https://www.cidanz.co.nz

Maangere Mountain Education Centre 100 Coronation Road, Māngere Email: info@mangeremountain.co.nz Ph: 09 634 7305

Mängere Arts Centre

Cnr Bader Drive and Orly Avenue mangereartscentre@aucklandcouncil. govt.nz | 09 262 5789

Māngere East Community Centre 372 Massey Road | Ph: 09 275 6161 info@mangereeast.org https://mangereeast.org

Māngere Bridge Library 5/7 Church Road | 09 377 0209

Māngere East Library 370 Massey Road | 09 377 0209

Māngere Town Centre Library IG: @mtc_lib | 09 377 0209

Moana-Nui-A-Kiwa (Pools & Leisure) 66R Mascot Avenue | 09 275 8979 mangerepools@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz **Ngatapuwae Community Centre** phil.d@strive.org.nz | 09 275 4470

Old School Teaching Garden 299 Kirkbride Rd | https:// aucklandteachinggardens.co.nz/

Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae

141R Robertson Road, 027 256 1472 admin@pkm.org.nz| https://pkm.org.nz

Whare Koa Community House 141 Robertson Road | 09 379 2030 https://www.facebook.com/WhareKoa

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Auckland Council Animal Management Team (report dogs) Ph: 09 301 0101 | 0800 462 685

Neighbourhood Support Māngere 022 010 4707 | ns4mangere@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Support Māngere Bridge | mangerebridgens@gmail.com

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Bader Health Care

09 275 8598 | info@bdhealthcare.co.nz

Turuki Healthcare

32 Canning Crescent | 0800 493 552 www.turukihealthcare.org.nz

HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT

LinkPeople

0800 932 432 | linkpeople.co.nz

Kāhui Tū Kaha

09 531 4040 | 0800 678 323 reception@kahuitukaha.co.nz

HOUSING SUPPORT

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust 30 Windrush Close, Māngere, 0800 624848.

Pacific Healthy Homes Initiative (Support e.g. curtains, heating, insulation)
Cause Collective: 027 301 3326
thecausecollective.org.nz/contact-us
AWHI Healthy Homes Initiative:
referrals@awhi.co.nz or 0800 100642

Strive Community Trust

294A Massey Road, Māngere Ph: 09 255 0144 | info@strive.org.nz

SUPPORT

Fale Pasifika (Pacific Womens Refuge) Ph: 09 6220572 Crisis Line: 0800 733 843 admin@falepasifika.org.nz

I AM Mangere

027 348 9454 | www.iamhapori.co.nz connect@iamhapori.co.nz

Mangere Work and Income

93 Mascot Ave Mangere
www.workandincome.govt.nz/about-workand-income/contact-us/index html

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board mangereotahuhulocalboard@ aucklandcouncil.govt.nz | 09 301 0101

Manukau Urban Marae Authority Foodbank, Whānau Services, Justice Services & more 0800 686 232 | www.muma.co.nz

Martin Hautus Foundation Trust 0223920189 |talei@mhfoundationtrust. org.nz |www.mhfoundationtrust.org.nz

Taime Pasifika Cancer Support 021 0248 5177 | https://taime.co.nz

Te Oranga Kaumatua Kuia Disability Support Services Trust

64 Mascot ve, Mängere kingi.martin@teorangakk.org.nz 09 255 5470

Refugee Centre Mangere East

Te Whanau Rangimarie (Women's Refuge, Favona) Ph: 09 275 1230 Free Phone: 0508 626 2254 Email: admin@twr.org.nz

WHĀNAU/AIGA SERVICES

Barnados Aotearoa

33 Cape Road | Ph: 09 625 3600 auckland@barnardos.org.nz

B4Baby Breastfeeding Support

(Turuki Healthcare) b4baby@thc.org.nz | 0800 242 229

Family Start (Turuki Healthcare)

Home visiting service designed to support whaanau facing challenges familystart@thc.org.nz

ME Family Services

ECE, Social Services (in Schools), Environmental support, education & workshops | mefsc@mefsc.org.nz 16/18 Ferguson St, Mangere East 09 256 0810 | https://mefsc.org.nz

Ohomairangi Trust

Free parenting programmes 372 Massey Road, Māngere East www.ohomairangi.co.nz admin@ohomairangi.co.nz

Strive Community Trust:

- Family Service Centre Department familycentre@strive.org.nz | 09 2573424
- KEYS Youth Services Department ysadmin@strive.org.nz | 0800 787 483

Victim Support

0800 VICTIM – 0800 842 846 contactservice@victimsupport.org.nz