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MĀNGERE STYLES:

LOCAL TALENT SHINES AT Z MANU
WORLD CHAMPS QUALIFIER



Crowds cheer on a contestant at the 'Māngere Styles' Z Manu World Champs Qualifier, held at the Moana Nui-a-Kiwa Bombing Pool. Read more about the competition on page 4.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to our first edition of 2026. We're glad to be back and excited for what the year ahead will bring.

The year has already kicked off with a range of vibrant community events, and we hope that our tamariki and rangatahi have had a good start to their school year. While the return to school is an exciting time for many, it can also bring financial pressure for families and anxiety for our young ones. That's why it was heartening to see such a positive back-to-school event hosted for the first time in Māngere by Baderdrive Community Trust and Moana Connect (read more on page 7). Well done team!

This year is also significant as Aotearoa New Zealand heads into a General Election.

The Government has confirmed the election date as Saturday, 7 November. However, there are new voting rules to be aware of. Recent

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The Siva Afi Festival returns to the Māngere Arts Centre on Friday, 6 and Saturday, 7 of March, from 7pm to 10pm. The Siva Afi Festival is a signature event for the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu community and serves as Aotearoa's annual international siva afi (fire knife) competition. Siva afi is a centuries-old traditional art form from Samoa. It's free to attend, don't miss it!

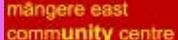
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NEW YOUTH HUB AT MĀNGERE MOUNTAIN CALLS OUT FOR LOCAL SUPPORT



The crew from the Māngere Mountain Rangatahi Hub. Inset: Kayne Ngatokowha Peters.

For Māngere local Kayne Ngatokowha Peters, creating a safe, vibrant space for young people wasn't part of a long-term plan - it just grew naturally from his doorstep.

After living around Aotearoa and overseas for the last 20 years, Kayne returned to the area in the last two years and found his house was increasingly becoming a gathering point for his nieces, nephews, and neighbourhood kids.

"It became a daily thing," he says. "And I thought, we really need a space to hang out in."

Soon that idea turned into the Māngere Mountain Rangatahi Hub,

a free holiday program run by Kayne and his mum, Robyn, with support from the Māngere Mountain Education Centre.

The hub is now going to transition into becoming an after-school programme, allowing for children to enjoy some kai, activities and simply have a safe place to be each week.

The kaupapa has grown with help from whānau and friends, with cousins donating a netball hoop and arts supplies, the television production company Cinco Cine gifting T-shirts and hoodies, and community leaders turning up for barbecues and support.

And each week ends with small awards as a way of building pride and belonging among the kids.

Many of the tamariki who come don't have easy access to transport, supervision, or local activities, making the hub a vital outlet for connection and belonging.

"On the days that we don't come here, they [still] come and knock on my door," Kayne says.

Looking ahead, he hopes to secure funding, and partnerships with youth providers, artists, and sports mentors.

"The dream for me is to have a place, that's like a marae, somewhere on our maunga that our kids always have access to after school or on the weekends, where they can get kai, do activities or learn."

To reach out to Kayne email kayne.peters@gmail.com.



Meet Dr Asa, our Owner and Dentist at MyDental Māngere Bridge and Papatoetoe.

Dr Asa is a New Zealand-trained Dental Surgeon who grew up just down the road in Onehunga. With a proud Tongan heritage and fluency in his native language, caring for this community feels like coming home.

While he has a special interest in wisdom teeth, Invisalign and dental implants, what matters most to him is helping patients feel informed, supported, and confident in looking after their own oral health – now and for the long term.

Dr Asa is mainly based here at Māngere Bridge, but you may also see him in our Papatoetoe clinic when needed – ensuring familiar care and continuity across both MyDental locations.

He looks forward to welcoming you and your whānau into the clinic.



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Competitor Sapphire Mohi William.



Scott Rice (left) with Prestige "Toko" Manuel (right).



Some of the winners of the day's competition.

'MĀNGERE STYLES' CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1...

Māngere's proud bombing culture was on full display at the recent 'Māngere Styles' competition, which is one of 12 qualifying events leading into the Z Manu World Champs this March.

Event director Scott Rice described the Māngere qualifier as a natural fit for the championship pathway, noting that the suburb is widely recognised as one of the birthplaces of the manu. Built in the 1970s, the local pool has long been a training ground where generations have perfected their technique, creating a deep pool of Māori and Pacific talent.

Among the competitors was Sapphire Mohi William, the only female participant in her heat. Representing Makaurau Marae,

she competed for the second time and admitted the experience was "nerve-racking" but rewarding, especially after qualifying for the finals.

Feeling more confident than she did last year, she encouraged other young women to step forward, saying girls should "show that girls can bomb too".

The event was co-run with the Aotearoa Bombing Association (ABA), represented by coordinator Prestige "Toko" Manuel, who has helped organise local bombing competitions for years. Manuel highlighted the uniqueness of this year's format, introducing weight divisions - under 50kg, 50-75kg, and 75kg+ - to ensure fairness, especially as some younger competitors outweigh adults. While it differed from

the World Champs' age-based structure, it allowed both systems to work together.

Manuel also emphasised Māngere's place in bombing history, calling it "the birthplace of the bomb," and outlined ABA's vision of growing the sport nationally. The association aims to build community teams across Aotearoa and eventually host regional competitions—much like traditional sports codes.

With strong local support, proud history and rising young talent, Manuel says Māngere continues to shape the future of the manu.

"It's only right that we join together and make things work together. They get to take the champions from here and we get to showcase our champions here in the Māngere style."

HONOURING THE PAST, BUILDING THE FUTURE

WAKA AMA CLUB PLANS FOR NEW CLUBROOMS BY 2027



Architectural rendering of the proposed Portage Crossing Trust Clubhouse.



Poutoa Papali'i (right) with James Papali'i (Centre).

Over many decades, paddlers from the Portage Crossing Waka Ama Club have battled all manner of conditions as they have navigated their vessels along the windswept shores around Māngere Bridge.

But with nothing more than a patch of grass to gather on after training, the dream of a clubhouse has always been in the back of members' minds.

As secretary Poutoa Papali'i explains, "The idea came about before I was born."

His father, James Papali'i, was among the first to bring waka ama to South Auckland, co-founding the Manukau Outrigger Club in 1988 and training generations of paddlers in the process.

The significance of the site runs deep. The Portage Crossing takes



Some of the Portage Crossing Waka Ama Club crew at their current location, a fenced area near the Māngere Bridge Boat Ramp.

its name from the historic route taken by Tainui centuries ago, who travelled from the Waitematā, down the Tāmaki River, before carrying their waka across the isthmus through Ōtāhuhu and then relaunching onto the Manukau Harbour and arriving in what is now Māngere.

Now, after years of advocacy, the club is progressing an application to build a dedicated clubhouse: the first step in creating a comprehensive water sports and safety centre for the Manukau. The proposed facility will offer inclusive access to water activities, storage for equipment, and essential safety education at what has been identified as one of Aotearoa's most dangerous harbours. It aims not only to reduce drowning risk but to strengthen community wellbeing through learning and

stewardship of the harbour.

For Poutoa, the clubhouse would honour the many paddlers who carried this dream from the early 1990s until today.

"It would be a special moment," he says, as it will lift the sport, benefit the whole the community, and honour the legacy of those who began the club.

Fellow Portage Crossing Committee member Katherine Teaupa William says the initial plan is for the facility to be completed by the end of 2027 as long as the required funding can be sourced.

"Ultimately, this project represents a long-term investment in saving lives, strengthening community resilience, preserving cultural knowledge, and creating safe, inclusive access to the Manukau Harbour for current and future generations."

FROM MĀNGERE POOLS TO PARLIAMENT: WHAT MY FIRST JOB TAUGHT ME ABOUT COMMUNITY

By 'Alakihihifo Vailala

A teenage lifeguard job in South Auckland became an unexpected education in inequality, responsibility, and the power of free spaces for PMN Political Reporter Ala Vailala.

At 16, I got my first job as a lifeguard at the Māngere pools. I'd seen an advert at my local library and, after weeks of unsuccessful attempts applying for retail and fast-food jobs, I figured I had nothing to lose.

With the help of my dad, I passed the swim test: a 200-metre swim under six minutes, an object retrieval from the bottom of a two-metre pool, and treading water for five minutes.

In less than a month, I became a qualified lifeguard and was heading onto the poolside with the heroic duty of saving someone's life, plus maintaining the facility. A fancy way of saying we scrubbed the toilets, cleaned floors, emptied rubbish bins, and vacuumed the pools.

Māngere was my home, and there was a real sense of pride in giving back to a community I'd grown up in. During my time there, I'd bump into friends from primary school, relatives, and church members.

What I'd also bump into was a big reality check.

I was fortunate to grow up in a home where things many saw as privileges were just normal for me: a loving family, food on the table, toys, a safe space to play, yearly trips overseas, and Christmas presents. I was blessed.

On my first shift as a lifeguard, I had to deal with a mother who was under the influence of drugs, trying to shove her daughter down the toilet.

I still remember the horrified look on her daughter's face. She couldn't have been more than five years old, and I could tell it wasn't the first time something like that had happened to her.

I was the most senior lifeguard on duty. It was a Saturday and the pools were packed. It was my first encounter with something like that, and I didn't realise then how many more were still ahead of me. Thankfully, a receptionist called the police and the situation was handled.

That same day, someone also defecated on the floor and I had the honour of cleaning it up.

I remember being picked up from that shift feeling like a completely different person to who I was eight hours earlier. Little did I know that'd be the first of many.

Most of the experience was good, but during my three years as a lifeguard, the only people I ever had to save were, sadly, children who were often unsupervised and sometimes alone.

Children who might otherwise be getting into trouble had somewhere to be, somewhere without drugs or alcohol. Parents who couldn't afford expensive holidays during Christmas and New Year could still give their children a day out where they could play and simply be children.



'Ala Vailala, right, with her fellow lifeguards.



Vailala, right centre, with the Press Gallery in Parliament.

The pools were more than leisure. They were a lifeline.

Although my time as a lifeguard is long behind me, I couldn't pass the swim test now even if I tried. The lessons still weigh heavily on my mind in my current job as a political reporter.

When I sit in rooms with some of the country's most powerful people, announcements, policy changes, and statistics are more than words on paper. I see the real consequences in them, especially for suburbs like Māngere.

I think about the five-year-old girl in the bathroom, but also the children who found safety in our facilities because they were free and open.

Becoming a lifeguard at the age of 16 became more than just getting a job. It gave me a window into the realities many families face and a reminder of what keeps our communities going.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT TO GET 'BIGGER AND BETTER'



The Baderdrive Community Trust and Moana Connect team



(L-R) Event organisers Tupu Setu Sio, Albert Scott (MC), Ane Fa'au and Esmay Mulipola



Turuki Healthcare staff.



Getting kids off the couch and back into the classroom was made a little easier this year thanks to a fun Back-to-School event put on by Baderdrive Community Trust and Moana Connect.

Held at the Māngere Town Centre on January 21, the event offered whānau a lively mix of stalls, freebies, music, activation stations and health checks - all designed to help tamariki and rangatahi prepare for the big return to school.

Moana Connect Community Manager, Ane Fa'au says the idea behind the event was to ease some of the anxiety families often feel as the holidays come to an end, while also highlighting the vast array of wraparound support available locally.

"Preparing to go back to school can be a stressful period," she says. "So

we decided collectively as a group to do something fun, interactive, and provide families with a bit of respite."

More than 300 people attended, and Baderdrive's Community Services Manager, Esmay Mulipola acknowledged Māngere Town Centre Manager Vicki Hau for her support with the venue and logistics, helping make the day a huge success.

"The biggest pressure for everybody right now is financial - the cost of living. So if we can ease that in some way, that's what we're here to do."

Baderdrive Community Kaiawhina, Christophur Faiva says there's also plans for the event to become an annual fixture to ensure people know about the many services available in Māngere.

"It's about raising awareness of what resources are out there, especially for our Māori and Pasifika

families who can sometimes be shy to ask for help.

"It was also about seeing the smiles on the kids' faces and families coming together.

"And this is just the beginning of something that's going to grow. It can only get bigger and better - so watch this space."

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KIDZ FIRST TURNS 25!



Mana Whenua representative Jake Ratu (left).



Kids First re-dedication ceremony and prayer breakfast.

Kidz First Children's Hospital and Community Health held a moving re-dedication ceremony and prayer breakfast on Friday 6 December to mark 25 years since Kidz First Children's Hospital first opened its doors.

The ceremony, led by Mana Whenua, Jake Ratu, Kidz First Tikanga Lead, and Maaori Chaplains, Kiwi Taranaki and Denise Moko, involved a blessing and re-dedication of the building and its name.

Past and present staff attended the ceremony, paying tribute to the mahi of the incredible teams over the years, including the clinical care, innovations and research that have taken place across Kidz First over the last 25 years.

Since it first opened on 6 December 2000, the Hospital has been a hallmark of Paediatric care of peepi, tamariki and rangatahi in the Counties Manukau district.

Within its walls there have been

celebrations, commiserations, hope and life-changing healthcare delivered to many.

As part of the ceremony, Kidz First unveiled its new purpose statement: **'Tamariki Tuatahi – Te Rere Ngaatahi
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Kidz First Clinical Director Dr Richard Matsas says, "Our new purpose statement reflects our dedication to whaanau centred-care and our continued commitment to providing excellent care to our community."

Nettie Knetsch, who was General Manager at the time Kidz First Children's Hospital opened, attended the celebration, and says that being part of the planning and building of Kidz First Children's Hospital was a privilege.

She felt honoured to be here 25 years later to celebrate this milestone and acknowledged the many staff who were involved in the planning

and building of Kidz First, with many still working at Counties Manukau. Roni Hamilton, Kidz First Acting General Manager, says it was a moving event.

"It gave us a moment to stop and reflect on all that has been accomplished at Kidz First. I'm incredibly proud of all our teams."

This celebration comes hot on the heels of another recent highlight in which Kidz First hosted the Paediatric Society of New Zealand 76th Annual Meeting, described by many as the 'the best Paediatric conference they have ever attended'.

"The conference was a resounding success, a true celebration of everything we love about Counties and a success for our Kidz First whaanau," says Roni.

Happy birthday to Kidz First. Next year, there will be celebrations to mark the occasion. Stay tuned.

For more information about Kidz First, visit: healthpoint.co.nz/kidz-first-childrens-hospital

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MĀNGERE EAST SCIENTISTS CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF TAKING SCIENCE TO SCHOOLS ACROSS AOTEAROA

From giant bubbles to 'Steve' the rubber chicken flying strapped to a water rocket, Māngere East-based educators Emily and Alan Worman are marking 15 years of Science in a Van - a travelling show bringing laugh-out-loud, curiosity-driven science shows to tamariki across Aotearoa.

Founded in 2011 after working at the Science Museum in London, Emily returned home bringing Alan with her, with a simple mission: make science accessible, surprising, and something every child and teacher can explore with confidence. Since then, Science in a Van has visited over 800 different schools, ECEs, museums, libraries, and community groups, many booking year after year. They visit around 100 venues annually, often performing more than one science show in a day, with close to 2,500 shows delivered in total.

"From a tiny East Coast kura with just 14 students to bustling urban schools like Campbells Bay in Auckland, we've seen Aotearoa's schools in a way few ever do. Every community has its own humour, energy, and strengths and we feel incredibly lucky to be welcomed into so many," says Emily.

Emily grew up in Māngere East and now lives minutes from her old school, Māngere East Primary, where Science in a Van has performed regularly for over a decade. They partner with Māngere East Community Centre where they trial new shows with holiday-programme kids, and regularly run free Tinkering sessions with a local home-educating whānau. In January, they performed their popular show "The Wonderful World of Bubbles" at Māngere East Library to a crowd of delighted tamariki.

Science in a Van is quietly proud to have weathered the Covid-19 lockdowns, keeping their small business going when so many others understandably didn't, and finding creative ways to continue bringing science to students.

"We really didn't know if Science in a Van would survive lockdown. We wrote two completely new shows



The Science in a Van team: Emily Worman (left) and Alan Worman (right).



Alan and Emily at a school show.



Science in a Van at their recent show at the Māngere East Library.

so we could 'beam' into classrooms, streamed about 40 free science shows on YouTube, and watched teachers and students show unbelievable

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creativity and resilience. It was exhausting, exhilarating, and a bit chaotic and those YouTube videos are now a brilliant time capsule of it all."

With the new curriculum rolling out, they are hoping there will still be space for fun, curiosity-driven science experiences. They've had many conversations with teachers about gaps and challenges and are looking forward to providing feedback to highlight what science looks like in Aotearoa - past, present, and future.

"Live, energetic science experiences will always matter," Emily says. "We want tamariki to know that science belongs to them - it's everyday, it's joyful, and it's for everyone."

For more information head to: www.scienceinavan.co.nz

GUAVA COLLECTIVE BRINGS CREATIVE ENERGY TO MĀNGERE MARKETS



Over the past month, the bustling Māngere Markets have been home to a bright burst of creativity thanks to Guava Collective, the husband-and-wife arts duo made up of Liz and Vinesh Kumaran (pictured above). The pair, both local artists based in Māngere, set up a vibrant workshop space designed to spark imagination and bring whānau together through hands-on making.

Guava Collective began their market residency by offering free children's workshops, which included inviting tamariki to design and colour

their very own jigsaw puzzle. Kids could choose to work with stencils or draw freehand, creating a personalised puzzle to take home. The response was enthusiastic, and the couple have been excited to see the creative energy.

Guava Collective also had zine-making workshops and a "make your own pencil case" activity timed to help families prepare for the new school year.

Their goal is simple but powerful: to encourage young people to express themselves, experiment with ideas, and experience the joy of producing something uniquely their own.



For Liz and Vinesh, this mahi is deeply rooted in love for their community. As artists with backgrounds in visual art and photography, they see these workshops as a way to give back to the place that raised them. Their name - Guava Collective - honours their heritage, with guavas being a fruit commonly found in both Fiji, where Vinesh is from, and Samoa, where Liz's family originates. It's a symbol of shared culture, growth, and nourishment.

Beyond the workshops, Guava Collective also has photography sessions in the pipeline, offering another avenue to uplift and empower locals.

Whether through artmaking or images, their vision remains the same: to strengthen community connections and create spaces where creativity can flourish.

HARANIA CREEK FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT: UPDATE



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1. This 3.2m HDPE pipe has been laid beside the original sewer to temporarily divert sewage while the old section is replaced with a new steel pipe. A pedestrian bridge will be built above it so park users can continue crossing the stream once the embankment is removed.

2. The precast concrete panels are sturdy enough to contain large volumes of sewage. They will be covered to contain odours.



2.

3. A 120-tonne crane has been used to lift big precast concrete panels into place. These panels will contain the flow of sewage when it is diverted into the temporary pipe, so the old pipe can be removed. A 600-tonne crane (the biggest in NZ) will be on site in May to lift in a new concrete lined steel pipe to replace the section of the original pipe that will be removed.



3.

Construction is in the reserve between Blake Road and Bicknell Road.

HOW DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH HAS HELPED YOUNG MUMS FIND HEALING

For young mums Hannah Reid and Shonelle Hosking, joining Diamonds in the Rough wasn't just about finding support - it was about finding themselves.

Both women say the programme, which is a charitable trust that operates nationwide helping young parents, offered something they had never experienced before: a safe place to heal, be heard, and rebuild their lives with purpose.

Hannah joined almost three years ago, at a time when she felt lost in cycles of pain that began in childhood. Growing up in a home marked by addiction, instability and trauma, she was forced into a caregiver role far too young. By her teens, she was struggling with alcohol, turbulent relationships and the weight of raising a child while still trying to raise herself.

"I prayed that I was like, so sick of living this life, and sick always repeating the cycle of my parents."

A short time later she came across a Diamonds In the Rough event on social media and went along. And what she found was connection, unconditional support and a space to confront the wounds she never knew how to name. Through workshops, challenges and one-on-one support, Hannah learned emotional regulation, self-compassion and new ways of parenting and relating.

"It helped us to really see what we needed to overcome and to grow."

For Shonelle, the journey began



The Diamonds in the Rough group, with Founder & Director Shilpa Wilson, centre left.

in 2021 when she was a young mum of two, isolated during Covid-19 and navigating an unstable relationship. After seeing Diamonds online, she joined from afar before moving to Auckland to attend programmes in person.

She says the program has helped her break the negative cycles she was in and provide tools to tackle the parenting and relationship challenges she was facing.

"Diamonds helped me rewire my mindset and help me to regulate my emotions. And it's definitely helped me in how I parent and also how I'm a wife as well

"Diamonds literally helps you to heal parts of you you never knew you needed to heal."

Both women say the programme's difference lies in its depth: real relationships, real guidance and



Hannah Reid (left) and Shonelle Hosking (right).

healing that goes far beyond a typical support group.

Their message to other young mums? Take the leap. Choose healing. You're worth it.

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'OH, THE SUMMER NIGHTS'

MUSIC SERIES TO HELP VILLAGE COME ALIVE



The band, Blast from the Past, who will be performing every Thursday night in February and March at the Māngere Bridge cafe strip.

Thursday nights in Māngere Bridge are the place to be for the rest of summer, thanks to the return of a popular music series running through to the end of March.

For more than a decade, the Blast from the Past band has been a beloved fixture at events across the country, drawing crowds together for evenings filled with food, dancing, and timeless tunes. And now, the group - made up of the father, mother, and daughter trio of Robert, Sharon, and Emma Wikaira-King, along Reggie Thompson on guitar - will be bringing their revamped old-school classics to the village.

The band has been performing together for many years, with

Emma joining the act at just three years old. Today, they travel nationwide, playing at community events and cosmopolitan clubs and delighting audiences wherever they go.

But pulling off a music series of this scale is no small feat. Māngere Bridge Village manager Kate Adams says it takes deep collaboration, beginning with the local business owners whose support forms the backbone of the series. Securing funding - never an easy task - is another crucial element, but one she believes is worth the effort for the vibrancy and connection the event brings.

Kate says the impact of past events speaks for itself.

"We've seen the village come alive - families out together,



The band's first performance!

neighbours connecting, and people exploring shops they might not usually visit. It creates a sense of pride and energy that lingers long after the day itself." She extends her thanks to the local businesses and the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board for helping make the series possible.

"Their commitment is a big part of why events like this are possible. I'd also like to acknowledge the local board for their assistance with funding.

"Their backing helps us bring these ideas to life and create something the whole village can enjoy."

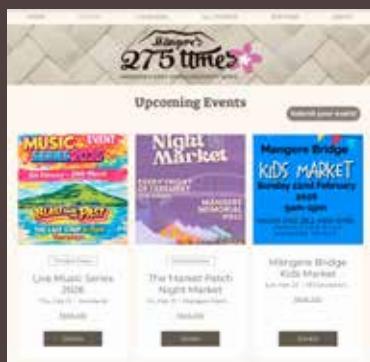
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'MOANA' BORES ON FOR MĀNGERE'S \$64M WASTEWATER UPGRADE



Preschoolers left colourful handprints on Moana to mark the start of the \$64 million Māngere East wastewater upgrade.

By Taelegalolo'u Mary Afemata
A major Māngere East wastewater upgrade is underway, adding tunnels and pump stations to strengthen the network and prevent overflows.

Tunnelling is underway in Māngere East for a \$64 million wastewater upgrade that will reduce overflows, protect local waterways and prepare the network for thousands of new homes.

A boring machine, nicknamed Moana by local children, began work in October to carve out a new storage tunnel.

Watercare's Archboyd Wastewater Upgrades will include a new storage tunnel, pump station and 1.2-kilometre wastewater pipeline designed to reduce overflows and prepare the network for thousands of new homes.

Councillor Alf Filipaina for the Manukau ward welcomes the work, saying it will support housing growth and protect the environment, but also reinforces that South Auckland is again hosting infrastructure to serve the wider city.

"Having this is really for our community. But the project is not for Māngere solely. It's about supporting future growth in the area and protecting the environment."

Filipaina says Māngere often carries the city's wastewater load, with overflows sometimes affecting local streams and the Manukau



An aerial view of the Archboyd Avenue construction site in Māngere East.

Around 30 local preschoolers left colourful handprints on Moana (left), the tunnel-boring machine that will dig a new wastewater tunnel in Māngere East as part of Watercare's \$64 million upgrade.

Harbour.

Watercare project manager Jason Salmon says the work should help prevent poor ecological outcomes.

"This is a significant upgrade to the Māngere East wastewater network that will support new housing and protect the environment by reducing wastewater overflows," he says.

"Once complete, the system will be able to hold more than half a million litres before releasing it to the new pump station on Archboyd Avenue.

"The upgrades will remove two existing overflow points and improve the network's resilience." The Archboyd upgrades form part of Watercare's \$13.8 billion ten-year capital programme, which funds about \$3.8 million of work every day across Auckland.

"We have about 120 projects on the go right now," Salmon says. "This one is particularly important because it enables growth in Māngere East, Wickman Way

and Favona, while protecting the Manukau Harbour from overflows."

The programme will also pave the way for about 3000 new homes, including Kāinga Ora developments. Work on the Māngere East project is scheduled for completion in 2027, with trenchless tunnelling used to minimise noise and road disruption.

"Where possible, our aim is to use trenchless methods to reduce noise and road closures. We thank the community for their patience," Salmon says.

To mark the beginning of the project, children from Kidz & Crayonz Early Childhood Centre helped launch the tunnel-boring machine, leaving colourful handprints on Moana before she began tunnelling six metres underground.

Leanne Van Niekerk, the centre manager, says the event helped make the massive project tangible for the community's youngest residents.

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MĀNGERE BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

Midas Onehunga

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

Glorious Inc.

Providing indigenous tours
6/203 Kirkbride Road, Māngere
Email: gloriousnz.info@gmail.com
Ph: 0212226675

Uncommon Print & Supply

Custom T-shirt printing & more
1/203 Kirkbride Rd, email uncommonprintandsupply@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
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<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
IG: @takohaorabarbers

Alliance Electrical

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

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	09 218 9161
Nesian Collective	027 255 2049
One Stop Pak Māngere	09 215 8383
Pacific Fashions	021 510 071
Regal Apparel International Ltd/	
Megastar Fashions	09 275 6962
Sunlight clothing shop	021 301 987
TechFixers Māngere	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

Aunty Enahs Hangis

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

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
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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 Laudromat	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
Māngere Bridge Flowers	09 6221292
Māngere Floral Studio	09 6366291
Fresh Choice	09 6368424

WHATS ON IN MĀNGERE

MĀNGERE EAST CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Saturday 7 March, 10am-2pm in the Māngere East Village Green. A call-out for stallholders and performers, email info@mangereeast.org if you are interested. Save the date!

SIVA AFI FESTIVAL

Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March at the Māngere Arts Centre. Doors open from 6pm, performances start from 7pm.

MĀNGERE ARTS CENTRE

New Japan Tamashii, Saturday 28 February, 7pm.

The Brown Hymn Book, Soul Sessions, Saturday 14 March, 6pm-8pm.

Not another Dance show? Friday 27 March, 1pm and 7pm.

Head to eventfinda.co.nz for tickets

MĀNGERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday 16 February in the St James Anglican Church Hall, 31 Church Rd Māngere Bridge. 1pm - 3pm. Our speaker will be James Duncan from MOTAT. All are welcome. Please contact Julie at jben005@gmail.com for further information.

PROBUS CLUB OF MANGERE BRIDGE

Active retirees are invited to come along for morning tea, fun, friendship. Meets 4th Friday of each month. Bridge Park Bowling Club, 27A Taylor Road.

MURA MURA ĀTEA: CREATIVE EMPOWERMENT SPACE

Free Woodblock carving workshops, Follow their facebook page for info. 68d Tidal Rd. Mike - 021 262 7087

BOXFIT (WITH PONO BOXFIT)

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

MĀNGERE BIKEFIT

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

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

MĀNGERE BRIDGE NIGHT MARKET (WITH THE MARKET PATCH)

Every Friday of February, 5pm-9.30pm at the Māngere Memorial Hall.

FREE XTREME-HIP HOP

Free step classes every Wednesday at the Māngere Town Centre (Zumba Stage) brought to you by Baderdrive Community Trust with PhatBoi Fit. Bookings a must via IG: bdcommunitytrust. Beginners - 6pm-6.45pm. Intermediate - 7pm-7.45pm

FRIENDS OF THE FARM

GIANT PUMPKIN Judging – Saturday 21 February, 10am-12pm Ambury Farm. Pumpkins will be weighed on the farm scales to find the heaviest.

SEWING BEE - Saturday 14 March, 2.00-4.00 pm Ambury Farm Barn. Join us to make fabric bags for the Middlemore Foundation.

REPAIR CAFÉ - Saturday 21 March, 10am- 1pm Māngere Bridge Library. Skilled volunteers will be on hand to repair broken household items, mend small electrical appliances, fix wobbly bikes, mend and repair clothes, and assist with IT queries.

E-WASTE COLLECTION - Saturday 28 March, 9am – 3pm. Ambury Riding Centre, 66 Wellesley Road, Māngere Bridge. Volunteers will help unload and sort your e-waste.

ME FAMILY SERVICES

Living Resourcefully Programme (Autumn Edition). 6-week programme beginning Tuesday February 10, 10am-12pm. Contact destiny@mefsc.org.nz to sign up.

Maara Kai Ora (Ki Te Puna Oranga) A 10-week journey to growing your own kai and building resilience. Term 1 intake starts Thursday February 12, 10am-12pm. Contact Raquel: 0272517510

TURUKI HEALTHCARE

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

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

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

MĀNGERE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE CLASSES

Mondays: Te Reo Māori (6pm-8pm), Pono BoxFit Classes (6pm-7pm)

Tuesdays: Sewing for beginners (10am-1pm), Te Reo Māori (12.30pm-2.30pm), Hulafit (6pm-7pm), Ethnic Arts & Crafts (6pm-8pm)

Wednesdays: Zumba (6.30pm-7.30pm), Beginner sewing (5pm-8pm),

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) .

Venue hire plus bus and van hire also. OSCAR Programmes.

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 Ukarērē: 10am-12pm, Fale Pasifika Parenting Programme 1pm-3pm, Spoken Word Navigators: 6.30pm-9pm

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

PAPATUANUKU KOKIRI MARAE

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

KOHA CAFE. Open Thursday, Friday and Sunday, 10am-2pm.

FREE KAI @ MOANA NUI-A-KIWA

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

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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 Alcohol Harm
contact@communitiesagainstalcoholharm.co.nz

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

MP for Māngere
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

Māngere 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

Ngatapuuae 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

Māngere Work and Income

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

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

Manukau Urban Marae Authority
Foodbank, Whānau 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 ave | 09 255 5470
kingi.martin@teorangakk.org.nz

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

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Baderdrive Community Trust
Advocacy, Whanau Ora, Social Services Support | Bdct.org.nz
09 254 4340 | info@bdct.org.nz

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 support service
familystart@thc.org.nz

Good Seed Trust
Strengthening families to thrive & succeed | www.goodseedtrust.co.nz
info@goodseedtrust.co.nz

ME Family Services
ECE, social services, environment, & more | mefsc@mefsc.org.nz
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