

# Māngere's 275 times



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## START-UP STORE TO 'CAPTIVATE' TOWN CENTRE



The Nesian Collective team: L-R, Ema Manase - Emz Pineapple Pies, Margaret Langi - Marlina's Cookies, Troy Ikiua Jackson - Savage Designs, Ernestina Bonsu Maro - EBM Artistry, Toni Helleur - I AM Māngere, Lillie Refiti - Golden Gardenia.

about what they want in the town centre. "What they all say is that the place needs a facelift, and the shops aren't relevant or are boring - so this piece of work has come from that."

The initiative will see five businesses sharing a shop opposite the Māngere Town Centre Library, and includes: Emz Pineapple Pies, Marlina's Cookies, Savage Designs, EBM Artistry, and jewellery by Golden Gardenia.

Ernestina Bonso-Maró runs EBM Artistry and she will be selling merchandise and clothing as well as using the shop as a way to introduce young people to the fashion industry and modelling opportunities.

"People know the town centre for the \$2 shops or the takeaways, but this will bring a different experience for people," she says.

"I think youth will come in and feel captivated as they see what we each do. "And what's cool is that we're all unique, we've all got a story, everyone's going to bring their own fire and we're not going to be another \$2 shop."

Helleur says this initiative is part of I AM Māngere's wider work to empower local entrepreneurs.

"When this one popped up - we thought this needs to be for our small businesses. And we'll be behind the scenes offering mentoring and funding applications and stuff like that."

The Māngere Town Centre is one of the oldest and most popular shopping centres in Auckland.

But it is also known as a hub for dollar dealers and fast food.

However one charity is hoping to bring a fresh approach for shoppers with a new shop called the Nesian Collective.

The store will enable local, culturally inspired start-ups and online-based businesses to have a site to sell their products in the town centre.

I AM Māngere is behind the idea and its chief executive Toni Helleur says it came as a result of extensive community research. "We've done surveys with the community

## MĀNGERE-RAISED BARRISTER SWORN IN AS JUDGE

Samoan barrister Ali'imua Sandra Alofiavae has been sworn in as a district court judge, with a general jurisdiction at the Manukau District Court. Ali'imua, grew up in Māngere and has had a distinguished legal career, including establishing the firm King Alofiavae Malosi in 1994. She was a founding member of

the Pacific Lawyers Association, and was one of the first lawyers appointed to the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court. In 2016, she was made a member of the NZ Order of Merit for services to Pacific communities and youth, and in 2018 she became a Commissioner to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in Care.



Ali'imua Sandra Alofiavae (centre, with leis)

# MAANGERE HOUSING STORIES: #2 STEPHANIE WADE



Stephanie Wade, pictured outside the Pukaki Papakainga

**Stephanie Wade sat down with MAU Studio to discuss the work her whaanau undertook to complete the Pukaki Papakainga, one of the first modern papakainga to be built in Maangere and Taamaki Makaurau.**

“The Puukaki Papakainga was one of the first modern papakainga to be developed in Taamaki Makaurau. Everybody sees the new whare built in 2013, but the process to build those whare actually started well over 40 years ago. Our paaeke and tuupuna,

including my mother Julie Wade, worked tirelessly to mobilise support from Manukau City Council and Auckland Airport Company. Then in the 1990s, they put the roading and services in place which unlocked the ability to someday build on our whenua.

So in 2013, we actualised the moemoeaa of our tuupuna. Stage one of our papakainga included building nine new whare, and then in 2016, we built four additional new

whare for our whaanau. We aspire to build eight more whare over the next two years, to ensure we can bring as many whaanau back home to live near their Marae, papakainga, and be nurtured by their tūrangawaewae and their whakapapa.

I also want to acknowledge the role the New Zealand Housing Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Auckland Council and Te Puni Kōkiri have played in building our papakainga. Through their support our whaanau were able to upskill in governance, project management, financial literacy, and practically building our whare. It was a big undertaking, but they helped us through it not only with puutea, but ongoing support to this day. Our Pukaki Papakainga was founded on a true partnership between our whaanau and these organisations, and we will always be grateful. Reflecting on what makes papakainga living successful, is that it brings our generations to live and share with one another, again. Our younger generations, and our older generations too, are used to living separately and independently – and that’s kei te pai. But we can achieve so much together – near our Marae, near our tūrangawaewae, and helping each other realise our dreams. It’s definitely not easy, as we are so used to living separately; but over time I have seen our whaanau grow to love it, and become the new/old norm.

For me, it has always been about fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of our tuupuna and returning our whaanau home to live on our papakainga. Now I have come back home to support our whaanau in finishing stage three. I hope that someday I can then help other whaanau, hapuu, iwi and organisations develop papakainga models or innovative housing in Maangere for our people.”



## DAVID LANGE PLAYGROUND OPENING

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## Māngere East Primary School

Te Kura Tuatahi o Māngere ki te Rāwhiti

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2024**



**The Board of Trustees invites applications for enrolment for all new students wishing to attend Māngere East Primary School in 2024.**

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by 11 October 2023 to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. The Enrolment Form is on our school website ([www.meps.school.nz](http://www.meps.school.nz)). Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school. Enrolment at the school is governed by an Enrolment Scheme, which is available from the school office or website. The deadline for applications for out-of-zone places is 3pm, Wednesday 11th October 2023.

There is a limited number of places available for out-of-zone students next year.



If you require a copy of the enrolment scheme, enrolment forms please visit our school website or for more information please contact Ange on 09 276 4689 or email [office@meps.school.nz](mailto:office@meps.school.nz). All applications must be received online no later than Wednesday 11th October 2023.

**Head to: [www.meps.school.nz](http://www.meps.school.nz) to enrol**

# NEW FOOD INITIATIVE AT NGĀ WHARE WAATEA MARAE

To combat rising food prices, Ngā Whare Waatea Marae in Favona is offering \$15 fruit and vege bags every Monday, 1-3pm. Partnering with Auckland City Mission and social enterprise FoodTogether, the Pop-Up stall in the wharekai provides community connection while locals access fresh, affordable, healthy kai. Customers can pre-order and come along and pack their own produce or collect a pre-

packed bag on the Monday. Please place online orders before midday Thursday by using the following link:

<https://www.foodtogether.co.nz/collections/foodtogether-popup/products/city-m-favona-popup>

Eftpos and green cards accepted on the day, until the produce is sold out!

Located: 31 Calthorp Close, Favona



## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Email [275times@gmail.com](mailto:275times@gmail.com) if you want to include a photo here.



During September, members from Turuki Health Care attended the Healing our Spirit Worldwide conference in Vancouver alongside other indigenous healthcare providers across the globe. At the conference, Turuki Health Care presented their model of care, which recognises indigenous ways of healing to help address the health issues and intergenerational trauma that arise from the effects of colonisation. Turuki also have an Aronui team that is focussed on wellbeing and supporting whānau to help them thrive in their own spaces by providing them with tools to help elevate themselves and thereby elevating their whānau and future generations too.



Well done to the All In Creatives crew for the successful production, 'What's The Difference-685 To The World' which was on at the Māngere Arts Centre earlier in September.



The ME Family Services Taiao Team cleaning up the Harania Stream on September 21. Follow their facebook page [www.facebook.com/taiaoteam](https://www.facebook.com/taiaoteam) for updates on how you can get involved.



Manukau City AFC and Manukau United FC celebrated the 2023 season on September 30 for their Juniors and Youth (from 4 - 16 year olds).

All have gone from strength to strength this year! We look forward to a mighty 2024. Keep an eye on our socials for summer fun



Māngere College students at the 'Big Move' sports day, term 3.



A huge acknowledgement to the Rotary Club of Māngere who have just celebrated their 50th Anniversary. They started in 1972 and have served the community of Māngere and supported so many initiatives over the years. Thank you for your service.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## GARDEN WORKSHOP AT MĀNGERE MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTRE

Thursday, October 12 from 10am - 2pm, 100 Coronation Rd. The workshop will include the following: Gaining experience in traditional ways of gardening, prepping soil, creating Taapapa (traditional nursery stage for crops), free kai for helpers and harvest your own taro to take home with you. **Please bring along:** Suitable clothing for gardening and gloves.

## AMBURY PARK CAR BOOT SALE & FAMILY FUN

Saturday, October 14, 9am-12pm. At 66 Wellesley Rd, Māngere Bridge. Pony rides, car boot vendors, BBQ, farmers market, live music and family entertainment.

## THE DREAM HOUSE

Thursday, October 26, 6pm at the Fale o Samoa. Register at <https://traincert-aws-dream-house-2023.splashthat.com> A line up of inspirational leaders hitting the stage to inspire our Māori and Pasifika communities to Dream Big and prepare for the future of technology.

## MĀNGERE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Before School Care and After School Care
- FREE Adult Education Classes: English for Speakers of Other Languages, Te Reo Māori, Hulafit, Korowai and more.
- Venue & Bus Hire: We have our Hall and Kowhai Room and we also have a 32 seater bus and 2 Mini-Buses for hire.
- FREE Parenting Programmes
- Community garden: Join us in re-creating our community garden at the Māngere East Community Centre, every Thursday, 12PM - 2PM.

**CONTACT:** [www.mangereeast.org](http://www.mangereeast.org) | phone 09 275 6161 or drop in 372 Massey Road, Māngere East

## WHARE KOA MĀNGERE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Here are our weekly FREE events at Whare Koa Māngere Community Centre (141 Robertson Rd):
- Every Tuesday: Papa Ota's Ukulele 10am-12pm (open to all)
  - Every Wednesday: 'Diamonds in the Rough' group 10am to 12pm. Open to all young parents, Coordinator: Shilpa Wilson 022 685 72851 e: [diamondsintherough19@gmail.com](mailto:diamondsintherough19@gmail.com)
  - Every Friday: Polynesian Creative Artists 10am-2pm
- Contact: [wharekoacomunityhouse@gmail.com](mailto:wharekoacomunityhouse@gmail.com)

## FLOOD SUPPORT

Email [navigator@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:navigator@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) for any support you may need as we continue to recover from the January Floods. Including financial & accommodation support.

## GUARDIANS OF OUR CHILDREN CHARITABLE TRUST

Free support for families going through a break up [with children under 16], whether you have a lawyer or self-litigating, our experienced team will help guide you through the process. Register for the Term 4 weekly online support meetings at [www.gooc.org.nz](http://www.gooc.org.nz). Follow us Facebook GOOCNZ.



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When you read this, voting may have already closed on another election.

But regardless of who has won, if we are to effectively tackle our community's issues, the answers will probably need to come from locals working together - rather than any top-down policy change.

As the recent Māngere Candidates debate showed, we have a lot of passionate leaders willing to advocate strongly on our behalf - but there's also lots of contrasting views on how to fix Māngere's problems.

However, as the floods showed earlier this year, when we put aside our differences, a lot can be achieved and we can get our people through really intense challenges.

But what should also be clear as you read through this magazine is that it's not just through times of emergencies that our community steps up. And so regardless who is making the decisions in Wellington, the real power is in our hands as locals to determine a better future for us all.

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