

# Māngere's 275 times

Our stories, our people, our Māngere  
Kōrero paki ō tatou, Tāngata ō tatou, Ngā Hau Māngere ō tatou



## A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER



Fitz and Pania Newton at Ihumātao.



Boxing superstar Joseph Parker and a friend.



From left, Menine, Grace, Talia and Lealofi at the David Lange Park fanzone.

**The streets around Māngere have been a sea of red and blue, as thousands expressed their joy at Toa Samoa's recent success at the Rugby League World Cup.**

The Samoan mens league team's historic performances, which saw them defeat Mate Ma'a Tonga and England in the knockout matches, before going down against Australia on November 20, captured the imagination of the

community, as they were the first Pacific nation to make a rugby league World Cup final.

Two exciting fanzones were run at David Lange Park and Ihumātao, organised by the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board and the two sevenfive. barbershop respectively, along with a range of other local organisations. Alongside these events, the roads around the Māngere Town Centre have been awash with flags, honking cars and jubilant supporters

following Toa Samoa's incredible victories through October and November. Counties Manukau Rugby League General Manager Kasey King says the success of Toa Samoa is great for the game both "internationally and at a grassroots level". "Without doubt the team's success will help develop heroes for young people and bring pride to those whose playing years have since past," he says.  
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# NEW ROLES BUT SAME MESSAGE



**Kasey King**  
CMRL General  
Manager

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"And equally important is that it has the power to unite communities, and this builds a stronger society."

And King encourages anyone inspired by Toa Samoa's success to enquire at their local club about getting more involved.

"Regardless of level of involvement, everyone that encounters the sport [of league], whether you're a parent, caregiver, volunteer, or player, you'll experience plenty of fun and develop friendships that last a lifetime."

Email [cmrloffice@nzrl.co.nz](mailto:cmrloffice@nzrl.co.nz) for more information about joining a rugby league club near you.



**The old saying "when one door closes, another one opens" couldn't be more apt for two of Māngere's longest serving leaders, Peter and Vicki Sykes (pictured above).**

So while Peter has stepped down after 28 years as ME Family Services Chief Executive - Vicki has just stepped up to become Monte Cecilia Housing Trust's new CEO, which is based just behind the Māngere Town Centre.

The pair say their recent career changes have also meant a shift in who manages the household chores. "We've reversed roles," Vicki says. "I've been self-employed and working from home for the last seven years and so now Peter is picking up the home management stuff, like looking after grandchildren, as well as planting the local reserve with trees, trapping possums and all sorts of other interesting things."

The couple first moved to Māngere in the early 1990s when they became co-vicars at Selwyn Anglican Church, Māngere East. In 1993, Peter founded Māngere East Family Service Centre and also had a long stint as Māngere East Hawks Rugby League club president, while Vicki became CEO of South Auckland social services hub, Friendship House, and has more recently been in governance roles for the Selwyn Foundation, Haumarū Housing, Public Trust, and The Cause Collective.

Vicki says her focus at Monte Cecilia will be on finding community solutions to New Zealand's ongoing housing crisis. "We're looking at how we can get alongside families so people have a place to call home and can put roots down in a community."

Peter says Covid has caused a huge upheaval for everyone in Māngere but in his new role as ME Family Services Board Chair he will be ensuring the community is focused on "reclaiming our village".

"Covid has given us an opportunity to re-vision what it means to be a community," he says.

As Vicki says, their roles might be different, but the mission hasn't changed. "We have to be as place-based as much as possible - so that means supporting local schools, local retailers and local sports clubs - and that's always been our message."



**The Tui Lounge is a meeting and event space, and from January 2023 re-opening for local community groups to enjoy.**

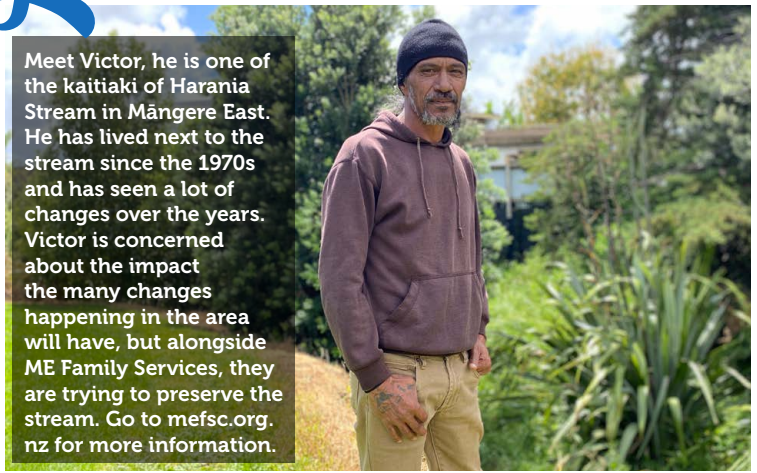
Located next door to the Information Centre at 12 Waddon Place, the Tui Lounge is suitable for small community groups. The space is an alcohol-free venue and comes with kitchen and bathroom facilities. Hiring is free for community groups. Commercial groups will be required to pay a small hourly rate.

To make a booking, or to find out more about the Tui Lounge, pop in and see us at the **Mangere Information Centre on Wednesday - Saturday between 10am - 4pm, or email [info@mangeredevelopment.co.nz](mailto:info@mangeredevelopment.co.nz)**

# COMMUNITY Highlights



The Kapa Haka group from Sutton Park School at the Beatz of Māngere festival at Māngere Central School.



Meet Victor, he is one of the kaitiaki of Harania Stream in Māngere East. He has lived next to the stream since the 1970s and has seen a lot of changes over the years. Victor is concerned about the impact the many changes happening in the area will have, but alongside ME Family Services, they are trying to preserve the stream. Go to [mefsc.org.nz](http://mefsc.org.nz) for more information.



Congratulations to Kelly Francis, the Whenua Warrior for winning a Kumara Award for her gardening initiatives. Photo: Sam Ling



The Ladies Bike Group from Time To Thrive at the Māngere East end of year Festival.



The Wahine Toa Siva Afi group after their performance at the Island Nations Toa Samoa Fanzone event at Ihumātao.



**Ohomairangi Trust**  
*"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari, he toa takitini"*



### Early Support Service

Early Intervention team is made up of Early Intervention teachers, Speech Language therapists, Psychologists, Social Workers & Administrators.

### Training & Professional Development

- Mellow Parenting - Train the trainers
- Mellow Bumps - Train the trainers
- Mellow Ability - Train the trainers

**Enquire today for your team PD**

### CONTACT US TODAY

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## Parenting Programmes

### Mellow Bumps - 6 weeks

Attachment-based antenatal course for whānau expecting

### Hoki ki te rito - Oranga Whānau - 14 weeks

**Mellow Parenting**  
 Attachment-based programme for parents and whānau of children aged 0-5years

### Poipoia Ngā mokopuna- 8 weeks

**First 1000 days**  
 Co-designed programme for parents and their new babies

### Mellow Ability - 14 weeks

An attachment-based parenting programme for parents and whānau with children who have additional support needs

### More than words - 8 weeks

Group sessions and home-based coaching sessions for whānau to support their children with social communication skills

### Incredible Years - 14 weeks

Programme for parents & whānau of children aged 3-8 years

### Incredible Years Autism - 14 weeks

Programme for parents & whānau of children diagnosed with Autism

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## MĀNGERE THANKSGIVING EVENT

Christmas community event celebrating Māngere!  
Friday 23rd December, at the Massey Homestead, 3pm-7pm.  
Free food, presents, music & a fun family day out!  
Contact [toko@repfm.co.nz](mailto:toko@repfm.co.nz) for any inquiries.

## TIME TO THRIVE BIKE HUB (next to the pools)

- Māngere Xmas at the Bike Hub. Thursday 15th Dec, 2-5pm.  
- Paid and voluntary positions available. Contact Mr Tee on 022 360 5748.

## NGĀ WHARE WAATEA MARAE

### 5 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS FOODBANK EVENT

Wednesday 14th – Tuesday 20th of December, Nga Whare Waatea Marae will be giving out food parcels and presents. To book an appointment, call 0800 686 232.

## FREE HOLIDAY ART PROJECT

In January, there will be a FREE holiday art project to design and paint a mural at the Community Envirohub beside Elmdon Bridge. Email [hinano.ratumu@gmail.com](mailto:hinano.ratumu@gmail.com) or visit the Te Ararata Stream Team Facebook page for more info.



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# Summer Fun IN MĀNGERE

By Harry Fatu Toleafoa

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board member & Māngere Community Law Centre legal educator

With summer upon us, our families are gearing up to celebrate the holiday season. Unfortunately, with the rise in gas prices and inflation, the cost of living has hit many of us hard. Thankfully Māngere possesses a treasure trove of free and low cost activities waiting to be discovered.

Here's my guide to six spots for free fun in Māngere:

- 1. Te Pane O Mataoho (Māngere Mountain)** – offering the best views of the Manukau Harbour, this sacred and historic place is a great spot to get your steps in and explore the volcanic terrain.
- 2. Ihumātāo** – explore this iconic landscape and talanoa with local iwi about the history and legends of our hau kainga.
- 3. Watercare Coastal Walk** – take the coastal walk stretching past Puketutu Island, through Māngere Lagoon and traverse the coast towards Nga Hau o Māngere Bridge - where you can try your luck at fishing.
- 4. Māngere Town Centre** – visit the Māngere Arts Centre's newest exhibition, get lost in a book at the library, do midday Zumba, ride bikes with Mr Tee and then cool down by popping a manu at the outdoor pools at Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa.
- 5. Ambury Farm** – visit our award-winning regional park to pet the animals, seek out the bird sanctuary or have a picnic in a country setting and feel a world away from the city.
- 6. Te Ararata Stream** – This historic waterway unpretentiously winds through our community and is rich in local flora and fauna. Read the murals and plaques to learn about this unique waterway and its special place in our history.

mangere east  
community centre

## JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2023



MON 16 JANUARY



Maritime Museum

TUES 17 JANUARY



**CRAZY** hair day

WEDS 18 JANUARY



Splash Day!

THURS 19 JANUARY



Painting with Beats

FRI 20 JANUARY



Jungle PARTY!

MON 23 JANUARY



All aboard the Ferry!

TUES 24 JANUARY



275 Cook off

WEDS 25 JANUARY



Picnic by the springs

THUR 26 JANUARY



Athletics Day

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY



Karaoke Party Day!

Go to [www.mangereeast.org/holiday-program](http://www.mangereeast.org/holiday-program) to REGISTER!  
OR CONTACT LONI TODAY!

HOURS : 7:30AM - 6:00PM

(Bus Leaves centre at 9:30am for trips)

FEES : \$35 PER CHILD PER DAY

(WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE)

(\*as little as \$4 a day!)

LONI WOLFGRAMM

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\*The above programme may vary

## māngere east community centre

# 2023

NEW COURSES  
COMING IN '23

SAMOAN

NIUEAN

COOK ISLAND

TONGAN

E.S.O.L

English for speakers of other languages

Mon - Fri - 930AM

Hula Fit

Tues - 6PM

Ethnic Arts and Crafts

Tues - 6PM

Korowai & Tāniko

Weds/Thurs - 6PM | Fri - 10AM

T.R.E.E.S Hub

(Taiao, Regeneration, Environmental Education for Sustainability)

Te Reo Māori

Beginners & Intermediate

Mon - 6PM | Tues - 1230PM | Weds - 10AM

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VENUE HIRE AVAILABLE!**

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for parents with  
children aged 0 - 10

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or show up on the day!

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