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# **OUR YOUTH SHINE BRIGHT AT POLYFEST**



After a number of disrupted years, the ASB Polyfest was back to its vibrant best, with delicious food, amazing music and of course our incredible young people representing their culture with pride. Clockwise from top left: Māngere College's Cook Islands Group, De La Salle College Niuean Group, Southern Cross Campus Tongan Group, Aorere College Kapa Haka Roopu, De La Salle Samoan Group.

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The Mangere Cycling and Triathlon Club held its second duathlon event of the year around Mangere Bridge's picturesque waterfront on March 25.

And alongside a small group of South Auckland locals trying out the sport for the first time, three younger athletes used the event as part of their preparations to qualify for the 2023 Pacific Games.

The club's founder and president Daniel Afoa says the small event was a perfect example of the club's two main purposes. "Firstly, as a Samoan, we want to promote and encourage cycling as a real alternative to better health and wellbeing for our Pacific communities, secondly, this is a way for us to identify and develop young talent towards international competition potentially representing their Pacific country of origin."

Afoa says running a club like this in Māngere could be a perfect way to bolster national squads for international events like the Pacific Games.

"We are directly connected to the Samoa Triathlon Federation and the Samoa Cycling Federation - so these events are a way to filter young people through to national representation," he says.

"In time we may also do the same for our other Pacific neighbours if the opportunity arises."

Afoa is no stranger himself to triathlon and endurance multisport - only stopping due to knee injuries.

"I've done six full Ironman events plus multiple half Ironmans and have raced in the United States, South America, Europe,



Daniel Afoa with his children, from left; Palepua, Violani and Agelu. Photo: Justin Latif

Australia, New Zealand and Samoa," he says.

Afoa's daughter Violani, 17, is one of those aspiring to make the Samoan triathlon team this year.

She says her interest for the sport started in swimming.

"I like it because it's a combination of different disciplines, and if you're good at one, why not give the others a try - so I started out being a swimmer at first, and as I got into it - I learnt more about running and biking."

The next event is on April 22. Search the Māngere Cycling and Triathlon Club on Facebook for more information.

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### AUCKLAND FOOTBALL'S RACIST UNDERBELLY REVEALED IN NEW REPORT



A new report, published by Manukau United Football Club and funded by the New Zealand arm of UNESCO, found 83% of those interviewed had either experienced or witnessed racism both on and off the pitch.

On top of the explicit verbal abuse players had been subject to, the report also revealed that many players of colour are leaving the sport prematurely because they believe institutional bias is stopping them from progressing to higher levels in the game.

For Manukau United's Rosie Leota the racism has become so common, she now

Wickman Way in 2019

uses it as motivation rather than let it rattle her.

"The most common phrase is being called a coconut when playing at a competitive club level," says Leota, who is of Samoan descent. "But I guess what's inspired me is seeing how someone like Tim Cahill [a professional footballer who played for Australia] - who's also Samoan - in how he's dealt with it.

"And I know a lot of Māori and Pacific players have been called the same thing as me - but it's not ok," Leota said.

She says her partner, who's from

Chile, also gets abused in the men's club competition.

"I know my partner, who can tan a bit more than me, has been called a ni\*\*er, and I know it's something that really aggravates him."

Northern Region Football chief executive Laura Menzies, who oversees the club competitions in Auckland and Northland, attended the report's launch. She says her organisation has been aware of racism blighting the local game, but says "first hand accounts are really valuable for us to look at where we can make things better."

"We're certainly aware that there's a number

of accounts of racism each year which come through to our disciplinary process," Menzies says. 3

"And I'm sure there will be cases where people don't feel safe or don't feel they belong."

Menzies says stamping out racism in the sport will require every football organisation to make changes, "acknowledging that it exists in football, and looking at what we can change at a policy level".

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Rosie Leota playing for Manukau

### DLC HEARING : THIRSTY LIQUOR WICKMAN WAY Event by Mangere-Ötahuhu: Communities Against Alcohol Harm



Hearing in 2020

Hundreds of locals have objected to Thirsty Liquor Wickman Way's liquor licence application. Join Communities Against Alcohol Harm (CAAH) at the District Licensing Committee (DLC) hearing to support the objectors.

Attend the DLC hearing to learn more about the system and to show your support for your neighbours and community leaders.

The DLC panel will hear from the objectors and from the applicant over the day. The DLC are the people that either grant the liquor licence or reject it. Visit https://linktr. ee/C\_A\_A\_H for more information.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

**HEARING DETAILS:** THURSDAY 27 APRIL, 9:30AM Māngere central community hall, 241 kirkbride road, māngere

Mängere-Ötähuhu Local Board



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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### MĀNGERE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

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a variety of Parenting Programmes for our whānau, plus FREE transport, childcare and kai.

CONTACT: www.mangereeast.org | phone 09 275 6161 | or drop in 372 Massey Road, Māngere East

#### LOOKING FOR COACHES/REFEREES/MANAGERS

Māngere College are looking for Coaches/Managers/ Referees for Basketball, Netball, Football and Rugby. If interested make contact with Tai Uamaki 022 193 5384 or email t.uamaki@mangere.school.nz.

#### GOOD SEEDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Holiday programme for ages 5-13. At the Good Seeds Community Hub, 18R Mervan Street from the 10th April - 21st April 2023. Contact Cherish 027 537 3115 to register.

#### MOANA NUI-A-KIWA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Free youth holiday programme for 11-18 year olds. Tue 11 April - Friday 21 April. To register, visit the centre or email mangerepools@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

#### TE ARA-RATA STREAM FLOOD INFO FORUM

On the 30th April, 3pm, Tui Lounge, Māngere Development. The Te Ara-Rata Stream Team are holding a public meeting to discuss the issues with the recent flooding of the stream. For more info email Julia - juliatuineau@gmail.com

#### ALATINI - SEASON 2

Sell-out show now on in Māngere! On at the Māngere Arts Centre these school holidays. 14-22 April 2023. Tickets available on eventfinda.co.nz

#### FREE HOLIDAY FILM WORKSHOPS

Pasifika Youth Short FIIm Competition workshops are on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 at the Māngere Central Community Hall.

Register your interest at www.poporazziproductions.com.

MANUKAU ROVERS JUNIOR TACKLE RUGBY TRAININGS.

Open to all grades U8s-U13s. Every Tuesday & Thursday 5pm. For more details contact Scott Morrow - 021 251 2801.

#### FREE ACE AOTEAROA PASIFIKA INFORMATION EXPO

May 4th, Māngere Central Community Hall, 241 Kirkbride Road. Find out about funding options, services, programmes, and other opportunities for your community! Email Sandy Harman at aucklandpacific@aceaotearoa.org.nz to register.



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Thank you so much to everyone who came to our re-launch event. Such an incredible turnout and we're so appreciative for everyone's support and aroha, ensuring that Māngere's stories will continue to have a place to flourish and shine.

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