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AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF MĀNGERE



Members of the Māngere Housing Advocacy Group. L-R: Vicky Hau, Toni Helleur, Tuputau Lelaulū, Sharleen McClay, Harry Fatu Toleafoa, Joanne Latif and Monica Liva. Not pictured: Elisepa Taukolo, Jin Guo, Pania Newton & Peter Stowers.

Putting the voices of Māngere at the heart of its regeneration is the motivation behind a new initiative being launched by the Māngere Housing Advocacy Group.

The group, which was formed in 2019 by Māngere electorate MP Aupito Su'a William Sio to ensure Kāinga Ora was consulting with residents as part of its Māngere Development, will be publishing a series of stories, from interviews with local leaders and residents in our area.

Monica Liva, a long-time Māngere resident and one of the group's

members says the stories will highlight the community's housing aspirations and how Māngere's long term development plans can prioritise locals needs. "We need access to home

accountable and make sure the community is a priority for all housing strategic initiatives.

One of the founding members of the Advocacy Group and member of the

policy and engagement changes that will benefit future generations."

Māngere Housing Advocacy Group leader Jo Latif says the purpose of the group has always been to make a lasting impact on the lives of the community,

"Through addressing the area's immediate housing challenges, we can bring about long-term systemic changes by ensuring the voices of Māngere residents are heard, and their housing rights are protected – and that's what this project is all about."

Stay tuned to 275 Times for this monthly housing series.

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and living environments that are designed with our people's needs in mind and that starts by putting their perspectives at the centre of any new urban regeneration." She says these stories will also enable the group to hold housing authorities

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board, Harry Fatu Toleafoa, stresses the importance of addressing systemic issues, stating: "Our focus extends beyond immediate solutions. "We aim to challenge discriminatory housing practices and advocate for



Māngere College students Tulei Salu and Caylis Masinamua.



The opening of the Bader Ventura complex.

NEW HOUSING WELCOMED, BUT QUESTIONS REMAIN

Local leaders, high school students and construction workers gathered to mark the opening of Kāinga Ora's (KO) newest block of apartments on Bader Drive.

According to KO's General Manager for Innovation and Construction Patrick Dougherty, the houses are the first KO has built that can regulate their own temperature.

The 18 two- and three-bedroom apartments are part of a three level block opposite Māngere College, with each home designed to only cost tenants \$1 a day to heat or cool. "They'll offer a reduced operational carbon footprint of around 35 per cent and reduced space heating electricity use by 62 per cent, compared to a standard 6 Homestar Kāinga

Ora home," Dougherty said.

He added that another benefit of this project is that it will improve local infrastructure to reduce the impact of future floods.

However questions remain for some locals about the lack of larger houses for Pacific families. Long-time community advocate Peter Sykes hopes KO will invest more into improving business and community services as part of its regeneration of the area.

"I agree that we need housing, but it needs to be housing that's fit for purpose," he says. "It should be universal, it should warm and dry but it should also recognise the context where you are - so don't build on flood plains."

Māngere College student Tulei Salu is less

critical but echoes Sykes' comments.

"[These houses] are ideal for small families and those couples just starting out," Salu says.

"But for Pacific families it's important to have bigger houses or bigger spaces or at least have a garage or green spaces, for people to hang out with their families."

Kāinga Ora board chair Vui Mark Gosche also attended the opening, and while acknowledging the size of the houses is an ongoing matter to be considered, he believes the community will appreciate the addition of these high quality homes to the area.

"I think Māngere people welcome the idea of better, newer, drier, healthier houses like this, because the existing housing stock is well past it's used by date and as we show people this quality of build, it makes it even easier to do this sort of thing more."

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DISNEY HIRES MĀNGERE ARTIST

By Courtney Sina Meredith

The world-famous comic artist and professional wrestler Michel Mulipola can now add Cultural Consultant for Disney Animation Studios to his list of accolades.

Born and raised in Māngere, for the past two decades he has been a published illustrator and traveled extensively culminating in his most recent work with Disney as a Story Artist. He secured the role after flying to the US hoping to make an in-person impression on executives and after only two days secured the prestigious job.

"On my second day I heard

from someone I know at Disney, they set up a meeting and that's where they offered me the job."

After eight months of storyboarding scenes for a Disney+ series, the project wrapped up but the Disney team wanted to keep him on board.

"My job as Cultural Consultant is to look over anything that involves Polynesian and Sāmoan cultural aspects, things like Moana and Lilo & Stitch visual depictions on screen or even merchandise and designs."

He hopes his success can inspire other Pacific artists to aim high with their work.

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Tell us what's important, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

AK HAVE YOUR SAY

Our local board has come up with a three-year plan outlining the key initiatives we want to focus on.

Now we need your help to check if we've got it right.

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to the Bader Intermediate rugby boys who won the 2023 Rugby Auckland 10s competition!



The Portage Crossing Trust are proposing that a new ramp and pontoon be built at Waterfront Road Reserve in Māngere Bridge similar to the one James Papali'i and Wyn Osborne are pictured with. The club says a new ramp is needed following near fatal incidences. And following recent presentations, the group are also pleased to report the Māngere-Otahuhu and Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Boards are supportive of the idea.

See the Matariki star cluster

Matariki travels across the sky and rises a little earlier every day. It always travels on the same route through the eye of the Ako Ako stone. To see it best, look through Ako Ako at 5.30am on the 14th July 2023.

Matariki (Pleiades) Taumata-kuku (Aldebaran) Puanga (Rigel) Tautoru (Belt of Orion)

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HOW TO KEEP YOUR WHĀNAU HEALTHY THIS WINTER

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Runny noses, scratchy throats, tired parents, grumpy kids, cold houses, busy doctors...sound familiar?

Winter can be tough. We can't change that. But let's work together to make Winter Strong! We know that it can feel a bit overwhelming trying to keep on top of all the health needs for yourself and your family, especially over winter. The Cause Collective's (TCC) new campaign Winter Strong - Staying Healthy Winter Long is about just that: working with and empowering the Māngere community to stay healthy all winter long.

Every winter the same information is blasted out into the ears and eyes of the country, but we reckon the Māngere community has what it takes to make Winter Strong in a Māngere way - grounded in the strength and stability of the maunga Māngere is supported by.

The Winter Strong – Staying Healthy Winter Long campaign has launched on The Cause Collective's Facebook and Instagram pages and includes information, tips and videos on winter messaging. Hear from real Māngere people, and locals working in the health and community space that care about helping your family stay healthy winter long.

Look out for the Winter Strong team in the neighbourhood, on your social feed, and at community events sharing tips and connecting



with Māngere locals around how to keep well this flu season.

The Cause Collective is a social change organisation with a focus on Pasifika and South Auckland communities. We look at the problems that stop our communities from thriving and have worked in Māngere for over six years with our One Love South Auckland team.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MATARIKI PLANTING DAY - WHAKATOO RAAKAU

With Te Ahiwaru. Wednesday 12th July, 10am-3pm. Meet at Makaurau Marae Carpark, 11 Ruaiti Rd, Ihumātao. Lunch provided, all ages welcome! @TeAhiwaruTrust (facebook)

REPAIR CAFE - ME FAMILY SERVICES TAIAO TEAM

15th July, 11am-2pm. Māngere East Library. Bring your broken shoes, tapa cloth, wooden furniture, clothing item and we will help you fix them for free. And while you wait, have a haircut and enjoy some food with us! FB @taiaoteam

MATARIKI MOONLIGHT LANTERN WALK

Saturday 15th July, 5.30pm-8pm. Friends of the Farm invite you, your friends and family to join in a foreshore lantern walk to celebrate Matariki at Ambury Farm. Meet at 5.30pm at the farm barn to make lanterns or bring your own lantern. All you'll need is an empty tin can per person full with frozen water (we will have spares). Free sausage sizzle and hot chocolates. Email friends@fof.nz.

TE ARA-RATA STREAM, NATIVE TREE PLANTING

Sat 22nd July, 2pm-4pm. Meet at Elmdon Bridge. Strong shoes, water bottles, dress for the weather. Bring your own spades and gloves if you can! FB @teararatastreamteam

'STREAM VOICE' - ECO HUB MURAL

Wednesday 26th July, 11am-12pm. Māngere Town Centre Library. Want to be part of painting the mural at the new Eco Hub that will be popping up by Te Ararata Stream? Come to the art workshop at the Māngere Library for a free morning tea, and make your own designs for the mural.

GET CONNECTED TO EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION/TRAINING

Fortnightly Tuesdays, Māngere Town Centre Library, 10am - 12pm. Contact: ConnectedMangere@msd.govt.nz

EMPLOYMENT DAY EVERY FORTNIGHT THURSDAY

TIME: 10am - 12pm | WHERE: Work and Income Māngere 93 Mascot Ave. Looking for employment? Every fortnight Thursday, we will have a variety of employers who will be on site ready to interview you! Email Mangere_Employment@msd.govt.nz for more info.

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- 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

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SPONSOR MĀNGERE COLLEGE STUDENTS' TRIP TO JAPAN

Year 13 Social Science students from Māngere College are heading to Japan this year and are needing local businesses to help sponsor their uniforms. Contact Daniel Kelly - d.kelly@mangere.school.nz if you are interested.



EDITORIAL

Traditionally, Matariki is a time to be thankful for the harvest of our labours, as well as to remember those who have passed. But given the challenges of the last six months with the floods, the cyclone and the cost of living crisis, it can be hard to feel grateful.

However, as you will have seen after most heavy showers, a brilliant rainbow often spreads over Māngere mountain or above our town centre. So perhaps use this Matariki to look for signs of hope to help you reflect and be thankful - in the same way a rainbow lifts our spirits after a storm.

As you will read in our community notices, there's so many Matariki events, including planting days, a lantern walk, plus a raft of workshops and initiatives being run through our libraries and community spaces. All these activities can be a great way to reconnect with the community after a pretty torrid summer and autumn. And also make sure you check out The Cause Collective's Winter Strong campaign, so you and your whānau stay healthy over this time.

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