

Māngere's 275 times



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KEEPING THE FAITH THE STORY BEHIND THE NZ WARRIORS' COOK ISLANDS DRUMMERS



Drums of the Pacific dancers



The Drums of the Pacific entertaining the crowd at Mt Smart Stadium.



Members of the Drums of the Pacific group, inset: group founder Jacob Samson.

Rain or shine, win or lose, one consistent presence at every NZ Warriors' home game since 1996 has been the uplifting beats of a group of hardy Pacific drummers. The Māngere-based musicians are part of Drums of the Pacific, but its founder Jacob Samson says getting the gig came as a complete surprise. "The Warriors said they were going to do some auditions for the drumming and there were 30-something groups from all over New Zealand, but they were only picking one. "We were shocked that we got the job - so praise God." The NZ Warriors are currently third on the NRL table, enjoying a historic season thanks to a resurgent Shaun Johnson and

their inspirational rookie head coach Andrew Webster. Samson says the group have loved performing at Mt Smart Stadium, now named Go Media Stadium, for the last thirty years, despite enduring some horrific storms and witnessing some equally

"We've played through rain, cold and whether they win or lose, we've been there. "But we are there to support the boys, because this is the only team we have in the NRL so we should be proud as New Zealanders to have them."

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horrific losses in front of almost empty stands. "It's good to see the boys doing so well now and we remember well the last two times they made the finals," he says, reminiscing about when the team made their famous runs to the NRL grand final in 2002 and 2011.

One sign of their success is seeing other NRL clubs adding their own Cook Island drum groups. "It goes to show that having the drums really inspires players, and it doesn't really matter if you're Pacific, Kiwi or Aussie, the drums are a calling to the players to say 'come on

guys, step up and go hard!" Cook Islands Language Week is a particularly busy time for the group, which also includes a contingent of dancers, and Samson says it's special to be able to share their culture with so many. "I started this group as I could see so many kids with nothing to do, just hanging around and so I formed this group - to really help a lot of kids. "And the good thing is we've become really multicultural as we have members from all the islands. "We also have over 11 million views on our social media platforms. "It's really about showing the world the unique things about our culture."

MAANGERE HOUSING STORIES: #1 PANIA NEWTON

Pania Newton sat down with MAU Studio to discuss the work that has been going on at Ihumaatao over the last three years since Fletchers Building's development stopped in 2019 as well as revealing what is still to come.

"The 480 homes proposed at Ihumaatao by Fletchers Building would have seen our taonga tuku iho transformed and degraded. When we were successful in stopping the development from going ahead, we looked for other opportunities to build homes that reflected our values and aspirations as a hapuu and marae. Following the @ProtectIhumaatao kaupapa, the Te Ahiwaru Trust established a whaanau-led Housing Team to meet the housing needs and aspirations of our hapuu. From 2021 –

2022 we hosted interviews and waananga at Makaurau Marae to understand the housing realities and aspirations of our whaanau. From there, we created a housing strategy – Te Taa a Maki, named after the puuraakau of our tupuna, Maki; and also resembles the connection to our whare tupuna, Taamaki Makaurau. Te Taa a Maki holds our collective vision, goals and tikanga for our whaanau to access secure, affordable and safe kaainga. Our collective housing vision is that all our Te Ahiwaru and Makaurau Marae whaanau have access to mana-enhancing kaainga that is sustainable for future generations. We want to provide our whaanau with homes that don't negatively impact the taiao and strengthen their connection to their maunga, awa, moana and marae in Ihumaatao and



Pania Newton

Credit: Michael Craig

Maangere. The kaupapa honors our tupuna's legacies and aspirations for their uri whakatupu, their following generations. My advice to housing leaders and developers in Maangere is to be mindful of where and what they are building in Maangere. In light of recent climatic events, we need homes that can adapt to climate changes now and in the future. I think too that we should celebrate our unique histories of Maangere as it

is what sets us apart from everywhere else. From there we can have a greater sense of understanding of our taiao, mana whenua, and ahi kaa of Maangere – and heighten our sense of connection to each other and where we call home."

This article is the second in a series by the Maangere Housing Advocacy Group looking at housing challenges and opportunities in our community.



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MANUKAU ROVERS GO BACK-TO-BACK TO CLAIM TITLE IN 100TH GALLAHER SHIELD



Manukau Rovers have claimed back-to-back Gallaher Shield titles after defeating Auckland University Rugby Club 20 - 14 on July 22 in the Auckland Rugby premier club final at Waitemata Rugby Club. The South Auckland-based side was cheered on by hundreds of supporters, including an extraordinary 22 bus-loads of fans from its home ground in Māngere, as they closed out their season with a perfect record.

The victory is the club's fourth in its history, with last year's title being their first in 49 years. Auckland University Rugby Club were looking to bank their first title since 2019 and looked promising, leading 7 - 5 at halftime, but they struggled to match a strong second-half fight back from Rovers who piled on 15-points to seal the win.

The match was the 100th Gallaher Shield final, with the prize first contested in 1922 after it was introduced in honour of the late Dave Gallaher - the famous Originals All Blacks captain and Auckland Rugby legend who was killed in battle during WWI.

Visit [Manukau Rovers' Facebook page](#) for videos from the game.

WINTER STRONG CAMPAIGN UPDATE



There's officially one more month of winter to go. The recent cold weather makes it quite hard to stay well so if you can't get to your doctors immediately, there are other options to help keep on top of your health. Check out the different ways you can keep well.

The Winter Strong - Staying Healthy Winter Long is about empowering the Māngere community to stay healthy all winter long.

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Some of the team behind the Māngere Repair Cafe, at the Māngere East Library in July. Many community groups came together with the goal of reducing waste here in Māngere.



Some of the NZ Waka Ama paddlers that will be representing Samoa, at the International Va'a Federation World distance championships, held in Samoa in August. Peter Kee (far left) and James Papali'i (far right) are from the Portage Crossing Club in Māngere Bridge.



The July Harania Stream clean-up with the Taiao Team, from ME Family Services and many amazing locals pitching in to help!



Ashgrove Reserve Planting Day.



Winners of the Moth Plant Competition!



The Matariki Community Dinner at the Metro Theatre, organised by the Māngere East Community Centre.



Dancer at the Matariki Community Dinner.



'What's The Difference 685 To The World' production runs from September 6th to the 9th, at the Māngere Arts Centre. **Get your tickets from [Eventfinda.co.nz](https://www.eventfinda.co.nz).**



The Māngere East U14 Hawks Girls after winning the title for the season.



Māngere College students during Cook Islands Language Week.



The Māngere East U16 Elite Queenz, back to back champions after winning the title for two seasons in a row!

MEET MĀNGERE'S ELECTION CANDIDATES



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NATIONAL PARTY



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BROOKE PAO STANLEY
INDEPENDANT



PETER SYKES
GREEN PARTY

When voting closes on October 14, one of these four candidates could be Māngere's next electorate MP, following Aupito William Sio's retirement announcement earlier this year after a 15-year career in Parliament.

They are, in alphabetical order, Rosemary Bourke, Lemauga Lydia Sosene, Brooke Pao Stanley and Peter Sykes. While others are sure to enter the race, these four have declared their intentions early, and I caught up with each of them in person or over email.

Due to how busy Rosemary has been with her job, family and campaigning, we weren't able to meet, so she provided her answers via email. The mother of four, who works full time in warehousing and is of Tongan, Irish and Samoan descent, says her motivation to stand came from wanting "be part of the solution" and to do her "best for the people". Bourke's parents moved to New Zealand in the 1960s from Tonga and Samoa and their courage inspires her to this day. "Their faith, hard work, and strength through challenges guided them and our family. "This was passed on to my brother and myself." Rosemary, who loves getting otai, kebabs and Cook Islands donuts from the Māngere markets every Saturday, sees the main issues for the suburb being: cost of living, the increase in youth crime, education and affordable housing. Her strategy for winning this seat includes using social media as well as door-knocking and attending local events. "But nothing can substitute with meeting people in the community," she says. And her key message to voters is: "I'm a local and I want what's best for Māngere, I believe National is the Party that will give us real outcomes and policies to help all. "Make a choice that's not just a default to what's always been done but look at the people who are standing and vote. Māngere deserves better in all areas."

Lemauga and I met at the Māngere Arts Centre, where prior to our interview, the staff greeted her warmly given her previous high profile role was as the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board chair. The Favona, mother of two, became a list MP last year but says she was first offered the chance to run for Labour during the Helen Clark government. She says it's now the right time for her and her family to campaign for the Māngere seat. "Along with Aupito, I'm inspired by our wahine toa that I've worked with and by the values of my parents - of helping one another and serving one another." Lemauga is also a big fan of the Māngere Markets but also likes getting around the suburb's many cafes. "There's a lot of good eateries here at the town centre, but also in Māngere Bridge and around the airport, but I also like getting some cultural food at the markets - as I like to support local." She says she's already spent a lot of time talking to people around the community and it's clear many are struggling with the cost of living, housing and education and she promises to be a bold voice for the community. "Some people are really hurting here, so the number one thing for me is to strongly advocate for Māngere. "And one thing that comes up in conversations with young people, besides education and cost of living, is climate change and so you've got to be at the table to make a difference."

Brooke and I sat down for this interview above her Auckland Action Against Poverty (AAAP) office in the Māngere Town Centre, where she helps people navigate the government's social welfare services or with their housing and food security needs. As the daughter of All Black great Joe Stanely, Brooke says growing up around that environment has given her the ability to question the powerful. "I think growing up in really privileged spaces - has given me confidence of not holding back about saying what's needed to be said for our community." The 37-year-old, mother of one, says while she has links to many local community organisations, and churches through her friends and family, her strategy to win will be very different from the other candidates. "For me - it's just about being myself, being honest, and I think the work I've been doing speaks for itself." Brooke, who's favourite local eatery is the town centre's Pizza & Curry corner for its "mean paneer Pizza", says the main issue facing the area is how badly it is treated by local and central government. "I want to get the seat for the community, so the community can use the seat - and get the resources, power and clout that comes with it," she says. "And I think we can use the seat as a way to change the system. We have a community here that's already well connected and all that needs to be done is politically motivate them."

Peter Sykes has an apple turnover with cream as we chat at a cafe near the airport, which as he points out, shows you don't have to be a vegan, hippie to be in the Greens. "People mock the Greens as tree huggers but I chose the Greens because it's the only party looking long term to my grandchildren, and their grandchildren." The father of three and grandfather to six, has lived in Māngere for over 30 years and is the former CEO of ME Family Services. He says his family, local iwi and the land around him is what inspires him. "My family - past, present and future - remind me where I fit into the wider world, and how to be resilient and regenerative. Te Ahiwaru - remind me of the importance of belonging to a people and place, and my Celtic origins connect me to the land, water and places around us." He says his priorities this election will be to campaign for the party vote but given Māngere's lower voter turnout, he will also remind people they need to make sure their voices are heard. "I understand why people don't want to vote, but if you don't vote, you can't protest and kick the system. We are a resilient community, but don't accept marginalisation as our normal. We need to work together for a thriving place for our families and our futures. The Green Party, and Party Vote Green, is the only way to make this happen."



Te Ihu o Mataoho Tours team



The launch event for Te Ihu o Mataoho tours

TE AHIWARU LAUNCH TE IHU O MATAOHO TOURS

During Matariki, the Maaori New Year, local hapu Te Ahiwaru launched the social enterprise Te Ihu o Mataoho tours on their whenua at Ihumaatao.

The educational tours and workshops aim to strengthen their connection as ahi kaa to the whenua, while sharing aspects of their rich and intimate history with visitors to Ihumaatao.

Using Indigenous creativity, storytelling and experiential design, Te Ihu o Mataoho tours offer a host of unique experiences for all ages and abilities.

Through interactive and engaging educational tours and workshops its offerIng aligns to the Aotearoa curriculum while also encouraging communities to better understand our unique and endemic landscapes.

Leilani Tawha, Manager of Te Ihu o Mataoho Tours, is hopeful that the tours can make an impact locally and on a global scale.

"It is an exciting step forward for Te Ahiwaru to launch Te Ihu o Mataoho Tours, especially as we look ahead to how our

local schools are implementing the new Aotearoa Histories Curriculum and how our unique offering can support those educational outcomes.

"Our whaanau have welcomed thousands of students, community, international visitors and corporate groups to Ihumaatao over the years, and now we get to formalise that with this social enterprise.

"Visitors will get to experience our important history and culture alongside more recent environmental and social justice initiatives, all led by ahi kaa.

"It is such meaningful mahi and we can't wait to share it with more of our community."

For more information, and to book a tour, head to www.teihumataoho.com

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Local boards can now make more decisions about services and facilities in their area. However, the cost providing these services has gone up. The impact of Auckland's recent storm events have also affected how much money is available.

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ENGAGEMENT IS OPEN FROM JULY 13 - AUGUST 14, 2023.

HOW CAN YOU GIVE FEEDBACK:

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Email your Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board with your feedback on mangereotahuhulocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



SCAN FOR LOCAL BOARD PLAN

Te mahere ā rohe o Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 2023

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Plan 2023



Draft - June 2023





WILL A BOOST IN MATERNITY FUNDING COUNT FOR MĀNGERE'S MUMS?

Christina Cawlins' (pictured on the right, with her son) only had to travel four kilometres from her Māngere central home to the Nga Hau Māngere Birthing Centre where she was due to give birth on the same weekend as Cyclone Gabrielle hit Auckland. But despite the weather, Cawlins' pre-birth nerves were calmed knowing they didn't have far to go. "I was seeing people being carried out in bath tubs, but my partner reassured me,

'we've got a truck, we'll be fine.'" Thankfully for Cawlins and hundreds of mothers from Māngere, the Nga Hau Māngere Birthing Centre opened in 2019. However, this isn't just about convenience. As Cawlins' current midwife Ellen Worley (pictured on left) says, having a baby in a setting like a birthing unit, dramatically increases the odds of healthier outcomes. "Wherever possible, and where it's wanted by whanau, a primary unit is a safe place for most women to have babies, supported by

decades of evidence." Nga Hau Māngere currently receives no government funding to keep its doors open - but this could change. Following the announcement of a \$74 million boost to maternity services, Te Whatu Ora Regional Wayfinder for Commissioning Danny Wu says discussions are ongoing with the current funders of the birthing centre, The Wright Family Foundation. "We're certainly interested in keeping primary birthing going in Māngere - but we just need to come to a resolution with the owners of the building," Wu says. Wright Family Foundation co-founder Chloe Wright declined to comment for this article, but referred us to her previous comments about why she built it. "There is such an incredible need in South Auckland and the women there do not get the care they have a right to expect. [Building it] was a bold move and perhaps rather a naive move, but not one I regret because it has made a massive difference to the lives of those women who have been able to stay at Nga Hau."

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VOICES OF OUR FLOODED NEIGHBOURHOODS

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Māngere was hit hard by the Auckland Anniversary weekend flood. This caused extensive loss across our homes and community and we know many of you still have questions regarding what happened, and what work is being done to reduce the risk of floods for Māngere in the future. So we reckon it is time to come together as a community and invite you to our series of Street Chats - Voices of Our Flooded Neighbourhoods. Street Chats organisers, I AM Māngere, have arranged for friendly staff from the organisations involved in Auckland's recovery to offer further flood related support. Staff from Auckland Council, Auckland Emergency Management and Kāinga Ora will be there to listen to your experiences, answer your questions and hear your concerns.

Kicking off August 19, 12pm – 2pm, on the corner of Elmdon St and Watchfield Cl, there will be free kai, free coffee and plenty of fun activities for the kids. Street Chats are Māngere's very own safe-space, community pop up events. Please keep an eye on the 'I AM Māngere' Facebook page on the day of our Street Chat events, as if it is raining we will move to an indoor location. See you there!

WHERE AND WHEN:
August 19, 12pm – 2pm, Community Enviro Hub - Corner of Elmdon St and Watchfield Cl*
August 26, 11am – 1pm, Rush Place Reserve*
August 26, 2pm – 4pm, Blake Street Reserve*
 We will have Hindi speaking experts at the first event, along with Samoan and Tongan experts at all three.
 *We are working on indoor options just in case it rains. Keep an eye on the I AM Māngere socials on the day.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Saturday, August 12, 11am-4pm in the Māngere Town Centre. Food stalls, merch stalls, raffles & giveaways!

MATARIKI COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AT Papatuanuku KOKIRI MARAE

Saturday, August 26, 8am - Whakatau, 11.30am - Finish. Sharing Whakapapa, Purakau, Kemu Maori, Tree Planting & Waiata followed by a buffet breakfast. Register on the Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae facebook page.

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY @ TE PANE O MATAOHO / MĀNGERE MOUNTAIN.

Saturday, August 26, 10am - 1pm. Bring your own spade and gardening gloves if you have them. Some spades will be provided, along with sunscreen, water, and light refreshments. Dress prepared. Meet at the playground. Please register your interest at maungavolunteers@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

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EDITORIAL

Cook Islands Language Week celebrations at Māngere College.

Kia orana and welcome to our first eight-page edition in many years. This has only been made possible, thanks to the increased support of so many in our community. And what a great month to launch a bigger magazine. The Manukau Rovers going back-to-back to win Auckland club rugby's premier title is such an incredible achievement and we shouldn't under-estimate what this could mean for our community's up and coming rugby stars. With the election less than three months away, we have profiled the four main candidates who are putting their hands up to take over from Aupito William Sio. It's great seeing that we have a high calibre group of politicians who all are so passionate about this area. And I hope you enjoy reading about some of the really amazing developments happening at Ihumātao, as they've launched a number of initiatives that will benefit the wider area as a whole. Lastly, if you want to keep seeing this magazine growing, get in touch about sponsorship opportunities.

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