

# Māngere's 275 times



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

## NZ'S BEST RIGHT HERE IN MĀNGERE



**While many choose to bus out of Māngere for their education, a trip down Buckland Road will bring you to one of New Zealand's top performing schools.**

All year 11, 12 and 13 students at Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwae passed their NCEA levels 1, 2 and 3 last year - giving it the highest rate of any state school in Aotearoa. In comparison, only 60 per cent of year 11 students in New Zealand passed Level 1, while in Auckland, just 54 per cent of year 11s passed Level 1. Deputy principal Harley Emery says it comes down to the

holistic approach the school takes to learning, as well as having a strong connection to the community. "You know everyone here, kids included, are very proud Māngere people," she says. "I've lived here all my life, grew up, went to school here. All our teachers did, all our kids do too."

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Emery adds that over 95 per cent of the staff also went to the school as students, which helps create a strong culture. "We've all been through the

same teaching, the same expectations, the same rules, and we turned out okay. "And I think that's a point of difference for our kura." Aside from academic success, the school also makes sure the students get the same extra-curricular opportunities that you might see at other wealthier

schools. In recent years students have been able to travel to Dunedin, Nelson, the United States as well as have the chance to learn things like scuba-diving

and sailing. And last year two pupils signed with the NRL's Sydney Roosters, while another won the New Zealand golf nationals.

Emery says it's all about having high expectations and putting the right support around their young people and their whānau.

"Money is never a reason that students shouldn't be able to participate in anything ever. "But there's always that responsibility that you've got to work.

"And I think a huge part of the success here is that they know that they're loved.

"Families have been here for four generations, so it is like another home."

# Streets for People: Making Māngere and Māngere Bridge an easier place to walk and cycle

**During January and February the Streets for People project installed trial changes to Robertson Road in Māngere and Coronation Road near Ngā Hau Māngere Bridge.**

Over the past few months, we've been working with local people in Māngere and Māngere Bridge with a broad range of perspectives and connections to local organisations, businesses and community groups. Their insights and ideas have shaped the new trial street changes on Coronation Road and Robertson Road.

Construction on the changes are now complete and open for use. Trialling these changes allows the whole community to experience them and have their say. This allows our project team to better understand the wants and needs of the local community before making any potential permanent changes.



Free family fun, kai, giveaways and more!

## Give the trial a go at one of our community events!

 Māngere Events

 Māngere Bridge Events



**Monday 4, 11, 18 & 25 March** 6pm - 8pm

### Monday Rides

Join Triple Teez for weekly guided rides of the Coronation Road trial site and the local Māngere Bridge Area

 Assemble at **Waterfront Road Reserve**



**Thursday 7 March** 6pm - 8pm

### Thursday Ride

Join Triple Teez for the final weekly guided ride of the Robertson Road trial site and the local Māngere area

 Assemble at **Māngere BikeFit Hub**



**Sunday 10 March** 11am - 3pm

### Bike to Steamers

Ride your bike to the Manukau Live Steamers and receive a free ride on the model railway!

 **Māngere Centre Park**



**Friday 15 March** 6:30pm - 9pm

### Māngere Bike Rave

A flashy, fun party on two wheels - join us for a musical guided ride for all ages.

 **Māngere Centre Park**



**Saturday 23 March** 6:30pm - 9pm

### Māngere Bridge Bike Rave

A flashy, fun party on two wheels - join us for a musical guided ride for all ages.

 **Waterfront Reserve**



**Friday 29 March** 10am - 12pm

### Māngere Bridge Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for some easter fun with an easter egg hunt - on bikes!

 **Waterfront Reserve**



**Saturday 30 March** 10am - 12pm

### Māngere Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for some easter fun with an easter egg hunt - on bikes!

 **Māngere Centre Park**

**Need a bike?**

Let us know in advance and we'll sort you some wheels to ride during the event!

## Have your say and find out more about the events

We'd love to hear what you think about the trial changes on Coronation Road and Robertson Road.

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People



Scan the QR Code or visit [haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/streetsforpeople\\_m](https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/streetsforpeople_m) (Robertson Road) [haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/streetsforpeople\\_mb](https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/streetsforpeople_mb) (Coronation Road) to find out more and have your say on the changes.

Or contact the project team at [Streets4People@at.govt.nz](mailto:Streets4People@at.govt.nz) Or call us on **09 355 3553**. Feedback on the trial changes will close April 14th 2024.



# SPECIAL HANDOVER AT HISTORIC CROSSING REGATTA



The 32nd Portage Crossing was another successful event, with 120 paddlers enjoying the chance to retrace the route first used by the Tainui waka that arrived from the Pacific Islands hundreds of years ago. The original waka was captained by Hoturoa, which sailed down the Waitemata harbour from the Pacific Ocean before crossing the isthmus in Otahuhu, and eventually sailing on to Kawhia

where they settled. The pōwhiri at this year's event was particularly special as the Manukau Urban Māori Authority (MUMA), who have supported this regatta over the last 10 years in partnership with Auckland Council and the Māngere Ōtāhuhu Local Board, handed over the mauri to the Tainui people. This means that the main sponsor and supporter of this regatta changes hands



from MUMA to Tainui. The event will now be run in partnership with the Portage Crossing Traditional Canoeing & Sailing

Association, which is chaired by Barry Tumai, with Martin Cooper from Tainui as an advisor.

What marked out this crossing was the involvement for the first time of two rowers, led by Greg Reid, and kayakers led by

Roger French. The organisers also made special mention of MUMA CEOs starting with MP Willie Jackson, Wyn Osborne, and Tania Rangiheuea, and the event organiser Wynn Anania, and the support of Mainfrieght, who sponsored the children's rides and have been supporting this regatta for over 10 years.



**PHOTO INSET:** Chief event organiser James Papali'i making an award presentation.

MĀNGERE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS

## MANGERE EAST CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2024

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## NEW ENVIRO HUB FOR THE COMMUNITY - BY THE COMMUNITY

A new initiative called the Māngere Community Enviro Hub has opened next to Te Ararata Creek with the intention to create space for learning, talanoa and ways for people to connect with the whenua and awa. The hub is on Kāinga Ora land, which has been leased to the community for three years. I AM Māngere has spearheaded this initiative with the support of Kainga Ora, the Lottery Communities, Boxman Containers, MAU Studio, Mapura Arts and a collective



of organisations will utilise the space. The hub is located on the corner of Elmdon Street & Watchfield Close. Follow I AM Mangere on social media if you want to learn more.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## MĀNGERE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Before & After School Care & Holiday Programmes:

Transport, Kai and Activities for 5-13 year olds.  
Pick Ups & Drops offs: Māngere East Primary, Papatoetoe North Primary, Kingsford, Kedgley Intermediate, Aorere College.

### FREE Classes

**Mondays:** Te Reo Māori (10am – 12pm & 6pm-8pm), Pono BoxFit for ladies (6pm – 7pm)  
**Tuesdays:** Te Reo Māori (12.30pm-2.30pm), Hulafit (6pm-7pm), Ethnic Arts & Crafts (6pm-8pm)  
**Wednesdays:** Parenting Programmes (various times & days)  
**Thursdays:** T.R.E.E.S Hub (Gardening, waste, kai etc) (12-2pm)  
**Fridays:** Korowai Class (10am – 2pm)

**Bus Hire** (32 Seater bus & 2 Mini Vans), Hall & Venue Hire

**FREE Parenting Programmes** (Ante Natal, 3yr-8yr etc...)

**Daily ESOL Classes** (English for speakers of other languages)

**CONTACT/REGISTER TODAY:** [www.mangereeast.org](http://www.mangereeast.org) | email [info@mangereeast.org](mailto:info@mangereeast.org) | phone 275 6161 or drop in 372 Massey Road, Māngere East

## WHARE KOA MĀNGERE COMMUNITY HOUSE

**Term 1 Schedule:** (Located 141 Robertson Rd, ph:09 379 2030)

**MONDAY/RĀHINA** - Emerge Aotearoa

**TUESDAY/RĀTU** - Ukulele Class (10am-12pm)  
- Tongan Youth Trust (2.30pm-7pm)

**WEDNESDAY/RĀAPA** - Diamonds in the Rough (10am-12pm)  
- Te Vaerua i te Rangi (5pm-7pm)

**THURSDAY/RĀPARE** - Tiare Taina Māmā's (10am-2pm)  
- Eva Ma Le Koko (10am-2pm)

**FRIDAY/RĀMERE** - Polynesian Creative Arts (10am-2pm)

## PAPATUANUKU KOKIRI MARAE

**KAI IKA PROJECT:** Every Wednesday and Friday, 10.30am at Māngere Centre Park, Robertson Rd. Fish heads and frames + sometimes veggies and other food. Bring aluminum cans to swap if you can or just turn up to collect. A partnership between the Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae and Phoenix Metals.

## CELEBRATE PASIFIKA MONTH IN MĀNGERE!

Māngere Bridge Library, Māngere East Library, Māngere Town Centre Library and Whare Koa Māngere Community House have a full programme celebrating Pasifika Month. Check out [www.facebook.com/WhareKoa](http://www.facebook.com/WhareKoa) for the full schedule of events.

## MANUKAU ROVERS - JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

All grades. Thursdays March 21st, 28th, April 14th, 11th. 5.30pm-6.30pm upstairs. Registrations also open online: [www.sporty.co.nz/manukaurovers/Junior-Rugby/Registration-1](http://www.sporty.co.nz/manukaurovers/Junior-Rugby/Registration-1)

## FOOD TOGETHER POP-UP - I AM MĀNGERE

Every Wednesday at the new Enviro Hub. Choose your own fruit & vegetables for just \$15 a bag. Corner of Elmdon St and Watchfield Cl. Eftpos available also can pre-order online.



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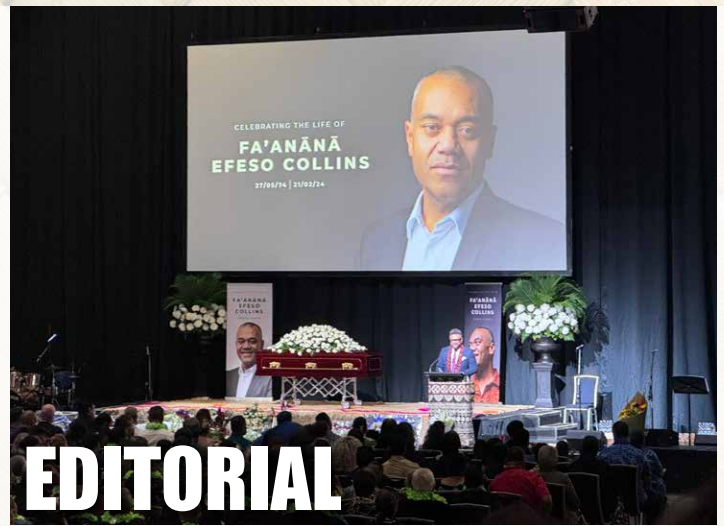
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The recent passing of Fa'anana Efeso Collins has undoubtedly had a profound effect on our community. As many of you know, despite being a born and raised son of Ōtara, he fought tirelessly for Māngere on many fronts, including the campaign for Ihumātao, supporting liquor store protests and attending meetings on community safety. He was also a dear friend to many of us, and it will be his humour, warmth and kindness that we will miss most. As Te'o Harry Fatu Toleafoa said, when giving a speech at Fa'anana's celebration service, we have lost someone who represented the "best of us" and so right now it feels like the person who was finally going to make our voices heard in Parliament has gone. So while you may be feeling dismayed, as we do right now, I hope you can also see that if he was able to reach the highest halls of power through being fearless and driven, his life can be a model for the rest of us. And I believe the best way to honour his memory is to carry on his work, fighting against injustice and ensuring we create a better future for our kids.

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