

# Mangere Bridge Village Business Association Managers Report

## AGM October 2023

The past 12 months have been busy as ever.

**Sunday Markets** - markets are going well and have managed to get in most weekends even with the rainy winter we have had. We get visitors from all over Auckland coming along to these markets.

**Hanging baskets** - These are due to go back up in a few weeks' time, we are going to go back to the traditional Busy Lizzies which we were unable to use for the last couple of years due to downy mildew disease. The village will look nice and vibrant with them being back up.

**Quiz Night** – we just had a quiz night last week to help raise some funds to go towards a defibrillator that Residents and Ratepayers are going to purchase to put in Fresh Choice. Sadly, the one at Chinese community centre had been stolen and we think that it's a great thing to have available in the village and thought being in Fresh Choice meant it was available throughout the day and evenings. We will be donating \$1000.00 towards this and are thankful to those that participated in the Quiz and all the wonderful sponsors we have on board for the raffles and spot prizes. Big thanks to Mortimer Law, PrimeCare Dental, Fresh choice, and Hammer Hardware for their help with this.

**Flagpole** - you may have noticed we have our own flagpole now which has been installed in Naomi and Bill Kirk Park with funding received from the local Board. Just waiting on the arrival of our flags that we have ordered.

**Fun Run** - This was our biggest Fun Run event to date with over 500 entries into the run. This event has now been running since 2019 and is growing every year and attracting entries from all over the country. It's a great event for the village to have and we hope to continue to grow this event. We are so grateful for all the local business that got on board to support this event as without them and Funding from Local Board and Four Winds these events would not be possible. This is now at a point that it is generating income for the Association to add to the income required.

**Santa Parade** – Preparation is in full swing for the Santa parade which will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December from 4-8pm. It was great to get back to normal with last year's Santa parade which was fabulous. Once again there will be lots of FREE fun activities for all the kids to enjoy. Parade will start at 6pm from the War Memorial Hall and make its way down Coronation Road and back up.

**CCTV** - the system seems to be working well, crime within the village has been very low and we are grateful as I know other areas have really suffered throughout the year with series of ram raids and break ins. Sadly we have had a couple of incidents but with the help of the CCTV system we have managed to be able to provide NZ police with some fantastic footage to help them in their investigations. It really is an asset to the Village. Costly to maintain and upgrade but well worth it.

The shop Local Campaign last year and this year's just completed have been a good addition to the year and the 8 winners in total 4 hampers and 4 Nights away at a resort proving fabulous surprises for the winners.

All in all, I think that it's been a great year for the Village, we were fortunate to ride the wave of Covid and work our way through without losing any of the businesses. It has been tough, but we have got through with great resilience from everyone. This is not without the support of our fantastic community. It's been nice to be able to host events and really get back into the swing of things and see our community thriving as a result.

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