



One Love
MANGERE

- Based out of Ōtāhuhu Police Station which covers Māngere, Papatoetoe and Ōtāhuhu
- Katie is a member of the New Zealand White Ferns (cricket) and has played over 50 matches in both One Day International and T20 cricket.

Why do you enjoy working in Māngere?

There's an amazing community vibe here with proud local champions, people who love living in the area. A lot of people have a similar passion and pride for Māngere and work together to make it a better place to live, work and play.

What do you do as a Youth Engagement Officer in the New Zealand Police?

My role is to engage with local young people who have started to come to Police attention and stop them falling into the youth justice system. I do my best to gain an understanding of their home environment and look at ways I can assist the young person and their whānau. To do this successfully I lean on local community organisations and services to engage with the young people alongside me and we help the young person find a more positive path.

What do you enjoy about your role?

I love interacting with local people! When I'm around the Town Centre, the young people yell out "Katie" and wave or give me a hug. I get the same reception with some of the community leaders that I know. I feel like I've got so many good connections in Māngere. If we're more visible here people feel more comfortable around us.

How can local people access the New Zealand Police?

The New Zealand Police is willing to partner with different organisations, agencies and local community. We get called for a range of reasons but when we don't have the expertise we work together as a community to help local people. Say hello and talk with me when I'm in the neighbourhood.

One tip to help keep our neighbourhood safe?

One easy tip is to get to know your neighbours. Have a contact number for them so you can txt or call if you see things that don't look normal at their place. When people know who is living around them it helps to make it a safer place for everyone to live.



STAYING CONNECTED WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Talofa lava One Love fanau.

October is a good time to reset and focus on the final few months of the year.

2020 has been an unprecedented year because of the significant impact of Covid-19 which has been felt culturally, economically, and socially across New Zealand, as well as locally within our neighbourhood.

Although Covid-19 has put a strain on community. It has also highlighted the caring, compassionate and hardworking people living in our One Love streets, as well as organisations and services that support our community.

In late July, prior to the most recent lockdown, One Love Māngere held a community engagement at Jean Batten School with local neighbours. We're really grateful to everyone who attended to talanoa.

Maluatai Papali'i, a local resident, was present at the engagement and says she enjoyed being able to provide honest thoughts about ways to improve the neighbourhood.

"My husband, children and I are proud to live in Māngere. It was a great way to meet other local people who want to see positive changes occur to improve the health and wellbeing of all local people."

Sam Lafolua, Lead Systems Innovator for One Love Mangere, says, "It was great to re-connect with local people after the impact of the first lockdown. We really enjoyed the opportunity to hear their desires and how we can work together with government agencies, local authorities, community organisations and business to meet their needs and achieve their aspirations for their whanau and community."



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ONE LOVE NEIGHBOUR

Robert Laban



Talofa lava, my name is Robert Laban.

My family moved to Māngere from Samoa on 22 December 1988. Not long after we arrived, my parents bought a house (17 Imrie Ave) where my siblings and I grew up.

15 years ago, my wife and I bought our own house at corner of Imrie Ave and Massey Road because we wanted to raise our children here. Together with my nieces and nephews, they have all attended Jean Batten School. I know it's important for our family to carry on that legacy.

I love living in this area with many of my family and friends living on Imrie Ave and closeby. It's important to have strong friendships and a sense of relationships with your neighbours as it helps to provide a sense of security as you know that someone is always looking out for your family, even if you're not at home.

I work at Strive Community Trust, during lockdown we dropped off fruit and veg parcels to our neighbours because we make an effort to pass on food from a family bbq or even from a church function.

It would be great to see Imrie Reserve become a community hub again. I remember when it had an old-school playground and a confidence course which was popular with local people. We need a new playground, it looks sad. It would be great to get a track that circled the entire park so that people can exercise around the green space. It's a park that local churches use in the summer to play volleyball. It's cool to see people connecting at the park with family, friends and neighbours.



LOCAL MARAE SELLING FRESH VEGGIE BOXES

Support your local community by buying a fresh veggie box grown and produced at Papatūānuku Kōkiri Marae in Māngere. Papatūānuku is selling veggie boxes consisting of fresh herbs, kale, celery, silverbeet, spinach, lettuce, radishes, beets, leeks, and green onions, and mushrooms (depending on what is available).

The veggie boxes will be prepared Thursday or Friday each week for pick up and/or delivery. Pick up can be arranged for Friday between 10am – 5pm. The marae is situated at 141 Robertson Road, Māngere East, and all vegetables are grown on the whenua (land).

Visit papatuanukukokirimarae.org to order a Veggie Box online.



HISTORY OF MĀNGERE

Did you know that the name Māngere originates from Nga Hau Māngere?

Nga Hau Māngere means the 'lazy breezes' which was observed by Taikehu of Tainui canoe when he landed below Māngere Mountain six centuries ago.

Māngere has fertile rich volcanic soils and good fishing that it created comfortable living conditions for Māori who settled here. It was shortened to Māngere, meaning lazy.

