

SKILLS UPDATE IN MĀNGERE

LOCAL TRAINING

Skills Update is a local training and education group based on Tidal Road in Māngere. They are aimed at helping New Zealand youth making a successful transition to enter the job market in their chosen trade or profession. Programmes/Courses include:

- Automotive
- Building & Construction
- Distribution
- Electrical Engineering
- Sports & Fitness
- Horticulture
- Hospitality

Their NZQA accredited programmes all take place in Māngere and range between NZQA Level 2-4 courses, all of which are relevant to the industry.

Many of their programmes are offered fees free. They also have scholarships available for different programmes as well as deliver programmes for Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and international learners.

For more information about Skills Update, check out skillsupdate.co.nz.



One Love
MĀNGERE

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

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Welcome to your local newsletter



CHRISTMAS FUN AT IMRIE AVE

One Love Māngere celebrated its annual Christmas event late last month at Imrie Reserve, a memorable way to kick off the festive season.

"Thank you to our Māngere community for their unity and positive spirit to celebrate Christmas together at Imrie Reserve," says Sam Lafolua, One Love Māngere lead.

"I'm positively encouraged that local people want Māngere to be a thriving, flourishing and safe place for their whānau despite the challenges and hardships that many face on a day-to-day basis."

Hundreds of local people came together as a community to share the joy of Christmas.

The free event was filled with joy, laughter and many smiling faces as family and friends enjoyed playing games, singing Christmas carols, and getting faces painted. There was also a free sausage sizzle, free haircuts, and a bouncy castle for young children.

Harry Fatu Toleafoa, Board Member of the Māngere-Otahuhu Local Board, encouraged local people to stay connected

with their neighbours to help foster stronger communities.

"Māngere is a great place to live. It's important neighbours connect with one another so you can support each other. We can get through challenges when we have strong community support around us."

The Christmas Fun Day in the Park was organised by One Love Māngere, a group made up of residents and staff from The Cause Collective, a social change organisation focused on the wellbeing of Pacific peoples and South Auckland communities.

One Love Māngere is a platform to support the efforts of residents who want to see a thriving and flourishing community by drawing on the collective strength of families, neighbourhoods and community support networks in Māngere.

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ROAD SAFETY

Road safety is one of the key issues that has been a significant problem for residents particularly on Imrie Ave, close to Jean Batten School.

Imrie Ave is a narrow road which gets congested, particularly before and after school hours, making it a dangerous area for children and teachers to navigate to and from school. Also, many vehicles pass through the area using the road as a thoroughfare, a road to get to another location not in Māngere.

The issue is a significant problem for residents, school staff and parents who have voiced their frustration with relevant government agencies in recent years with little impact.

However, given the increasing congestion

A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM ON IMRIE AVE

of vehicles in the area and numerous 'near-misses'. There has been growing frustration from residents and the school community that this issue can no longer be ignored as it may result in a child being seriously injured.

Residents of the One Love Māngere team have been active in recent months pushing the case with Auckland Council and the Māngere-Otahuhu Local Board. This includes a petition that has been circulated with residents, parents, and staff of Jean Batten School, as well as parents and staff of Two Hearts Early Childhood Education Centre.

Resident Maluatai Papali'i presented a deputation, a formal presentation to the Māngere-Otahuhu Local Board this month. More on this next month.

