

Mangakahia Sports & Community Complex NEWSLETTER March 2025

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COMPLEX NEWS

It's hard to believe we are already in March as there has been so much already happening at the Complex in the last few months. Don't forget to check out our Club pages to get all the news.

Circus Kumarani was a great addition to our event calendar this year. They hosted the



Northland Circus Festival at the Complex from 24 to 26 January and a lot of locals and people from further afield came to enjoy the workshops and shows on offer. We hope to see them again.



Check out their website at https://www.circuskumarani.co.nz/

Mangakahia Summer Feelinal is one of our marquee events and was held on Sunday 23rd February. A big thank you to everyone for coming along to support this community event - we hope you all had a great day out as we did! A special acknowledgement to our sponsors, stallholders and amazing volunteers that make this event happen every year! Thank you to our major sponsors & supporters for your generosity.

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MANGAKAHIA RUGBY CLUB

The 2025 season has started at Mangakahia Rugby Club. The IMB and Senior teams have already been sweating it out with their pre-season training.

Club Rally Day will be held Thursday 6th March from 4:30-6:00pm

Any players from any age interested in playing Rugby this season should attend to get registration underway and get information about the season. There will be skills, drills and games to join in on, so make sure players come ready for a run around.

Senior training is at 6:00pm - everyone is welcome!

MANGAKAHIA SQUASH MANGAKAHIA LIONS CLUB

Mangakahia Squash started its inter-house competition on the 5th February. Over 50 members are playing in the first round, sweating out all their summer indulgence! This positive start will hopefully see the 2025 season lining up to be one of the best.

We welcome new players and beginners, there are draws to suit every playing ability. Squash is a great game for fitness, and once the weather cools off, the indoor exercise option is always a good one. We have a wonderful Club vibe, so lots of great social side effects as well.

Please contact Wayne or Hayley if interested

Junior Squash will start towards the end of this term. Coaching on a Monday night, with a kiwi Squash programme running in Term 2 on a Tuesday afternoon.

Please contact Donna-Rae for more information

Any businesses that would like to really thrive in 2025, should seriously consider sponsoring the club.

Please contact Vicky for more information

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Come and join us as we serve our community

Our 2024 Lions Year was brought to a close with the "True Tales of The Mangakahia Valley" book launch, combined with the Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch, at The Complex on Friday 13th December. The book has been a great success, with the first print of 350 sold before Xmas and the first reprint of 150 now sold out too. For those still wishing to order and purchase a copy of the book for \$60; orders are being taken from now until the end of March for a 2nd reprint. Orders can be made at Titoki Store, MTL Maungatapere, The Office Café or to Ian McBeth at <u>mac.farms@xtra.co.nz</u>

Early in January 2025, Lions were involved with parking vehicles at the Mid Northern Rodeo and more recently on the BBQ at The Mangakahia Complex Summer Festival, cooking steak sandwiches and a sausage sizzle. Coming up we have car parking for Maunga Mayhem on Saturday 22 March and our Mangakahia Lions Charity Golf Tournament at Sherwood Park Golf Club on Friday 16 May.

At the end of July our Lions are, once again, involved in The Zonta / Lions Book Sale. If anyone knows of a large, vacant building in Whangarei, that would be suitable and available through June & July, please let us know.

Our Lions Club will no longer be doing firewood. Thank you to all who have supported us over many years.

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<u>Book launch - True Tales of Mangakahia Valley</u> (L-R) Cr. Scott McKenzie, Editor Melanie Haycock, Lions Club President Mike Hibbert, Editor Dot Hunter, Mayor Vince Cocurullo, Cr. Simon Reid



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