



Mangakahia Sports & Community Complex NEWSLETTER September 2026

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COMPLEX NEWS

Our winter sports clubs are now in their end-of-season period with lots of prize-giving events occurring. This is a great time to come along and help them celebrate their successful year.

The 50th anniversary celebrations have also continued with Mangakahia Squash Club the latest to commemorate this milestone.

We are also well into planning the Summer Festival in February 2027 and are keen to recruit an Event Co-ordinator to assist. Refer opposite for the role details.

WDC have done an outstanding job progressing the upgrade to the main carpark. There is still some drainage work to complete so the final seal can't be done until March 2027. However, the carpark will be open in the meantime. You can check out full details at [carpark upgrade update](#)

Mangakahia Summer Festival Event Coordinator Wanted!

Fixed Term / Part-Time
Up to 8 hours per week (October-February) - WFH

We are seeking a passionate community minded Event Coordinator to organize our fun & vibrant community festival to be held on Sunday 21 February 2027

You will plan, manage, & oversee all aspects of our event coordinating all of the moving parts to ensure everything runs smoothly. Working closely with our committee to bring the festival to life & be the driving force behind a successful & fun event.

Key Responsibilities Include

- **Marketing & Communications:** Spread the word through social media, newsletters, & community outreach
- **Planning & Coordination:** Oversee stallholders, volunteers, performers, entertainment, activities & equipment to ensure every part of the festival is in place.
- **Event Day Management:** Oversee festival day timeline, health & safety, waste management, & sound system setup.
- **Budget Management:** Keep track of expenses & help the festival stay on budget.

If you've had experience in events, are organised, enthusiastic, & community-minded, this role is for you.

You'll play a key part in bringing people together and creating lasting summer memories for Mangakahia.

Apply Now: email mangakahiasummerfestival@gmail.com



MANGAKAHIA SQUASH CLUB

Mangakahia Squash celebrated their 50th birthday with a party on the 15th August, held in conjunction with their annual tournament. It was a great night and wonderful to see many of our past players including foundation members. Dinner together and then sharing memories from the past made for a very special night. Thankful to all those who have come before us to set up the Club and so great to see the Mangakahia Squash Club still thriving today.

The Club is on its last round of play before heading into Club champs. We wish our Men's C grade team all the best as they head off to represent us and Northland. Bring back the trophy boys!



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Mangakahia Junior Football Club

Mangakahia Football is having a great 2026 season with 12 teams from U5s through to U13s and over 110 junior football players making up our club.

We have had amazing coaches, managers referees and parents supporting our kids at their practises and games. The club could not operate without volunteers.

We are heading into the final few weeks of the season with our prizegiving on Thursday 24th September celebrating fun, participation and teamwork.



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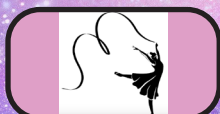
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Please register your interest on facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mangakahiadance>



Contact Sue on
021 881100

MANGAKAHIA GARDENING CLUB

We meet at 10:00am every second Thursday of the month, downstairs at the Mangakahia Complex. Our meetings incorporate floral and vegetable competitions, speakers and demonstrations, and raffles.

Our \$10 a year subscription buys you a wealth of information, new friends, garden visits, and fabulous shared lunches.

Please don't hesitate to call one of us if you would like more information. Hope to see you there one day!

All are very welcome

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*** COMPLEX MEALS ***

Mangakahia Sports & Community Complex hosts our monthly **Community Country Meals** on the second Friday of each month (excluding January).

Everyone's welcome to come along for a relaxed evening of good food, friendly faces, and a chance to catch up with neighbours, family, and friends.

All main meals come with chips, your choice of homemade salads, and a delicious dessert — all included in the price.

Gluten-free and dairy-free options are available.

Proceeds from the evening are shared with the local group hosting the meal, helping support our community.

So come along, enjoy a hearty meal, and be part of a great night out.

11 September	Kokopu School
9 October	Mangakahia Gardening Club
13 November	Mangakahia Lions Club
11 December	Titoki Playcentre

Scan for menu



MANGAKAHIA RUGBY CLUB

Senior Rugby completed their season with the Past / Present players game held on 25th July.

IMB celebrated another successful season on 28th August. The u15 & u16 teams split into two even teams and played a game under lights. Very entertaining rugby, it was great to see some of the forwards trying their hand in the backline and vice versa. The winning team then went on to challenge the parents team. The parents took the victory, but also took away a few pulled hamstrings amongst them for their efforts. Dinner and prize giving followed. Both teams have done us proud this season both on and off the field. Mangakahia is looking forward to fielding an u18 team next season along with u16 and u14 grades.

Junior Rugby has just finished and they have had an enjoyable season. Too many teams to mention but they've all done us proud. Prize giving for junior teams kick off on the week of the 14th September.

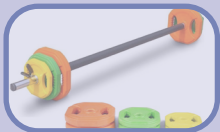
A huge thank you to all our sponsors, coaches, managers and volunteers for helping to make Rugby happen for our kids again this season. All the best to our u13 team going to compete at the Global Games Rugby festival in Taupo. So much fundraising and effort has gone into getting the team to this event. So enjoy it and play hard.

With Rugby finishing we look forward to the Touch competition starting again on Thursday nights commencing in Term 4.



MANGAKAHIA GROUP FITNESS CLUB

**BODY PUMP
TUESDAYS
5:30PM**



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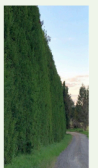
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MANGAKAHIA LIONS CLUB

Our Mangakahia Lions Club Membership has experienced welcome growth with the induction of 4 new members in recent months. At our annual Change of Officers Dinner on Tuesday 23rd June we inducted new members Alan Astrop, Jason Benham, Graeme Dickeson and Dan McElroy to our ranks. At this function President George Radich was also inducted to continue on to do his second year as Mangakahia Lions Club President.

Our Lions Club's most recent activity has been in The Great Zonta / Lions NZ Book Sale. This has involved all Lions members in book collecting, sorting, recycling, displaying and selling books at the well-recognized Book Sale. We work alongside the 2 local Zonta Clubs; Hatea & Whangarei and share the profits 3 ways. This year the gross total raised at the Book Sale was just over \$50,000, which will all be channeled into charities in the local and wider community. Much of our Mangakahia Lions share of the funds will go towards The Cancer Society Northland Lodge, being built at Whangarei Hospital.

Coming up is the annual Mangakahia Lions Valley Schools, Year 8, Speech Contest on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.00pm at Mangakahia Complex, as well as 3 Valley Schools being involved in The International Lions Peace Poster Contest. Posters will be displayed at the Hundertwasser Arts Centre on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September.



Lions at the Zonta / Lions Book sale



New members at the Change of Officers

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Mangakahia Rugby Club	021 347676
Mangakahia Squash Club	021 2621674

EDUCATION

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