

Bridging the Gap

Mangere Bridge Village Family Health Centre Monthly Newsletter

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Opening soon!

Mangere Bridge Village Family Health Centre

Providing Comprehensive Family Health Care

Doctor and Nursing Service, Pharmacy,
Chronic Care Management, Mental Health Nurse,
Community Workers, Dietician, Retinal Screening,
Tattoo Removal

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This new healthcare facility will be the 'state of the art' – meaning that the range and quality of services will be un-matched in New Zealand! Yes, a bold statement! We have designed a new electronic health record which patients will have access to wherever they are. Other healthcare providers will have access to the same notes – all managed by you. This is particularly important if managing a chronic condition such as diabetes. The doctor can enter in some notes – so too can the nurse, and the podiatrist, and the dietician and the retinal screener Why is this important? You get much better care if all the people in your 'care team' can see what is happening – and you can see too!

The clinic will have some very smart equipment – there will be a defibrillator there (the other one in Mangere is at the Mangere Fire Station); lung function testing will be available as will liquid nitrogen for taking off some skin lesions. We will be doing some 'near patient testing' – that is taking a drop of blood from a finger and testing it for a variety of things – INR is one example.

We are excited to be bringing you a full range of health services all in the one centre and close to where you live. We look forward to serving you and working with you to manage health issues.

So what is happening behind those plywood screens?

Have a look at the photos below!!!



The builders are in!! Looking down the corridor towards Coronation Rd, on the left are consultation rooms and at the front the pharmacy.



A view of the pharmacy space after clear out.



From Miro Road – that terrible mauve wall will be gone and the whole of the back yard will be a car park area – see below.



The parking area taking shape. Park here and stroll to the main entrance in Coronation Road.



This car park will be fully sealed and curbed.



This is what is inside the new health centre. Lots of wall insulation – stop noise and to be warm in winter and cool in summer – the facility will be air conditioned



The new higher veranda is going up! And the old leaking one is coming down.

Here is some information about our other services which will be available at the health centre:

Smoking Cessation – Our team of experienced cessation practitioners are available to help you stop smoking. We provide one on one support and advice either by telephone, in your home or in the surgery. Nicotine replacement therapy is available free of charge. Ask the doctor, nurses or receptionist for a referral.

Mental Health – Our mental health nurse is available to help you to achieve mental wellbeing. She will see you on a one to one basis or with your extended family at a venue to suit you. Referral is through the doctor or nurses.

Dietetic Service – The dietitian and nutritionist are available to give you advice on managing your diabetes and other nutritional needs. They can assist with healthy eating for the whole family. Ask the receptionist, doctor or nurses for a referral.

Podiatry – The podiatrist will be visiting to hold clinics on a regular basis. He will assess and treat problems and give health education to help you avoid future problems. Referral is through the doctor or nurses or ask the receptionist.

Would like a tattoo removal service at the Bridge? Ask the receptionist and we will see if we can bring our service to the new health centre.

Back at the Mangere Health Centre we have a completely digital xray service – so you can have your xray and the image will be seen on the GPs computer screen before you can get back to the Bridge!

Our new phone number is:

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