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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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## Developing Marton housing space

Two local mates have made a move to develop a new subdivision in Marton. Bain Simpson and Hayden Gould have formed Rangitikei Developments Ltd with a view to create local developments starting with Hereford Heights. The pair purchased the land at the top of Hereford St and Bredins Line in Marton that belonged to farmer Neil Oldfield and was offered as a site with District Plan designation of Residential. Rangitikei Development Ltd took the concept to the Rangitikei District Council for its support and will now begin the planning process.

The council is involved because access to the area needs to be done according to road safety rules - in particular the main intersection into the new streets and for the future of the area.

Mayor Andy Watson says Bain Simpson approached Council with plans for the development of Hereford Heights. "They purchased the land and are in the process of putting the consenting forward. We have been discussing the development for sometime.

"We desperately need housing in Marton and RDC want to be part of the solution.

"RDC is looking at the development of the intersection (from Hereford St and Bredins Line) that will open up the land in the Hereford Heights subdivision."

Mayor Watson says Council has economic development support for anyone planning

economic development in the district and anyone can apply for it. "For example, if you have a large block of land to subdivide, rates start to apply once the land is sold, rather than when individual properties go for consent. A lot of the in-fill sections have been used up in Marton, so new subdivision is the next logical step."

"I'm thrilled to be working with Rangitikei Development Ltd. Bain and Hayden have the district at heart and want to contribute to the future. "There is little bit of infrastructure they have to contribute to but they are making sure the development is of the highest standard." The mayor says the project will benefit everyone involved.

He says looking forward - the building of new surveillance aircraft facilities at Ohakea (due to begin in September) changes to the District Plan - requested to accommodate new industry and the Hereford Heights subdivision are all part of positive growth in the district.

Bain Simpson says he believes any RDC contribution will be paid back in rates in a number of years and he says the Council has been very good to deal with. He says a Hereford Heights website will be set up soon with more in depth information and the pair can be contacted direct.

Story and photo Liz Rayner.



Rangitikei Development Ltd directors Bain Simpson and Hayden Gould are about to develop a long-awaited major subdivision in Marton- Hereford Heights.

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# POLICE REPORT

## Man charged after Taihape death

Police have named the man who died following an assault on Thrush St, Taihape, last Saturday morning. He was 43-year-old Kerrin Payne, known as Ted, of Taihape. Police were called to a disorder incident on Thrush St at 12.30am last Saturday morning. On arrival a man was found to have critical injuries. Tragically the man, a 43-year-old Taihape resident, died a short time later. A second man was taken into custody and was assisting police with their enquiries. Later a 23-year-old man was charged with murder and was due to appear in Whanganui District Court Monday. While enquiries into Mr Payne's death are ongoing, Police are not seeking anyone else in relation to the matter. Anyone who has information about the circumstances surrounding Mr Payne's death or those involved, is urged to get in touch with Police on 105.

## Firearms Buy-back Collection events

So far, there is just one Firearms Buy Back event in the Rangitikei District - in Taihape in September. The closest other events are in Palmerston North and Whanganui. Police say they prefer that owners do not hand in firearms at NZ Police stations and instead attend a local collection event. Prohibited firearms buy back events began last weekend in Christchurch and will carry on until 20 December this year. Details are on the NZ Police website (NZpolice.co.nz) listed under: Advice - Changes to firearms law - prohibited firearms. There is a price list with the amount of compensation the government is willing to pay owners and instructions on how owners should prepare their weapons, magazines and parts. To receive compensation for prohibited firearms you are required to have a valid firearms licence. If you are handing in parts and accessories included in the prohibited list, you do not require a firearms licence to receive compensation.

A list of initial events in the coming months is now available and these are the closest for Rangitikei gun owners.  
 19-21 July 2019 -Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston north. Access off Te Wanaka Rd, 10am -3pm.  
 26-28 July 2019 -Whanganui Racecourse. Access off Ingestre St, Whanganui, 10:30am - 3:30pm.  
 23-24 August 2019 - Taumarunui Rugby and Sports Club. Access off Cherry Grove Rd, Taumarunui,10am - 3pm.  
 13-14 September 2019- Taihape Bowling Club. Access off Weka St, Taihape, 10:30am - 3:30pm.  
 20-22 September 2019 - Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North. Access off Te Wanaka Rd, 10am - 3pm.  
 27-29 September 2019 -Whanganui Racecourse. Access off Ingestre St, Whanganui, 10:30am - 3:30pm.

Police advise that before going to a collection event, people must go to the NZPolice website and complete the online notification form. This will speed things up at collection events. Safety is very important – before going to a collection event, remember to clear firearms of all ammunition and place the firearms and parts in a safe carry bag, such as a firearms bag, or a non-descript cover. When you come to a collection event, please take the following with you:  
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## Watch the Bulls Community Centre progressing

Time-lapse cameras at Bulls Community Centre showing building



Work progressing well on the Bulls Community Centre. The builders have added the upper storey sections which provides a true indication of the scale of the new centre. As well as regular news updates and on-site interviews with key people, Rangitikei District Council has added time-lapse video camera videos to their website, overseeing the construction site, so anyone can watch the daily progress online. Look under Bulls Community Centre on the website - [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)

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# Concern over tonnes of 1080 in landfill

Locals have raised concern 30 tonnes of 1080 poison has reportedly been disposed of recently at the Bonny Glen Landfill near Marton.

The 1080 came from a storage shed at Haast in South Westland, flooded during the March West Coast flood that swept away the Waiho Bridge. The poison was trucked and ferried 926km to Bonny Glen.

Rangitikei District Mayor Andy Watson says he has had two or three calls from people who are concerned and that is "reasonable" but he says the local landfill should be one of the safest places in NZ to accept 1080.

He says, "Bonny Glen Landfill is not RDC owned. It is a commercial operation and as a result, had to go through the stringent Resource Consent process which included safeguards for handling hazardous waste."

"Owner Midwest Disposals has an absolute legal process for accepting 1080 or any hazardous waste, including human or fibrous," he says. "The landfill has accepted hazardous waste, in particular 1080 before, but it is the amount that has raised eyebrows. They are obligated to log the whereabouts of such hazardous waste."

Horizons Regional Council carry out the monitoring of the resource consent regulations, including those regarding any leachate into the Marton wastewater and sewage ponds. Mayor Watson says that when an extensive Resource Consent public consultation process was carried out, public views were asked for and were forthcoming and contributed to the final consent safety rules and guidelines, subject to ongoing and constant checking. The landfill was given resource consent to or nearly double in size in 2015. Story Liz Rayner

## HEALTH SCENE



Medlab Central principal scientist Darrell Monk and DHB's Steve Carey with an analyser which can do approximately 50 different tests on one sample.

WDHB's laboratory testing is no longer sex-specific, removing barriers to access for the transgender community.

Medlab Central, which provides testing for the DHB, has changed software which dictated tests for specific genders. These tests include cervical smears, prostate markers and pregnancy tests. The previous software put a block on transgender patients who needed tests that did not align with their gender identifier.

"There are now no gender constraints on ordering tests," said Medlab Central CE Dr Cynric Temple-Camp. Clinicians can now select the appropriate gender group on the basis of their knowledge of each patient's personal circumstances, he said.

The initiative comes from WDHB's new funding and contracts manager Steve Carey. "Now the gender diverse community has access to the testing they need, when they need it, regardless of how they identify," said Carey. "Not only does this enable better healthcare for those individuals, but it empowers them to be a participant in their own healthcare journey."

The move has been welcomed by Pride Whanganui's Christina Emery, a proactive advocate for the LGBTQ+ community.

"When I read about the changes I was surprised this was even an issue ... that we were being dictated to by a computer programme rather than using common sense. But I am more than elated to know someone has flagged this and, more importantly, that an outcome has been reached. "Any barrier for the transgender community is a barrier too many, so this is a step in the right direction. No one should feel they have to fight for basic healthcare based on who they are. "Life can be hard enough for our transgender community, and this move has opened the door to more possibilities within our healthcare system. Thanks to whoever made it their mission to sort this out."

## Federated Farmers 2019 Council elections - hot topics

Hold your local council candidates to account on costs and services and if you think the voice of farmers is not being heard, consider standing for election yourself.

That's the underlying message to rural people in the Federated Farmers 2019 local body elections guide, Platform: Feds on Local Government, released at the Feds' AGM in Wellington recently.

"The quality of local government in rural communities can mean the difference between dodgy roads and safer ones, and many thousands of dollars in rates," Federated Farmers president Katie Milne says.

"Rates are among the largest overheads for many farms. Because of the outdated and unfair reliance on property value-based rates, it's not unusual for a farmer's annual rates bill to top \$20,000, or even \$50,000. They can end up footing the bill for a large whack of urban services they seldom, if ever, benefit from."

The Feds' comprehensive 'Platform' booklet is filled with questions and topics to level at candidates putting themselves up for election in October this year. There's also food for thought for existing and prospective councillors as they work on their plans and pledges to voters for the triennium ahead.

"On service delivery and charging, the farming emphasis can be summed up as 'fit for purpose, at a fair price'," Milne said. The quality of environmental regulation can make or break a farm business. So on that front, farmers look for a practical and commonsense approach from councils - one that balances environmental gains with economic impacts and preserving the ability to farm.

"With the annual rates increases of many councils double or even triple inflation, and debt levels also mounting up, farmers and many other constituents - are looking for councillors who know the difference between 'nice to haves' and 'need to haves'."

"And if farmers don't get satisfactory answers from current and prospective councillors, our guide is challenging them to consider standing themselves. Let's have more of the pragmatism, innovation and prudence New Zealand agriculture is famous for inside local authority chambers," Milne said. Nominations for the Local Government Elections open tomorrow Friday 19 July.

## BITS n' PIECES



**Calling all singers, songwriters, musicians, and poets!** Taihape Musicians Club is hosting an Open Mic Night on Saturday 27 July. Contact 021 0202 9007.

**Art 4 Arts Sake** - 16 - 30 August... Bulls Town Hall. Daily 10am to 4pm. Artists entries close on 8 August. Contact Heidi Macaulay 0211745951-bulls.community@xtra.co.nz

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**Boxer Emile Richardson**, we featured on June 6, is in Thailand from the 17 - 29 July. He is one of 10 Kiwis who headed to Bangkok this month to compete in the seventh Thailand Open international boxing tournament.

**Marton Players Open Mic Night** is on Friday at 7pm onwards. Entry is \$5 and it is BYO. Live music at its best.

**Diploma Piano Recital** Sunday July 28, Marton Friendship Hall at 2pm. Five pianists perform Mozart, Chopin, Schubert, Rachmaninov, Debussy.

**This is the little black hole in the hearts of NZ cricketers and fans** after England was awarded the Cricket World Cup when NZ had 2 wickets in hand and England were all out for the same number of runs. Players in both teams were magnificent. The rules awarded the cup to England. Ed.

## Learn more at Hemp Info Session

You can learn about the growing hemp industry and how to get started at an info session in Marton on July 30.

"We are putting this on in collaboration with Whanganui and Partners and Te Poho o Tuariki. It is a growing industry and there are a lot of locals interested in getting started, RDC's economic development advisor, Gioia Damasso, says. "We already have farmers who have begun growing hemp in the Rangitikei and Whanganui districts. It is an amazing plant with hundreds of uses and very sustainable. There's a lot of movement happening with regulations and compliance also, which is allowing the market to expand."

Guest speakers will share their insights into regulations and research and development. Rangitikei and Whanganui farmers will also share their experiences of growing hemp.

The Hemp info session is provided by a number of groups including Cannock Harvest, which featured on Country Calendar recently.

The info session will be held at Te Poho O Tuariki, 85 Henderson's Line, Marton on July 30, between 2-5pm. If you are interested, register by 27 July by emailing Gioia Damosso@rangitikei.govt.nz or call her on 027 252 7436.

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## Time to Apply for Council Grants!

### Creative Communities Scheme – Opens 24 July 2019

The aim of the scheme is to increase participation in the arts at a local level and to increase the range and diversity of arts available to Rangitikei communities.

Last rounds' successful recipients were: Bulls and District Community Trust, Little Dog Barking Theatre, Marton Country Music, Taihape Community Development Trust, Project Marton Inc, and the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre.

### Applications close 23 August 2019

### Community Initiatives Fund– Opens 24 July 2019

This fund is open to all initiatives and opportunities that have potential to benefit the District's communities.

Last rounds successful recipients were: Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc, Bulls and Districts Historical Society Inc, Marton & District Historical Society, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngāti Paki ki Mōkai Pātea, Rangitikei Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society, Marton Country Music Festival and Project Marton Inc.

### Applications close 23 August 2019

### Event Sponsorship Scheme – Opens 24 July 2019

This fund supports 50% of the cost of events that help develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth within the Rangitikei District. Last rounds successful recipients were: Marton Golf Club, Sport Whanganui, South Makirikiri School, Bulls Junior Rugby Club, Taihape Community Development Trust, Marton Music Society, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Marton and Project Marton Inc.

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For further information, please visit the Council's website:  
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# CLUB SCENE

## Marlon Contract Bridge Club

Results Tues 9 July. Bulls Physiotherapist pairs (R1): N/S J Meads & C Watson 64.6; S Marshall & F Bertram 56.5; J Ellery & H Bostock 51. E/W, J Waswo & W Willis 52.5; W Jones & J Sabine 52. J Baddley & P Davidson 49: D Cains & T Ellery 49. Thurs 11 July. ITM Rural Timber teams of four (R3) M Bartels, S Marshall, M Gordon, J Ellery 119.50: J McPherson, B Bolt, M Lourie, D Cains 98. J Meads, J Baddeley, P Davidson, F Bertram 97.5. Rural Timber teams of four final result: M Bartels, S Marshall, M Gordon, J Ellery 338; J Tamehana, H.Bostock, G Burne, W Pittaway, 294; P Davidson, J Meads, F Bertram, J Baddeley; 28.

## Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday 20 July at 1.30pm at Rangitikei College. There will be our usual block of the month, fabric strip swap, show and tell and an opportunity to see what new books have been purchased for our extensive library. Our speaker is Pauline Cave from Wairapa who will be holding the scrap happy workshop on Sunday; also at Rangitikei College. The meeting will conclude with afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with friends, old and new. New members are always welcome. Come along and see if it is something you would like to do.

## Marlon Friendship Club

Friday 12 – hall open 12.30pm, bring your lunch and make a cuppa – main programme begins 2pm. Nice to see visitors arriving every week. Raffles won by visitor Brian Orr, Wendy Lee, Deana Scarbrough, Jean Turner and Bill Gill. 12 members attended Palmerston North Terrace End Beneficiaries birthday on Monday 15 July. Thank you to those who took cars. Gillian and Allan Bailey from Wanganui were our entertainers. Wonderful performers – singing and dancing about the stage. Allan can imitate many of the 50 & 60s stars like Tom Jones and Dean Martin with Little Old Wine Drinker Me, Mamma He’s Making Eyes At Me and many more. The depth and quality of voices are not easy to find. A good afternoon of lovely entertainment. We closed with a cuppa about 3.15pm. This Friday we will have a quiz day. This has been very popular in the past. Visitors welcome, come see us Friday afternoon.

## Rural Women NZ

RWNZ is calling for nominations of rural champions who deserve to be recognised. “The NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards promote and celebrate rural women entrepreneurs,” says national president, Fiona Gower. “We have expanded the Awards this year to include more award categories and we are seeking nominations for the Rural Champion category. Rural champions are women operating and owning a business in the rural sector who go above and beyond in supporting their rural communities. They serve the community first and themselves second, and

they are those who deserve recognition on a daily basis, but never ask for it. “If you are rural champion or know of a woman who is a selfless business leader in the rural sector, nominate them now and give them the recognition they deserve,” says Ms. Gower. Nominations can be emailed to awards@ruralwomennz.nz. Entry forms can be found on our website there. There is no charge to enter and entries close on Wednesday, 31 July 2019.

# Passion for speech and drama pays off



Year 8 Marlon local, Isabella Taylor is passionate about Drama and has something to show for it. Over the past three years, as an extracurricular activit, on top of a busy term time at Huntley School, Issy has been a student of Tall Poppies Drama which holds weekly classes at Huntley under the tutelage of teacher Carmen Wilson. Over the holidays, Issy competed in the 96th Festival of Performing Arts at the Palmerston North's Globe Theatre where she won the 11 & Under 13 years category, with her test poems, characterisation and readings. Sadly, the Palmerston North Performing Arts Society which runs the competitions, is facing financial challenges and survives by applying for grants. Issy’s mum is says any assistance would be really appreciated. Issy will return to school in term 3, well prepared for her NZ Speech Board examination that all Huntley students sit and her Trinity College Speech and Drama examination through Tall Poppies. Issy will attend Nga Tawa School in 2020. There were 31 children entered over the weekend - all under 16 year old. The Palmerston North Performing Arts Society, along with Speech and Drama, has vocal and instrumental competitions throughout the year. Anyone interested can enter next year, when the syllabus is out for the early July competitions.

# FROM THE PULPIT

## Camino de Santiago

A film featuring two Kiwi men is due for release in August. The Camino de Santiago (Latin: Peregrinatio Compostellana, "Pilgrimage of Compostela"; Galician: O Camiño de Santiago), known in English as the Way of St James among other names, is a network of pilgrims' ways or pilgrimages leading to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition has it that the remains of the saint are buried. Many follow its routes as a form of spiritual path or retreat for their spiritual growth. It's also popular with hiking and cycling enthusiasts and organized tour groups. The French Way (Camino Francés) and the Routes of Northern Spain are the courses listed in the World Heritage List by UNESCO. Although it is commonly believed that the pilgrimage to Santiago has continued without interruption since the Middle Ages, few modern pilgrimages antedate the 1957 publication of Irish Hispanist and traveller Walter Starkie's *The Road to Santiago*. The revival of the pilgrimage was supported by the Spanish government of Francisco Franco, much inclined to promote Spain's Catholic history. "It has been only recently (1990s) that the pilgrimage to Santiago regained the popularity it had in the Middle Ages." Since then, hundreds of thousands (over 300,000 in 2017) of Christian pilgrims and many others set out each year from their homes, or from popular starting points across Europe, to make their way to Santiago de Compostela.

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# Property values hold and grow

The REINZ monthly property report for June 2019 reported a 1.7% annual lift in property values across the country.

Growth across the country was constrained. The annual rate of change for Auckland slipped slightly, according to the REINZ HPI, from -3.3% at the end of May to -3.5% at the end of June. REINZ CEO Bindi Norwell commented, "The number of properties sold in NZ during June was the lowest for the month of June in 5 years. Some people are reluctant to list their property for sale without somewhere to move to which is slowing down the property cycle."

Total listings on the market remain close to their lowest levels across most regions, although there are some signs of improvement; 9 of 15 regions have more properties listed for sale than a year ago. We are only a few weeks away from their typical seasonal trough so we're expecting listings activity to improve from August."

REINZ also reported a continuation in the lengthening of the number of days to sell a property. The strength in property value growth continued in Invercargill (20.4% p.a.) and Palmerston North (17.1% p.a.), while Dunedin remains the strongest growing main centre (14.7% p.a.). Meanwhile the Queenstown-Lakes District is now reporting the lowest annual growth (outside Auckland) of 1.9%.

In general, the outlook for the market remains firm, if not unspectacular. Interest rates remain low but serviceability tests continue to limit the pool of eligible borrowers. According to the First home buyers are a persistent presence but not at the expense of investors.

Investors appear to have a renewed confidence in the market, a couple of months after the Government ruled out a comprehensive capital gains tax.

# Kindergarten teachers to vote on proposed settlement

NZEI Te Riu Roa's kindergarten teacher members will vote on a proposed settlement to their collective agreement after four days of negotiation with the Ministry of Education and kindergarten employers.

Lead negotiator Virginia Oakly says that the negotiation team worked hard to press their claims and it's now up to members to decide whether to accept the offer.

"The proposed settlement certainly doesn't address all our claims, particularly around workload, expertise allowances and better career pathways. However, it does include parity with the compulsory sector and the pay increases that primary teachers fought very long and hard for. It will be up to members to decide whether that is enough to settle for, or if they want to fight on," she said.

The proposed settlement includes: Pay parity with primary and secondary school teachers, delivering the same pay increases and unified pay scale primary teachers accepted in their settlement. An increase in the head teacher and senior teacher allowance. A one-off payment of \$1500 (pro-rated for part-timers) for teachers who were NZEI Te Riu Roa members on 12 July 2019. A commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Refreshment and lunch breaks to reflect the updated legislation.

Members will vote on whether to ratify the proposed settlement in an online ballot. The ballot closes at 5pm on Thursday 25 July. The outcome of the ballot will be announced the following day.

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## RANGITIKEI HISTORY



Children walking to school in Taihape, about 1912. Photo shows the Taihape School and the Taihape Showgrounds (Rec). The first school in Taihape opened November 1896 in a building more like a barn on Hautapu Street - close to the current town hall site. There was one teacher and 24 pupils. By 1900 there were 40 pupils and the school moved to the site currently housing the Taihape Area School. From the Taihape Pioneers Museum archives.

# Farmers committed to reducing greenhouse emissions

The Action on Agricultural Emissions discussion paper is a positive first step as farmers and the government hammer out a practical path to reduce livestock greenhouse gas emissions, Federated Farmers says.

"We are agreed that a priority is to find a workable and affordable way that farmers can measure emissions and sinks at the farm level and to adopt practices and any new technologies that will help drive down methane and nitrous oxide emissions," Federated Farmers climate change spokesman Andrew Hoggard says.

"Where we differ is that the Government keeps emphasising pricing as the predominant tool. Federated Farmers does not agree with universal pricing of methane. The ETS has failed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from transport - in fact, transport emissions have near doubled since 1990. Universal pricing of methane will be similarly unsuccessful."

What Federated Farmers has committed to is working with the government to design a pricing mechanism where any price is part of a broader framework to support on-farm practice change. Such pricing would be set at the margin - that is, only applying to methane emissions over the 0.3% per annum reductions that science tells us is enough to ensure methane no longer adds to global warming.

New Zealand farmers are proud to be among the most efficient producers in the world and, unlike many of their overseas competitors, essentially stand on their own two feet, as their

animals stand on their own four feet. Farmers here are largely unsubsidised by consumers (by way of inflated prices) or taxpayers and that has been so for over 30 years, Hoggard says. If New Zealand's milk and meat export volumes reduce, as a result of lower on-farm production, the gap will be filled by less efficient producers. This is known as "emissions leakage" and will ultimately increase global emissions and food costs. "So any pricing should only be a tool to incentivise farmers into taking up economically viable opportunities to cut methane, just as the Government might use incentives or a nudge, to encourage people to switch to an electric vehicle. "Unlike for a fossil-fuel powered vehicle, there is no 'electric sheep' equivalent for farmers. But there is the potential for methane inhibitors or a vaccine, albeit some years away from proof and coming to market," Hoggard says.

Breeding low-emission animals and selecting low-emission feeds are options being explored meantime. The agriculture sector has committed to work with the Government and iwi/Maori to design a practical and cost-effective system for reducing emissions at farm level - including a pricing mechanism as part of the broad framework - by 2025.

Meanwhile, the sector's proposed 5-year programme of action is aimed at ensuring farmers and growers are equipped with the knowledge and tools they need to deliver emissions reductions while maintaining profitability.

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# Winter Gardening

by Wally Richards



harvesting garlic (they have had rust problems in the last two seasons also) From NZGarlic.com

**When to plant and harvest:** In theory you plant on the shortest day of the year (around 20 June). In reality, any time from mid-planting.

May to mid-July is good for planting. **Where to plant:** A sunny sheltered spot seems to be ideal. Garlic loves frosts so no covers are required.

**How to prepare the soil:** Just dig it up well and if you have some compost, blood and bone and dolomite lime, dig some in.

**How to plant:** Plant with about 10cm between seeds and 15cm between rows. Plant each seed with the pointy end facing up, deep enough that the top of the seed is about 2.5cm below the soil's surface.

**Weeding:** Keep the area between the garlic bulbs free of weeds.

**Harvesting:** Many people harvest on the longest day of the year (around 20 December). We recommend harvesting after the leaves start to go yellow but while there are at least six green leaves on the plant, which often happens around mid-January. Harvesting earlier might mean the bulbs aren't as big as they could be. Harvesting later might mean the bulbs split or in extreme cases, start to deteriorate. To harvest, use a garden fork or something similar to loosen the soil and just pull up the plant up gently by its base.

**Storing:** Leave the leaves on, because during the drying process the goodness from the leaves goes in to the bulb, increasing its size and making it even more yummy and nutritious. Clean off the dirt from the bulb and dry it for a few days lying on a dry surface in a dry area such as a carport, then store it by hanging in a dry place out of the sunlight.

Tying clumps of five or ten together by the leaves and hanging under a carport or shed roof works well. Once dry, the plant tissue is very absorbent and will even absorb moisture from damp air and turn mouldy.

Back to my advice  
Store in a dry shed or similar. Note : the spacing recommended when planting 10cm apart and if in rows the rows 15cm apart. This allows good circulation of air around the leaves and it's moisture on the leaves that allows the rust spores to set up shop and ruin the crop.

Water in the morning not in the late afternoon, so water on the foliage can dry during the day. It's better to water the soil not overhead onto the foliage. If you plant in a row then you can make a furrow beside the row and into this you pour your water in the morning. It's an old trick that many either don't know about or have forgotten. Also note: use dolomite not garden lime when preparing the soil.

**What to do about the rust?**

If you had the rust problem last season on garlic, leeks, onions then you have the spores waiting to happen again. You could sterilize the area with potassium permanganate to kill the spores by dissolving A 3/4 teaspoon with 3 dsp of salt into a litre of hot water to dissolve. Add this to a further 9 litres of cold water and use about 1-2 litres of the mix per sqm. With a watering can.

Once you have a show of foliage, then you can spray with a 1/4 teaspoon of potassium permanganate per litre of water with one ml of Raingard added. The idea is to protect the foliage from spores which the potassium permanganate should neutralize as it is an oxidizing agent. Spray would be every 2 weeks of the above.

I also have an alternative that could possibly work to kill rust starting to establish and that is a spray of Wally's Moss & Liverwort Control, which has very good fungal control properties. These two controls should not be used together and about 2 weeks apart if alternating.

Here is the final protection that should be used once a good leaf structure has grown.

Spray the garlic foliage all over with Vaporgard at 15mls per litre of warm water, on a nice sunny day. You could add a 1/4 teaspoon of potassium permanganate to this spray to increase the protection. Using the Vaporgard does two things - firstly, it puts a film over the leaves which on leaves sprayed will last for 3 months. This could well be right up until harvest. If a lot more leaves develop after using then you could spray again to protect the new leaves. The film prevents moisture from sitting on the leaf so the disease can't establish so easily. I have recommended the same for Buxus disease and it works a treat. The second advantage is the Vaporgard is UV screen protecting the plant from UV, which allows the plant to gain more energy from sunlight and that in itself will help produce bigger bulbs and cloves.

Thus, even if the plant has had a bit of damage to the foliage which reduces the amount of energy it can collect from the sun; you have increased the collection potential of the other leaves. If you plant a fair number of cloves then plant in 3 batches, a third about now, a third about mid June and the last third about mid-July. This staggered planting may help to obtain some, if not all, the plantings.

One final aspect is when the first leaves appear. If you have Perfection Supa and Magic Botanic Liquid then mix the two together at the recommended spray rates and spray the young plants. This will help fortify them making them more resilient to attack. Repeat monthly and if after using Vaporgard, then add Raingard to the Perfection and MBL spray.

One final word: good luck.

**Problems ring me at 0800 466464 (Palmerston North 3570606). Email wallyjr@gardenews.co.nz Web site www.gardenews.co.nz**

## Garlic Rust

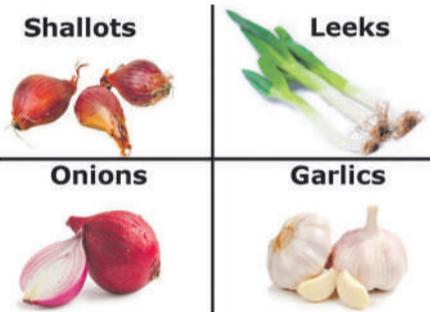
Up to about 3 years ago, garlic was one of the easiest crops to grow. You simply buried the cloves up to the point in some nice fertile soil around about the shortest day and had about 6 months later nice big bulbs with fat cloves for use.

The worst problem was the black aphid to contend with. That all changed about 3 seasons ago and now garlic is one of the hardest crops to have success with, because of a new rust disease.

The article below is one I wrote a while back and thought it well worth repeating.....

The rust's technical name is puccinia allii. It's a fungal disease of plants in the Allium family, which include leeks, garlic and onions, among others.

The disease initially infects the foliar tissue and can result in stunted bulb formation if the plants are heavily infested. It's also known as garlic rust disease. Preventing puccinia allii rust can enhance your garlic crop significantly.



Last season, once again many gardeners had problems with garlic rust but some were fortunate as the rust only struck about a month or so before harvest thus a good size bulb had already formed and they had reasonable cloves to use.

Others were not so lucky. They disease struck before the bulbs had grown much so the end result was a bulb about the size of a small clove and not much use. Once the crop becomes infected you have basically lost any future growth of the bulbs and cloves.

For years in NZ, there was no rust problem with garlic; at least none brought to my attention.

It was the weather conditions in spring/summer 2016 when the problem arose and the very strange aspect is, it was not isolated to an area and spread out from there like the Myrtle Rust problem. It affected just about the whole country in a few weeks; most unusual.

Firstly, lets look at what the experts say about growing and



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 LOCAL ELECTIONS

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The following elections will be held by postal vote on Saturday 12 October 2019.

**PŌTI 2019**  
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**Rangitikei District Council**

(First Past the Post Electoral System)  
 Election of the mayor  
 Election of five councillors for the Central Ward  
 Election of three councillors for the Northern Ward  
 Election of three councillors for the Southern Ward  
 Election of four members for the Ratana Community Board  
 Election of four members for the Taihape Community Board



Candidate names will be listed in alphabetical order on the voting papers.

The electoral officer will hold information sessions for prospective candidates at the following locations on Thursday 8 August 2019:

- Taihape Service Centre 4pm,
- RDC Office, Marton 7pm

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for any of the electoral issues in Rangitikei District is invited to attend.

*Warwick Lamm*

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 Election of four members for the Palmerston North Constituency  
 Election of one member for the Ruapehu Constituency  
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 Election of two members for the Whanganui Constituency

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Candidates are encouraged to submit a candidate profile statement and colour photograph for sending out with voting documents to electors. The requirements for profile statements and photos are set out in a candidate handbook which is available with the nomination papers.

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**Electoral Rolls**

Preliminary electoral rolls for the above elections and polls can be inspected at the following locations during normal office hours from Friday 19 July 2019 to Friday 16 August 2019:

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Updates to the preliminary electoral roll close at 4pm on Friday 16 August 2019.

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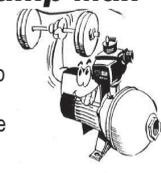
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Rose Plank and Lyn Phillips and Andy Creagh. The final will be played next week. The raffle this week was won by Bev Shand. Last weekend the Manawatu centre singles championship was held in Marton and our club member Lyn Phillips was the winner. Congratulations.

**8-BALL POOL**

A clash of the Rangitikei sides resulted in an upset on Wednesday 10 July, with Bulls winning an exciting match against the favoured Marton side, at Bulls RSA. With the contest tied at 10-10 and one game still to finish, all eyes were on the table where the number one pair from each team (Winston Holdaway & Jeff Alosio for Bulls, Allan Pond & Stephen Lewis - Marton) were battling. The Bulls pair held a slight advantage when Lewis came to the table. He potted his team's last two balls and left himself a difficult angle on the black. Misjudging the angle slightly, he 'jawed' the black ball and the cue ball dropped in the other corner pocket, giving Bulls a rare but well-deserved victory. Winston Holdaway (Bulls) and Gary McNeill (Marton) were the only players to win both their matches, as the singles round finished 6-6. Bulls' pairings; Alosio & Holdaway and Carole Hunt & Bob Bligh, won 2 of 3 doubles matches, while Pond & Lewis were the only Marton team to win 2 from 3. Bulls took out the pairs round 5-4, for an overall 11-10 victory.

**TARGET SHOOTING MARTON**

Results 15/7/2019. The fourth round of club champs were shot this week and, even with member numbers down, the scores were very competitive. Next Tuesday, the club travels to Bulls for the third round of interclub matches. However, the Marton range will be open Monday evening for those wanting a practice. Members make their own way to the Bulls range please. Tony Bayler 98.06 99.07 197.13, Fiona Mills 96.02 99.08 195.10, Fred de Burgh 95.02 98.05 193.07, Jake Wright 95.02 98.05 193.07, Wayne Hunt 96.04 96.04 192.08, Gary Cuff 93.02 98.07 191.09, Dave Gledhill 96.04 95.04 191.08, Don Hamilton 95.02 96.04 191.06, Samantha Gledhill 96.02 93.01 189, Alan McCubbine 93.03 95.05 88.08, Allan Wright 92.03 93.02 185.05, Kevin Moody 90.01 89.01 179.02, Graeme Sixtus 92.00 87.01 179.01.

**RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB**

Wednesday 10 July - stableford: Martin Rothman 48pts, Chris Shem 43pts, Henry Potaka 42pts, Ian Whitehead 41pts, John Luckham & Al-lek White 39pts, Ron Harris 38pts, Bob Pittaway, Steve Boyens & Graham Bond 37pts, Lyndon Moore, Pat McCarthy, Ash Reed, Peter Young & Lloyd Smith 36pts, Kevin Taylor, Bronwyn Meads, Caroline Watson & Geoff Ingram 35pts. Twos: Bruce Kinloch 3rd and Lyndon Moore 16th. Best stableford on 11, 12 & 13 = 3 vouchers next week. Lucky draw: Neil Atkins. Saturday 13 July - Bulls Fours Square medal: Bill Ward nett 72, Luke Kleinschmidt & Geoff Ingram nett 73, Ash Reed & Joseph Tapper nett 74, Ron Harris, Noel Crocker, Tamati Anaru & Clive Robinson nett 75, Graeme Stephens, Peter Young & Al-lek White nett 76. Twos: Alan Wix & Noel Crocker - 3rd & Tamati Anaru - 16th.

**RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB**

6/7/19 men, par: Z Guiniven +3, W Guiniven +2, B Lampp +2, T Shannon +2, B Barrell, J McAlley, J Bismark square. Putts: J Bismark 30. 10/7/19 women: E Hansen nett. LGU putting: J Alabaster 72, M Walshe 75, J McAlley 79, C Gregory 80, R Rainey 81, K Byford 81, L Gordon 82, M McAlley 83. Putting: M Walshe 29. 10/7/19 - Nine hole, nett: R Florence 37, T Doorey 40, P Ross 41, D Gregory 41.

**MARTON GOLF CLUB**

12/07/2019 Thursday club. The Crunchie Kid comes from last to 1st - S Muir: 42 points winner of the day. Other scores: P Simpson 37, R McDermott 37, D Clark 36, G Velvin 36, T Mc Verry 35, B Beck 33, B McGinniss 33, A Duncan 33, R Yorke 32. Crunchie Kids together: T Hammond D Angove. Sat 6 July: par round was won by Mike Peina with +6. Other results: Stu Duncan, Phil Simpson, Adrian Duncan +2, Dave Angove, Don Clark, Terry Hamond +1, David Green sq, Alan Bates, Ken Westwood, Stu Amor, Ron Win -1. Twos: 3rd Barb Pratt, 6th Mike Peina, 17th Pete Singer, Caroline Watson. The 12 ball jackpot was struck. 3FBH: Tom Bliss-Bennett, Calvin Field, Greg Mclver. Sat 13 July: Tom Bliss-Bennett had a nett 67 to win the medal round and the Broadway ColourPlus voucher. Other results: Stu Duncan 70, Aron Bremner, Phil Simpson, Terry Hammond 71, Pete Skou 72, David Green 73, Dick Fullerton-Smith, Shirley Ballard, Don Clark, Dave Angove, Richard Ellery 74, Caroline Watson, Darin Amott, Greg Mclver 75. Twos: 6th Barb Pratt, 17th Aron Bremner. 4FBH: Bruce Craig, Troy Calkin, Neville Abbott, Bryan Cameron. Sat 20 July; duty: Colin Williams. Bar: Russ & Jim McDonald. Sun 21 July; duty: Glen Jongen.

**HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB**

Tuesday 9th Murray's Irish Public House bogey competition. Matt Carroll 5+, Greg James & Grant Forbes 2-, Les Neumann 3-, Rae Karatea & Gary Burgess 4-. Nearest pin: Gary Burgess. Lion challenge: Jan Van Loo. Saturday 6: Golf Warehouse 3rd round black jacket stableford competition: s/men: R Ormsby 41, G Bond & G Cunningham 38, R McDermott 37, G Forbes 35. J/men: D Todd 37, G Edwards & Marcel Carroll 32, P Maitland 31. Women: S Wells, P Charlesworth. Feilding Scrap Metal two's: G Forbes #7, G Bond #11. Jackpot #5 not struck. Previous week's jackpot of 30 balls max struck by Bruce Thorby. Nearest pins: s/men: G Cunningham. J/men: not struck. Women: not struck. June month end nearest pin jackpots: s/men: R Ormsby. J/men: Marcel Carroll. Women: S Wells. Taimui challenge: Grant & Mike P lost to Bondy & Pete. Next challengers: Matt & Norm. Sunday 14: Halcombe pub tournament postponed due to weather conditions and to be rescheduled. Coming events: Tuesday 9 hole golf 9.30am tee off. Saturday 20 Mick & Eileen Woods memorial teeing off from 11am. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members please enquire to hawkestonegolf@gmail.com about our membership rates. All welcome. Other enquiries contact Grant: 0210 572 931.

**MARTON LADIES' GOLF**

Wednesday July 10. Stableford Cup: Jeanette Beilby trophy, round 1. Silver: J Ritchie 33, A Bary 32. Bronze 1: L Belsham 37, S Ballard 34, M Simpson 33, S Marshall 33. Bronze 2: H Wilton 38, M Hunt 36, S Abraham 31. Sponsored balls: S Marshall 33, A Bary 32, S Abraham 31. Twos: S Ballard 17th & G Burne 17th - the Kevin Jensen sponsored hole. Lucky draw: C Rhodes. Winner of the putting on Wednesday 3 July: D Chapman 29.

**TAIHAPE GOLF**

A fourteen strong contingent of Taihape golfers and non-golfers visited Hawaii's best six golf courses in their biannual overseas trip. First stop was late in the evening at Westin Hapuna Beach Hotel golf resort on Kona Island where the group went straight to the resort's refreshments lounge. There was no rest for the wicked, as the first day after travel, the group was up early to play Mauna Lani Resort north golf course with a 9am tee off. With 50 year old lava surrounding the fairways, there was no room for error, as stray tee shots were not only unplayable but also required a new ball after the lava had ruined the first ball's surface on impact. Continuing on his recent local form, Kevin O'Brien was the highest scorer with 41 points. Matthew Thomas made 40 points. Both Carol Leary and Diane Mickleson came in with 38 points. The only two was recorded by Matthew Thomas. Making the most of the green fees, winning the club's infamous travelling 'green tie' for the day's round and helping all the other players feel good about their game was president Merv Tapp. Day two was onto the next eighteen holes, the Mauna Lani Resort south course. The players could not believe the scenery could get any better after day one, as well as more troublesome; there was the introduction of out of bounds crystal clear blue sea, alongside the lava and immaculately groomed fairways. Enjoying the extra run on the fairways was Matthew Thomas; shooting an impressive 2 under the card for 42 points. Diane Mickleson was also in fine form with 41 points. Kevin O'Brien was consistent again with 40 points and Peter Valentine was fourth with 39 points. Matthew Thomas recorded the only two. The green tie was won by Denis Robertson. Day three was the much anticipated Mauna Kea Resort which is rated in the top 100 courses in the world. With long rough and turtle shaped greens, guarded by several bunkers on each hole, players knew they had to be at their best to walk away with a reasonable result. Shooting a superb 40 points was Kevin O'Brien and he was the only player to better handicap. Diane Mickleson started very well with 15 points on her first 5 holes but caught the bunkers throughout the middle stages, to come in with 36 points alongside Matthew Thomas. John Gilbert

was close behind on 35 points. Danny Mickleson scored the only two of the day. The green tie was awarded to Marian Cleaver for the first time in her many golf tours with the club. A fine cultural experience at the sister resort was enjoyed by all that evening. Day four was pack up bags and shift to Maui Island where the group took residence at the Marriott Wailea Resort, followed by a swim in the sea with the turtles, or a cocktail seat overlooking the pool and beach. Day five was a free day to enjoy the resort and explore the shopping plaza. Day six was golf at the Wailea Gold course where the roughs were friendlier to find and hit your ball from but the greens were a lot slicker and trickier to read. Roommates Merv Tapp and Matthew Thomas were the top scorers, with 41 points each. Kevin O'Brien remained the overall leader, with 40 points from the day's play and Fran Robertson improved her short game to produce 38 points, in fourth position. John Gilbert recorded the only two of the day. The green tie recipient was the outgoing president Peter Valentine. Day seven was playing the resort's sister course Wailea Emerald, with the layout being much the same, with a slightly longer aspect to your game required. After receiving online lessons from her pro son Hamish Robertson, Fran Robertson smashed an amazing 48 points with an immaculate tee to green display of golf. This score could have well been much superior if Robertson's putter was not so naughty in the round, which included a four putt on the penultimate and multiple three putts. Following in a very distant second equal was Diane Mickleson and Matthew Thomas with 43 points each. Fourth was Kevin O'Brien with 41 points. Twos were recorded by Carol Leary, Merv Tapp on two occasions, Denis Robertson with a near hole in one tap in and Matthew Thomas with two twos and an eagle. Danny Mickleson put up an unfounded ruling argument to evade the awarding of the green tie, to be unanimously out voted by his playing pairs, which was brought up many times in the group's second after match session. Day eight was moving day for the final leg of the trip to Honolulu, where the group stayed and quickly familiarised themselves to the beautiful beach of Waikiki - well, at least viewed from the bar of the Prince Waikiki Hotel. Day nine was sight-seeing at the Pearl Harbour military base where Danny Mickleson forcefully found out that Taihape style sheep whistling to raise your group's awareness 'was not necessary'. Fortunately Mickleson managed to hold back against his righteous instincts and accepted his stern telling off, much to his disgust. The afternoon and evening was free time to explore the many shops in the many plazas. Day ten was the final of the golf rounds when the group's playing orders were decided by overall total points scored. In the end it came down to a two person contest between O'Brien and Thomas, who were both on 202 points. Both players were level pegging their points after nine holes when O'Brien made a couple of blues on the next two, letting Thomas get away - finishing 4 points ahead overall on 244, with Diane Mickleson in 3rd with 225 and Fran Robertson 4th with 216. Winning the day and finishing his tour strong was Merv Tapp with 43 points, second Matthew Thomas with 42 points. Peter Valentine made 40 points. Denis Robertson and Carol Leary shared 4th spot with 39 points. The only two recorded was Matthew Thomas. Running out of contenders but finishing with the green tie was Kevin O'Brien, who quickly dodged receipt to Diane Mickleson who shared the bottom spot, which was duly noted in the final fines session. Day eleven was a day of shopping - compensation for the group's loved ones who were left at home in the Taihape frosts before the final trip home. The party split, with the majority of the group coming home and a small posse going to Pebble Beach where Kevin O'Brien again shot an impressive 36 points on the challenging Gold tees.



Above: Danny Mickleson hitting into the par 3 where he sunk his putt for a 2 on Kona Island.



Above: Taihape touring team.

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