

Who's standing?



Rangitikei District Mayor Andy Watson has announced he will again be running for mayor in this year's local elections in October; aiming for a third term in the position.

"The district is in a fabulous place now and I want to be part of the growth that we are experiencing. We are mid-way through some amazing programmes and I want to see the completion of those," he says.

Deputy Mayor Nigel Belsham will also be running for a seat at the Council table again this year, as will Marton Ward councillors Dave Wilson and Cath Ash.

Four councillors have confirmed they are standing down this year – long serving Soraya Peke-Mason (Turakina) Ruth Rainey (Taihape) Dean McManaway (Hunterville) and Graeme Platt (Bulls). Of remaining councillors – Richard Aslett (Taihape)

is intending to stand. Lynne Sheridan (Marton) Angus Gordon (Taihape) and Jane Dunn (Bulls) are still considering their options, or haven't yet responded to queries.

With at least four out of eleven councillors standing down and a change in the Ward structure for the District, with just three Wards electing 11 councillors and a mayor, it's likely RDC will look quite different in the next three-year term.

Nominations for regional/district councils and community boards open Friday 19 July and close midday Friday 16 August. Voting papers will be sent to all registered voters in late September and voting closes midday Saturday 12 October.

Elections of members of local authorities are held once every three years, on the second Saturday in October. Some local polls may also be held in conjunction with elections.



Richard Aslett



Dave Wilson



Cath Ash



Nigel Belsham

Huntley hosts first girls' quad tourney



Huntley School battled hard against Woodford House on the netball courts.

Huntley School played host to the girls' quad tourney for the first time ever last week, hosting athletes from Iona College, Woodford House and St George's School.

The tourney has been running for eight years and Huntley School joined it for the first time last year.

The four schools played each other in netball, hockey and football. Sadly, Huntley was outclassed on the day, with Iona College taking the hockey and football titles and Woodford House coming out top in netball.

Story and photos Belinda Howard.



Right: Iona College was victorious against Huntley School on the hockey turf.

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Bulls open forestry demo

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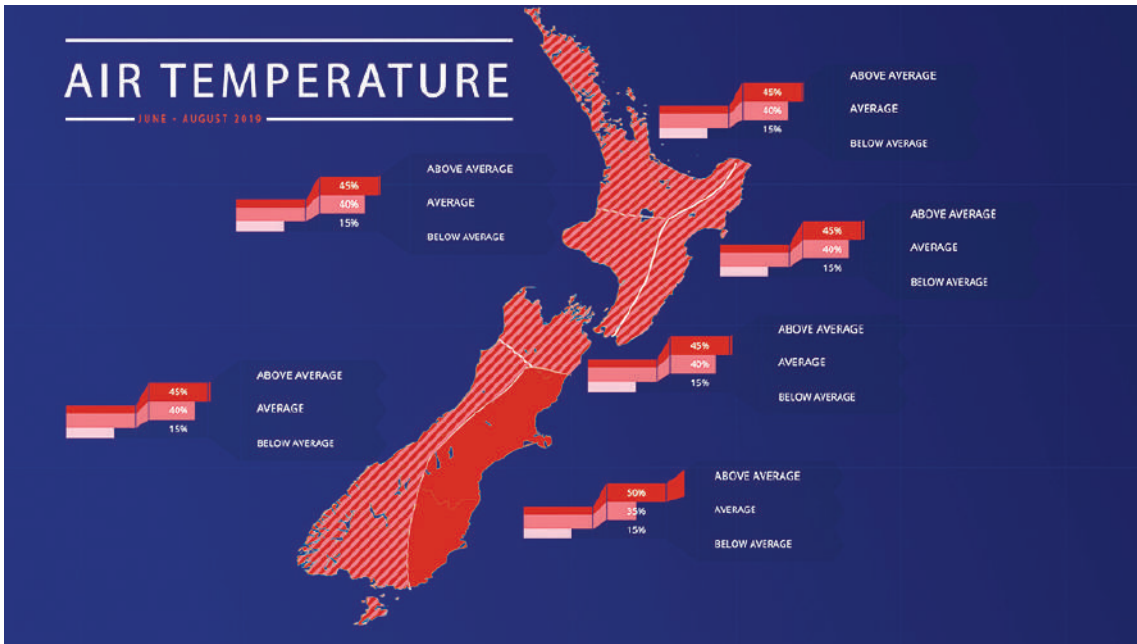
When comes to growing a wide range of timber trees, Farm Forestry Assn. members like to think of themselves as being at the front of the forest. In an attempt to demonstrate some of the alternative timbers we can grow and the sawing procedures needed to convert logs into quality timber, the Middle Districts Farm Forestry Assn will be holding a public demonstration of the milling and grading of 20-30 exotic timber species commonly, or at least readily, grown in the Manawatu/Whanganui region.

The line-up will include 8 to 10 species of eucalypt, a variety of cypresses, (macrocarpa and relatives), various acacias, poplars, black walnut, cedars, oaks, redwood and others. We will not be cutting any native timbers. Rather, the emphasis will be on exotic species that can produce quality timber on a 20-40 year rotation. Both circular and band saws will be used and techniques to minimize growth stresses and other sawing problems will be demonstrated. Uses for the various timbers will be discussed by seasoned practitioners.

The demonstration will be open to the public, without any charge. It will be held at Denis Hocking's property, 370 Parewanui Rd, Bulls, on Saturday 22 June, starting at 10.30am. and continuing to mid/late afternoon. It will be well sign posted. We would ask people to come with high-viz clothing and ear protection (if they can) and bring their own lunch.

Contact person: Denis Hocking 322 1254 or 021 051 4479.

Autumn 2019 was NZ's 4th warmest on record



Autumn 2019 was New Zealand's 4th warmest on record. Temperatures across the country were mostly above average or well above average. This autumn was characterised by higher than normal mean pressure over and to the east of the country, resulting in more northerly winds than normal across New Zealand.

In addition, the seas around the country were warmer than normal - a continuation of the marine heatwave we saw this summer.

The nationwide average temperature for autumn 2019 was 14.4°C.

The warmest autumn temperature of 32.4°C was recorded in Waipara West on 5 March.

The lowest autumn temperature was -6.0°C in Ranfurly on 7 April.

Rainfall over much of the North Island was below normal, with isolated pockets of well below normal. Conversely, a large portion of the South Island received above or well above normal rainfall.

May 2019 was the 3rd warmest May on record. May temperatures were above average or well

above average across the entire country, with the most unusually warm temperatures in the South Island. The highest temperature was 25.3°C at Napier on 10 May. The lowest temperature was -5.3°C observed at Motu on 18 May. Rainfall was below normal or well below normal for the majority of the North Island, with the exception being parts of the Waikato, Taranaki and coastal Manawatu-Whanganui, where rainfall was near normal. Rainfall was above or well above normal, for much of western and lower South Island. Of the six main centres in May 2019, Auckland was the warmest, Christchurch was the coldest and wettest, Tauranga was the driest, Wellington the sunniest, and Dunedin the least sunny.

The outlook for June - August for central North Island - Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu, Wellington. Temperatures are about equally likely to be near average or above average.

Rainfall totals are most likely to be near normal. Soil moisture levels and river flows are most likely to be near normal.

Two memorial bursaries awarded

Horizons Regional Council have awarded two Environmental Studies students with the Don Linklater Memorial Bursary for 2019.

The memorial Bursary was established to honour the contribution made to the region by the late Don Linklater, who was Horizons chair from 1989 to 2000.

Horizons chair Bruce Gordon says, "The students, Rebecca Hillyard and Katherine Martin, have each been awarded \$3,000 for the 2019 academic year."

"This year's applicants were of exceptional calibre and we're pleased to be able to provide the bursary to two of them. These students are the future of environmental management in our region and supporting them in their study contributes to investing in the future management of our natural resources."

Rebecca Hillyard is studying towards a Master of Environmental Management at Massey University. "My course of study provides me with the skills that I'll need when addressing environmental issues," says Ms Hillyard.

"There is a particular focus on gaining practical knowledge in the areas of resource management, geographic information systems and environmental impact assessment. I aim to use these skills to reduce the environmental impact we are having on our natural world."

Katherine Martin is studying towards a Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning, with a minor in Geography at Massey University.

"I aspire to be part of the growth of sustainability in NZ and am passionate about working with people and the urban and rural environments we interact with. Applications for the 2020 funding round open early next year. See: www.horizons.govt.nz.

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Visiting riders were top in NZ

When Marton's redesigned skatepark was officially opened a couple of weeks ago, several expert skaters and scooterers made an appearance and they were some of the best in the country. They thrilled the crowd with their skills.

When the park opened each age group had a go then competition began. MC for the day was Kyle Hamilton from Bay skate Napier. Guest skaters included Madd Gear Pro sponsored riders Thomas Fitzgerald, from Upper Hutt and Kahu Day-Brown who flew in from Christchurch; Ryan Pedlow from Napier and Maka Day-Brown from Christchurch and VChay Hemopo from Marton (also sponsored by MGP). Top NZ and Mozzi sponsored rider Max Haydon came from Wellington.

The riders describe the new design as "the best." The park has been hugely popular with locals since it opened.

Photos below - Terry Stillman



Top NZ scooter rider Max Haydon from Wellington at the Marton Skatepark.
Liz Rayner photo.



Jaden Maddams from Palmerston North in action.



All ages having a go.



Challenges on the new skate course



Waiting a turn.

HEALTH SCENE



Keeping yourself healthy as winter bites

The winter months put extra demand on health services, and the Whanganui District Health Board says the best way to combat this is for people to take care of themselves and keep themselves healthy.

Washing hands, safe sneezing and staying home, if unwell, are important ways to reduce the spread of winter illnesses.

Pharmacists are a good source of information, and people can get qualified medical advice, 24 hours a day, by calling the Healthline on 0800 611 116.

DHB advice is that if you feel really unwell contact your GP. You should only go to the hospital's Emergency Department if you have a genuine emergency.

Immunisation is vital, with free flu vaccinations available for pregnant women; those aged 65 and over; children aged 4 and under with serious respiratory illnesses and for people with severe asthma, heart disease, diabetes and other serious health conditions - making them more susceptible to flu.



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Bulls annual Matariki Concert- tonight, Thursday 13 June from 5.30 - 6.30pm Bulls Town Hall Concert is supported by Bulls Community Trust and features local schools and marae.

Marton Players Theatre, June Open Mic - Friday June 21, 7pm. BYO, \$5 entry. Musicians welcome to join in. Friday June 28 is Hobnail's tour and album and launch - tickets \$25 at Eventfinda.

Calling all singers, songwriters, musicians, and poets! Taihape Musicians Club is hosting an Open Mic Night on Saturday 27 July. We have 10 x 15 minute spots available. To book a spot contact 021-02029-007 or taihapemusic@gmail.com

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CLUB SCENE



Marton Friendship Club

This club was created 65 years ago by men and women of the Marton district – raising funds from tea coupons, baking, sale days and anything to raise funds to build a hall in Morris St. This year, funds have had to be raised again as many serious repairs had to be done with the help of club members and Marton business houses. Last week's anniversary, began with president Wendy Lee giving a very warm welcome to all guests and members and Clubs from Levin, Foxton, Bulls, Taihape, Palmerston North (2 clubs) and Ashhurst. Raffles were won by most clubs. Our Dutch auction conducted by John Scarbrough and Wendy who barracked, everyone to part

with some money. Needless to say, some stay very quiet and others are rowdy. It was a lot of fun; both raffle and auction were well supported. About 75 to 80 members attended. The birthday cake was made and iced by Tari Ruscoe with a gold card motive on the cake and a lovely large gold card for everyone to sign. 3 candles on the cake were lit by Rosa for the past, present was lit by Colleen Hill and future was lit by Sheila Clark. Then these 3 ladies cut the cake. Then on to music for the rest of the session, featuring by Robyn Curtis who is always good to listen to. Many up dancing and all singing. All 50, 60 and 70s tunes. We all had a lovely fun day. Afternoon tea was supplied by members. Thank you to all who helped make our day a wonderful success and a pretty good party. Next week, 14 June, Antony Orr will be your entertainer. Tony has won many awards, so don't miss him. Hall open 12.30pm – bring your lunch. Visitors welcom - see you Friday. Committee meeting also.

New Members for Rotary



Jo Devine (left) and Michael Willoughby are welcomed to Rotary by current president Ray Sisely (centre). Rotary Clubs around the world have a diverse membership covering many trades, occupations and professions. The Marton Rotary Club is no exception. Recently these two members were inducted into the club. Both spent their formative years in the area but came back “home.” Jo Devine grew up in Wanganui, studied at Massey University in Palmerston North and is now involved with finance and business support, at Rangitikei District Council. Michael Willoughby grew up in Marton; going to school here and is now involved in Parks and Reserves for Rangitikei District Council. Before deciding to join, both Jo and Michael attended several meetings as unofficial members. This gave them time to consider whether they wanted to join the club.

Taihape Music Club

Four prominent NZ musicians will combine for a recital at the Taihape Women's Club on Sunday June 16. The artists are Ingrid Culliford - flute, with Kris Zuelicke – piano, John Seagar – violin, with Helen Gordon – piano. Their very interesting programme will include sonatas for flute, piano and violin, as well as a variety of solos. Now based in Wanganui, Ingrid Culliford lived for many years in London, where she had an extensive career as a soloist and orchestral musician. She recorded frequently for BBC3 as a soloist and orchestral musician and toured throughout the UK, Europe, Canada and the America's. Her co artists Kris Zuelicke is American born and holds music degrees from Miami and Indiana Universities and a Doctorate of music from the NZ School of Music. Kris now lives in Wellington. Ingrid and Kris will play sonatas by Veracini and Poulenc and other solos. Helen Gordon and John Seagar will combine to play two Mozart sonatas for violin and piano. John is an Auckland violinist, a member of the Kotuku Quintet and a very busy itinerant teacher. Taihape born, Helen Collier-Gordon, is well known to us. She is a graduate of the NSW (Sydney) Conservatorium, and the Vienna Conservatorium of Music. Her musical career has taken her worldwide as a solo pianist and recitals on radio as well as appearances with national orchestras. This outstanding Taihape concert begins at 2pm. Admission at the door \$20, children free. Afternoon tea will follow.

Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday 15 June at their new venue of Rangitikei College. The theme is Midwinter Christmas and we will start at 11am. You will need to bring something for a shared finger food lunch and a Christmas box containing a small \$5 gift for exchange. We will have our usual block of the month, fabric strip swap, show and tell and a chance to see what new library books have been purchased. The meeting will conclude around 2pm and you will have a chance to catch up with friends, both old and new, and visitors from Feilding Kowhai Quilters.



Ingrid Culliford - flute with Kris Zuelicke - piano at Taihape Music Club Sunday.

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Hobnail open tour and album in Marton

Well-travelled NZ band Hobnail, kick off their national tour and album release in Marton at the Marton Players Theatre on Friday June 28.

After 25 years of making music and countless hours of hard but fun slog, Hobnail present 'Boots And All' - their 25th anniversary, best of, release. The album is also out on June 28 when the national tour starts and runs to July 21. A gig follows in Palmerston North on 29 June at the Bent Horseshoe.

The Wellington group has devoted fans across NZ and overseas. They are 3-time finalists at the NZ Music Awards, for both albums and singles. Rob Joass (a songwriter's songwriter - NZ Musician) and former Martonian Caroline Easter (legendary drummer of the Chills, Verlaines and other bands) have both released well received solo albums in 2019.

Boots And All (the album) brings together favourites from across their entire career. There is a noticeable Celtic influence in early tracks like Haul Away and Maria's Last Words, while later tracks show a broader folk/rock range, whether that's in the bluegrass tinged Every Single Day; the country feel of String Things, with pedal steel guitar or the guitar driven rock sound of Elbow and Sierra Leone - the latter being Hobnail's cover of the Coconut Rough classic released in NZ Music Month 2019.



Hobnail band member Jo Moar, Rob Joass, Hamish Graham and Caroline Easter.

Tickets are \$25 each on Eventafinda.

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Crush protection for quad bikes very worthwhile option

Federated Farmers is on board with WorkSafe’s decision to "strongly recommend" installation of a crush protection device (CPD) on quad bikes used for work purposes. "We support WorkSafe’s policy clarification. For some time Federated Farmers has been saying CPDs, or roll over protection as it used to be called, can be a very useful injury prevention option in many - but not all - farm settings," Feds president Katie Milne says. "There is still some debate about CPDs, including from quad bike manufacturers who say they are unsafe and those who say the device itself can cause injury in some circumstances. But like WorkSafe, Federated Farmers believes there is now enough evidence from credible sources to say that farmers should at least be considering crush protection devices. "Of all quad deaths, about 90% are the result of asphyxiation as a result of the bike pinning the rider in a roll over incident. The net result of greater use of CPDs is likely to be positive," Katie says.

Quad bikes are vital tools on farms and, in many situations, they are either the only, or the safest, vehicle for the job. But they can be unforgiving in the event of a mistake and CPDs are a possible step to make those mistakes less costly. "The most important thing remains asking: is the quad the right vehicle for the job? Does the rider know what s/he is doing?, and do they have a good understanding of the risks associated with the task?"

WorkSafe notes that it is working with ACC to design targeted assistance for the purchase of CPDs. Any package is likely to be launched by the end of July 2019.



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RANGITIKEI HISTORY



"Taihape - showing the Taihape Band Rotunda, old Post Office, Bank of Australasia - about 1913. Even today you can recognise the old Post Office building. Nowadays, you will find Wild Roses in the building. In this photo, there is a clock tower on the Post Office building housing the town clock which was donated to the town in 1908. In the 1940s, the clock tower was demolished as it was perceived to be an earthquake risk. In the 1950s, a new tower was erected in the triangle, to house a new electric clock, built using the old bells and striking mechanism. It is still there today. From Taihape Museum collection.

A Taste of Rangitikei



A new addition to the home-style soups on the menu at **Gourmet Hi-Way** (on SH1 in Hunterville) is the deliciously 'hot and creamy bacon and pumpkin'. They also now make a 'gooey caramel walnut brownie' (pictured). Gourmet Hi-Way is a mobile food trailer with a wide range of tasty food and beverages. A reminder that the Gourmet Hi-Way food trailer will come to you and cater for functions and special events. Give Kevin a call on 027 3915347.



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Winter Gardening

by Wally Richards



WHAT TO PLANT AT THIS TIME

A number of new gardeners have asked me the question 'What can we plant at this time?'

There is a very limited range of vegetables that you can plant now and have success at this time of the year, as we head quickly into winter. It's not so much the colder conditions that brings this about, rather than the shortening daylight hours. We have a couple of weeks to go to reach the shortest day of the year and thereafter, things will slowly improve. Seeds are more difficult to germinate in cold, wet soils. Seedlings of many types of vegetables, planted out, will make a little growth over the next couple of months or so, but when they do grow, they are likely to go to seed because of the check they have experienced. The worst thing that can happen to new gardeners is to have too many failures and to loose heart. Experienced gardeners know the best time to plant for their locality and along with a few tricks to help get early starts and better results. If you have a glasshouse you can grow a number of vegetables which would not fare so well outdoors. If you extend the daylight hours by using artificial light on a timer you will increase the success rate.

When using artificial light you are looking to obtain about 12 hours of light which means a couple of hours before sunrise and a couple more after sunset. A combination of fluorescent (cool 33 white) and ordinary light bulbs works well, without more expensive lights. Heat pads for germination of seeds is also well worth using, for faster germination. Many will not have glasshouses so other means need to be employed. There are two vegetables that can be grown outdoors in open ground at this time, from seeds, and they are peas and broad beans. (This also includes sweet peas and sugar snap peas). With the broad beans you may find that the plants grow well and flower but do not set much in the way of beans until bumble bees and other pollinators get cracking a bit later in spring.

Getting a good strike (germination) in cold wet soil, maybe a problem but this can be overcome to a degree, by doing a couple of things. Firstly - soak the seeds in some warm water with a little Magic Botanic Liquid added, overnight

only, ideally in a hot water cupboard if you have one, or in a dish in a room that is heated for part of the evening. This swells up the seed and gets them on the way. In the meantime, make a trench about 100mm deep where you want to sow the seeds. Mow your lawn and take the fresh clippings and place them into this trench filling it to about 20mm from the top. Cover

the clippings with a layer of soil about 10mm thick. Over this sprinkle Rapid Lime or a soft garden lime and other food such as sheep manure pellets and blood & bone. Lightly cover this with a little more soil and then place your seeds at the correct spacing down the trench. Cover with soil and water in with Magic Botanic Liquid. The heat from the decomposing grass will warm the soil above and speed up germination.

With peas, there is another very useful method to use them for if you have some bare ground in your vegetable plot. Instead of planting in a row, dig out an area 100mm deep and repeat as above. When you sow the pea seeds, scatter them over the area after the final step (grass etc). This will create a block of peas which will tend to support each other. Make blocks of a size that you can harvest the pods, when they reach maturity.

Later in the spring, when you are ready to start your spring garden, you simply cut off the peas at ground level leaving the foliage laying on the soil, where it falls and then cover with compost. You can then plant your new vegetables and seeds into this area, having the advantage of all the goodness and nitrogen from the pea crop. Peas may contract powdery mildew as they are growing and this can be controlled, with a solution of baking soda. Dissolve one or two tablespoons of baking soda into a litre of warm water and add one ml of Raingard. Spray foliage for complete coverage and repeat as needed.

I am told that certified seed potatoes have become available already in some garden centres. It really is too early for them unless you live in a warmer area, or if you intend to grow them in buckets which can be moved for frost protection.

The potato pest, Potato Psyllid, should not be much of a

problem this time of the year but some prevention would be a good idea just in case.

Growing potatoes in buckets is a good way to obtain a early crop. Firstly - take your seed potatoes indoors into a warm room to get them to break dormancy and sprout. Once the first sprouts appear, place the potatoes outside in a sunny, sheltered from frost situation, to green up the sprouts and harden them up. Plastic buckets are cheap these days, so use enough to plant one spud in each bucket.

Dark coloured buckets or black buckets are best as they attract more heat. Carefully drill 3 or 4 holes in the base of each bucket. It's better to place the bucket on a old board, wide enough to cover the base and drill the holes from the inside out. This will reduce any splitting of the cheap plastic. Place about 40mm of compost over the bottom of the bucket and then a small handful of sheep manure pellets, a tablespoon of gypsum, a level teaspoon of BioPhos and a couple of teaspoons of Neem tree granules or powder.

Sprinkle more compost over this to cover, then place one sprouted potato on top with most of the shoots pointing upwards. Cover to half fill the bucket with friable compost. Place in a full winter sun spot. At this time there is no need to worry about frosts as no foliage is showing. When the first foliage pokes through, lightly cover with a little more compost. Keep on repeating this till the bucket is full to within about 20mm of the top. Once the foliage breaks through this top layer sprinkle a little potash and some more Neem Tree Granules.

You will now need to move the buckets to a sunny spot where they are sheltered from frosts, such as under a overhang on a porch etc.

If you have a tunnel house or glasshouse, you can put them in there. Watering should be minimal, just sufficient to moisten down the mix without getting it too wet.

Dependent on the variety chosen you will harvest new potatoes in about 2 to 4 months from sowing. Hopefully, you will have just about a bucket full of new potatoes.

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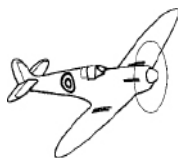
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About you:

- A minimum two years experience in a lead, or advisory capacity; supervising staff, delegating tasks and evaluating staff performance
- Sound knowledge of horticultural botany and horticultural practices
- Promoting and enforcing safe work practices
- Safe and efficient operation and maintenance of equipment
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- Ability to build and maintain relationships and influence outcomes collaboratively
- Strong verbal, written and communication skills
- Assess and prioritise multiple tasks, projects and demands
- Experience with budgets, procurement, reporting and meetings
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- Experience in the maintenance of parks that may include arboriculture, turf culture and cemetery maintenance
- Current full driver's licence
- Some weekend/after hours work may be required

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About you:

- A strong working knowledge with the use of large mowing equipment, especially Walker, Kubota and tractor/trimax mowers
- A minimum three year's relevant experience in a similar role
- Ability to build and maintain relationships and influence outcomes collaboratively
- Strong verbal, written and communication skills
- Assessing and prioritising multiple tasks and demands
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships
- Experience in the maintenance of parks that may include horticulture, arboriculture, turf culture and cemetery maintenance
- Current full driver's licence - classes one and two
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About you:

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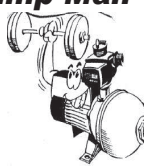
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TAIHAPE GOLF

The Taihape team travelled to Marton to play Linton in the much anticipated final of the president's trophy. Taihape was dominant, from the seniors to the juniors, in an emphatic 11 to 1 win. JJ Walker led the team out with a bizarre 54 on the front nine. Walker's opponent momentarily gained a false sense of security, before Walker promptly pulled his socks up for the second nine holes, shooting a 41 off the stick and winning fashionably 3/2. James Fannin was the steady hand of the four ball pairing, winning 3/2. Peter Valentine secured a 1 up victory. Jimmy Mickleson was too strong at number 5, winning 6/4. Nick McGuinn had to settle for being the butt of the jokes, all the way home, as he provided the solitary loss for the team, going down 3/2 but he was the only contributor to the pairing's four ball 18th hole holding on to win 1 up. Kerry Wells was too good at number three, winning 4/3. Gary Thomas played very good golf, shooting a 79 off the stick for a 6/5 win. As well as Danny Mickleson winning convincingly and taking the team haggie for a 7/5 win, Taihape won all its 4 four ball best ball matches. Back home, another strong contingent competed for the second club champs qualifying and Wilson. Joint top performers were Dale Hunt and Gary Cleaver, who both scored 67 net. Denny Thompson came in third for 70 net; 73 off the stick. Kevin O'Brien had an aloha ainalā, with 71 net. Denis Robertson secured 5th spot with 72 net. Alan Thomas found his feet again with 73. In joint 7th spot were John Gilbert and John Booth, with 74 net. The longest putt (Four Square scorched almonds) went to Dale Hunt on the 9th and Denny Thompson on the 18th. This Sunday is the third club champs qualifying and the final of the Wilson medal rounds, with John Gilbert on manager's duty.

MARTON LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF

Wednesday 5 June. LGU medal & putting: 2nd McGruer Cup qualifying: Mary Turner Cup. 10 hardy players turned up to play, with only 3 wet holes. Silver division: C Rhodes 69, B Bielby 74, J Ritchie 78. Bronze 1: G Burne 71, S Marshall 73, R Morrison 75. Bronze 2: S Abraham 71. Haggie division: C Rhodes, G Burne, S Abraham. Sponsored balls: S Marshall, B Bielby, R Morrison. Twos: G Burne 17th, the Kevin Jensen sponsored hole. Putting: C Rhodes 24. Lucky draw: S Ballard.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 29 May: stableford: Jason Bowles & Rex Wilson 37pts, Dave Fitzpatrick 36pts, Pat Pearce 35pts, Dan Scotson & Peter Young 34pts, Martin Rothman 33pts, Cynthia Luckham & Ash Reed 32pts, Jullian Elliott, Steve Boyens & Neil Atkins 31pts, Bryan Northcott & Michelle Mossop 30pts. Twos: Al-lek White 5th. Lucky draw: Clive Robinson. There was no golf on Saturday 1 June, as very wet. Wednesday 5 June: a few brave souls ventured out to play golf, with no rain. Jullian Elliott 45pts, Henry Potaka 39pts, Rex Wilson 37pts, Lynne McDonald, Ash Reed & Dan Scotson 35pts, Steve Boyens, Bryan Northcott & Peter Young 34pts. Twos: Steve Boyens 5th, Neil Atkins 12th & Dan Scotson 16th. Best stableford on 7,8 & 9: Henry Potaka 8pts. Lucky draw: Clive Robinson (2 weeks in a row). Saturday 8 June: Pub Charity - stableford: Jordan Wells 40pts, Hone Morris 37pts, Tamati Anaru, Kenny Boyle, Peter Masters & Wendal Masters 34pts, John Luckham, Dan Scotson, Bronwyn Meads, Neil Kirker & Cynthia Luckham 33pts. Twos: Cynthia Luckham, Bronwyn Meads, Jordan Wells & Henry Potaka - 3rd, Steve Boyens - 16th. Results from Transport Cup held at Rangitikei Golf Club: stableford. Clubs that participated included Hawkestone, Marton, Rangitikei and Rangitira. There were 82 players in the field. A great day was had by all and the weather gods were very kind to us all. Transport Cup winners: Marton 416 pts, 2nd: Rangitikei 410 pts, 3rd: Rangitira 407 pts & 4th: Hawkestone 405pts. Twos: Josh Clark (Hawkestone) - 3rd, Kenny Boyle (Rangitikei) - 5th, Jordan Wells & Ron Harris - 12th (both from Rangitikei) and Grant Forbes (Hawkestone) - 16th. Closest to the pins: 5th: Aaron Bremner (Marton), 12th: Jordan Wells (Rangitikei), 16th: Grant Forbes (Hawkestone).

MARTON GOLF CLUB

Congratulations to Marton for winning the annual Transport Cup interclub between Marton, Rangitikei, Rangatira and Hawkestone held at Rangitikei on Sunday. Although only the top 12 scores counted, we had an excellent turnout of 22 Marton players to help us contest the cup. Sat 8 June: the medal round was played in better conditions than forecast. Mike Jones won the McVerry Crawford Motors voucher with a nett 67, with Nik Maas and Colin Williams close behind, on a nett 68. Other results: Richard Ellery 70, Adrian Duncan, Phil Simpson, Ron Win 71, Caroline Watson, Jo Yorke, Stu Amor 72. 3FBH: Dave Angove, Dick Fullerton-Smith, Justin. Twos: 3rd Ron Win, 6th Terry Hammond. The jackpot of 8 balls was won by Ron Win. We welcomed another group of our remote members from Auckland, who thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Sat June 15 duty: Glen Jorgen. Bar: Di Chapman & Gaylene Jones. Sun June 16 duty: Chris Ellery.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 4th Mr Minit - real people fixing problems - multiplying stableford. Matthew Carroll 53, Dave Rhodes 49, Les Neumann 43, Barry Parlane, Rae Karatea & Greg James 42. Two: Dave Rhodes No 14. Nearest pin: Ross Little. Weekly challenge: Dave Penfold. Saturday 8 June: Mates Rates Insulation club champs, 1st round qualifying medal competition. S/men: H McDonald nett 68, D Rohde 70, A Baker 72, R McDermott,

G Bond & L Moore 73, M Taiuru & G Stanton 74, G Franks 75. J/men: M Carroll nett 68, J Hill & N Rackham 70, G Edwards 77. Women: L Tipu 1st, P Charlesworth 2nd. Feilding Scrap Metal two's: G Franks #5, A Baker #16. Jackpot #2 not struck. May month end nearest pin jackpots. S/men: Joe Stella. J/men: Marcel Carroll. Women: Larni Tipu. Current nearest pins. S/men: D Worsfold. J/men: not struck. Women: P Charlesworth. Taimui challenge: Matt & Pinky for Sooty bt Bondy & Dave R. Next challengers: Toddy & Norm. Sunday 9 June: Transport Cup played between 2019 hosts Rangitikei with Rangatira, Marton & Hawkestone. Congratulations to Marton as this year's winner. Thanks to Rangitikei for a well organised day. Top scorers for Hawkestone were Graham Bond, with 40 stableford points, Mike Pickford 39, Matt Carroll & Mike Fagan 38, Grant Forbes 36 and, nearest the pin & two on #16; Dave Rohde 34. Thanks to all our members for attending and better luck next year at Rangatira. Coming events: Tuesday golf: 9.30am tee off. Saturday 15 June: president's trophy, round 3; teeing off from 11am. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10.

MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF

Great conditions for our stableford round played 11 June. Results: 1st division: 1st Neil Powell 20, 2nd Linda Brandon 17, 3rd Brian Willis 16. 2nd division: 1st Beryl Higgie 20, 2nd Luke Leersnyder 19 c/b, 3rd Barry Florence 19 c/b. 3rd division: 1st Barry Williams 20, 2nd Marianne Morland 19 c/b, 3rd Judy McConachy 19 c/b. Raffle winner: Neil Powell. Lucky card winner: Clare Aston. Next week's starters: Roy & Madeline Powell. Cards: Dave McDougall & Tim Brandon. Kitchen: Adrian.

MARTON THURSDAY GOLF

6/6/2019: B Beck 36, P Connelly 34, D Clark 33, B Craig 33, T Hammond 33, R Yorke 32, M Rothman 32.

8-BALL POOL

Round 4 of the Wanganui Pool Association interclub competition was played on Wednesday 5 June with both Rangitikei sides suffering losses. Bulls RSA hosted the Metro side and went down 7-14. Winston Holdaway won both his singles clashes for the home team, with Carole Hunt and Paul Wild winning one each. Hunt & Wild recorded two wins in the pairs and Peter Hooper & John Fraser one. Marton travelled to Wanganui where they were convincingly defeated by Wanganui East Gold, 18-3. Only Graham Marshall and Allan Pond had singles victories for Marton, while Peter Lissington & Ray Butler managed a pair's win.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for our 2019 AGM has been changed to - Sunday 7 July. We will remind you by public notice, as per usual, one and two weeks prior.

MARTON HOCKEY CLUB DOMINATE IN NEW COLOURS

Marton Hockey Club men's team debuted its new uniforms in style, taking a 7-3 win over Palmerston North's High School Hockey Club at the weekend. Sticking to the game plan and executing with precision, was key to the solid win. The standout performer for Marton was Feilding High School student, Flynn Kowalewski, 17, who scored three fantastic goals and earned 3-MVP points. Ash Wigglesworth's strong game in the mid-field landed him 2-points, while veteran Korran Death scored 1-point, for a great game up front. The talk at the turf, however, was not their performance but their striking new appearance. The club's red and black colours were retired, with its origins in the Marton Suburbs team colours, of blue and yellow, making a return. Making the new uniforms possible were local business owners and passionate hockey supporters, John and Angela Turkington of John Turkington Forestry. The couple is involved in hockey from grassroots to international level, supporting numerous kids' teams and programmes, high school teams, regional teams and the Women's Black Sticks. "We're super proud to be able to support another local sports team!" said John Turkington. "It's great to see the boys doing so well this season, playing in the top spots on the table." "The boys are a great testament to the sporting talent in the Rangitikei, especially on the hockey turf," added Angela. "We wish them all the best for the rest of the season and look forward to watching a few of their games." "The initiative was championed by senior player Todd Sutton, who shared his appreciation of the Turkington's support. "We're really lucky to have the support of John and Angela," said Sutton. "They're big supporters of hockey and it's great to be able to wear their logo with pride, on the turf, knowing the country's best players also share the same privilege." The next game for the team takes place on Saturday, June 15 at noon at Twin Turfs in Palmerston North, against Wanganui. You can follow the club's progress on their Facebook page; www.facebook.com/MartonHC.



Above: Todd Sutton and John Turkington shake hands after negotiating a new sponsorship deal.

GLOBAL GREYHOUND CELEBRATION

Last Sunday, hundreds of greyhounds and their owners walked across New Zealand as part of the Great Global Greyhound Walk (GGGW). In Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and points in between, these sleek, speedy dogs took to streets, waterfronts, paths and parks, to raise awareness of the greyhound breed and promote greyhound adoptions. The Great Global Greyhound Walk is an annual celebration of one of the most historic and recognizable breeds of dog, famed as much for their incredible athleticism and noble stature, as for their gentle nature, calm temperament and legendary laziness. Greyhounds As Pets (GAP) hosted 12 events in New Zealand as part of a global initiative of mass-synchronised greyhound walks. In 2018, there were over 200 walks globally, with a recorded total of 6387 hounds. New Zealand accounted for 460 hounds with Auckland's ranking as the 6th largest walk in the world. "It has developed into a huge outing across the world and been taken up amazingly well in New Zealand," says Diana Anderson, general manager of Greyhounds As Pets. Starting out in the UK ten years ago, the walk went global in 2014, with last year's event inspiring walks as far afield as the United States, Europe, and even Ab Dhabi. New Zealand has become a world leader in the Great Global Greyhound Walk movement with some of the largest walks, global winners for best individual greyhounds and best event and significant media coverage. GAP is a nationwide charitable trust that helps find homes for greyhounds after their time in racing, adopting out hundreds of hounds each year. "We already organise a lot of GAP walks each month around the country to give our owners and hounds a chance to catch up and socialise, but the Great Global Greyhound Walk is next level," Anderson says. Many of the participating greyhounds were dressed in outfits and costumes in tune with an annual theme. The theme for 2019, to promote GAP's re-homing programme, was 'Celebration.' "This was a celebration of all things greyhound," Anderson adds. "These aren't just fast dogs. They are the sweetest pets and owners like to celebrate them and tell the world! There is certainly strength in numbers and it's hard to miss 50, or 100 greyhounds in a public place. This colourful event is a great way to make sure this beautiful breed gets seen and gets the attention it deserves." The greyhound celebration was paraded around the world on June 9. Other countries to celebrate their greyhound citizens this year included the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, Venezuela, Germany, Canada, Philippines and the Czech Republic.



Above: Matilda with greyhound Frank in a fedora, Zola in a tutu and tiara and bottom of the pile, Lani in a sombrero.

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