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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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## Aiming for 1000 ANZAC poppies

Barry Williams from Marton had a bright idea - to create 1000 ceramic poppies to adorn the bank in front of the Marton Park WW1 cenotaph for ANZAC Day - all made by children.

He says the poppy display that covered the Tower of London in England in 2015 inspired him to do something locally. Potter Margaret Smith made ceramic poppies in 2015 but it proved too difficult to replicate them so, with the help of Janette Henderson from Halcombe, they found a way to create the poppies on steel rods.

Barry has set out to create his vision - starting with 80 poppies this year. They were made by senior pupils from three local primary schools - Marton School, Marton Junction School and James Cook School and were presented to the Marton RSA by the children, in front of district mayor Andy Watson and RSA president Alan Buckendahl.

Barry says, "They're going to look utterly fantastic as it grows each year. The project will continue, probably over ten years or so, or until the 1000 poppies are made."



RSA members will put the poppies out each year and Rangitikei District Council will store them. Barry is well known for commemorating the WW1 centenary by playing the Last Post once a day, for 100 days, leading up to ANZAC Day in 2015.

The youngsters display the ceramic poppies they made, which are displayed on the bank at Marton Park.

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# Rangitikei remembers them



Crowds rose early to join the commemoration of ANZAC Day throughout the district.

Young and old joined the march to the Hunterville war memorials to mark the end of WW1 in 1918. MP Ian McKelvie spoke of the traditions and growing significance of ANZAC Day.

In Marton, a true ANZAC spirit was represented by Captain Danniell Lyon from the Australian 5th Aviation Regiment who led veterans in the dawn parade, carrying the Australian flag, along Wellington Rd to the Marton Memorial Hall where a huge crowd assembled.

Mayor Andy Watson spoke after the dawn service and acknowledged letters of support from the Prime Minister and Governor General. The mayor touched on how communities are missing the 21 gun salutes and flyovers that, in the past, have linked the ceremonies to the sounds of war. He says he intends to lead a group of mayors to ask the government to reinstate the tradition.

In Mangaweka, a big turnout of about 100 people attended the dawn parade. Speaker Bunny Goringe talked of lost relatives whose names are etched on the local remembrance gates. Alison Dorrian of Mangaweka Heritage delivered some moving words on the futility of war. At about 7.30am, a Base Ohakea NH90 helicopter flew the length of Rangitikei district - enroute to Auckland services and, a few hours later, southern Rangitikei was honoured with a flyover by the Biggin Hill Spitfire accompanied by two Ohakea airtrainers.

## Nostalgic look at Vera Lynn

Nearly two full houses enjoyed Vicki Lee's tribute to the life and music of Vera Lynn at Marton Players Theatre on Saturday.

Vicki Lee introduced the show with a live recording of her 2015 interview with Vera Lynn, then aged 100. The music opened with the lovely youthful voice of Ella Revell, a pupil of Vicki Lee's. The audience was invited to sing along to all the songs and that's just what they did.

Vicki Lee says she first performed the show in 2015 after working with Dame Malvina Major to perfect Vera Lynn's songs. Later, Vicki decided to put together the tribute show herself, in time for the Gallipoli centenary. The show has toured all over the country and been extremely well received. Along the way, she has picked up a myriad of WW2 stories, some of which she has added to her show.

She says, "I started doing this in 2015 for the WW1 centenary. In that time, we have a lost a lot of the war generation. That's why I am driven to do this - to tour with my show."

The show brought the songs of Vera Lynn to life, beautifully sung and brilliantly played by Vicki Lee on keyboard. It's a nostalgic trip into the WW2 era and was an emotional experience for the many veterans who attended.

Marton RSA staged the performances, complete with individual NZ flags to the audience to wave. President Alan Buckendahl graciously thanked all those involved in presenting the show and Margaret Bell for making Anzac biscuits for everyone present.



Left: A big contingent marched in the Marton dawn parade along Wellington Rd. Photo Terry Stillman.

Top below: Wreaths to Hunterville's fallen were laid at Queen's Park WW1 and WW2 memorials. Photo Liz Rayner

Bottom below: Lone piper, Hamish Finlayson, plays the lament Flowers of the Forest as people pay their respects at the RSA section of Marton's Mt View Cemetery. Photo Hamish White.



Mangaweka School children Noah and Alex present their poems on war to the gathering at dawn. Photo R Aslett.

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# Works affecting upper Broadway business - retailers unhappy

Upper Broadway Marton retailers and business owners say they have had enough and want better communication about works in the vicinity of their businesses.

Fourteen business people met with Rangitikei District Council staff and a representative from project contractors Loaders, on Monday evening, to talk about the ongoing work and how it's seriously affecting access to their businesses and contributing to a considerable drop in income. Lack of parking and bad footpath access, over the last six months, has meant a real downturn in the area. They say that complaints to council were often not heard or dealt with.

Work on phase one of the major pipe replacement and gutter replacement project on the east west side of upper Broadway began late last year and has run over time by nearly two months partly due to the addition of new stormwater drains and ducting for fibre ... future work that was planned but carried out now to save cost. It is now in its final stages of road and footpath finishing but work is due to start on the east side of the area, from the Follett St roundabout to Cobham Plumbing. Affected retailers say they are very worried the entire area could become inaccessible, if bad weather causes delays.

Council CE Ross McNeil took responsibility for the lack of communication and promised to keep people better informed. He agreed to work out a new plan of works, along with

cooperation of Loaders, for work over the next few weeks and let disgruntled businesses know the details.

All agreed that enforcement of the 60 minute parking rule in the area should also be better, so shoppers and patrons have a chance to park near shops. Long term parkers, will need to find a somewhere else to park.

A plan to bring customers back to the area will follow when works end.



## ANZAC Day is an evolving commemoration.

When I was a boy, ANZAC Day was a very solemn occasion.

No shops were open and no sport was played. I can remember watching a large but dwindling contingent of World War One veterans and then a huge group of Second World War men, all of whom marched proudly in the parades of the 1960s and 1970s. The Great War of 1914-1918 had taken an incredible 18,000 young New Zealanders and disfigured and injured thousands more. Only twenty years later, about 12,000 Kiwis lost their lives in World War 2, again with thousands physically and mentally changed forever.

In New Zealand, we have commemorated ANZAC Day since 1915. It's an amazing tradition which began after World War 1 when returned soldiers sought comradeship in the quiet, peaceful moments before dawn, with obvious symbolic links to the dawn landings at Gallipoli - a day which claimed 2700 New Zealanders. The early morning light makes a Dawn Service one of the most emotional and compelling commemorations of this special day.

As the 1970s rolled around and the gap since wartime reached thirty years, a whole new generation emerged. Decision-makers, business people and parents, who had no direct recollection of 'the war years,' started to emerge with a viewpoint that challenged the solemnity of the first sixty or so ANZAC commemorations.

Shop trading laws changed to allow retailing in the afternoon and it became acceptable to hold sports fixtures, some of which had ANZAC in their title. At the same time, the stranglehold on war-time service which First and Second World War 'returned' men had held for so long, became challenged by much younger blokes who had served in the likes of Korea, Malaya and Vietnam. The contribution of service women and those left behind at home became easier to recognise and to speak of, and the solemnity slowly gave way to what I will term as 'positive patriotism'. ANZAC Day eventually moved with the times, much in the way that weddings and funerals evolved and changed with the times to suit the different attitudes of the new generations. I really think these changes ensured that our commemorations on April 25 survived to be an important event each year, all these years on.

Linton, Ohakea and Waiouru are all services-based. The special character of my vast electorate makes me feel very close to this special day. What heartens me is the broadening of the scope of the remembrance that this special day brings. ANZAC Day now promotes a sense of unity

more effectively - people whose politics, beliefs and aspirations are widely different, can nevertheless share genuine sorrow at the sad loss of so many lives in war. After more than a hundred years, poppies are still worn; all members of the community are welcome and children can learn about the futility of war through poetry and music.

Mangaweka or Manukau, Hokitika or Halcombe, the number of New Zealanders attending ANZAC services in every corner of our nation is increasing. We can be proud of what has become a truly national day of remembrance.

## Councils seek feedback on representation

Horizons Regional Council and the Rangitikei District Council are reviewing their existing community representation arrangements. Every six years local authorities are required to carry out a review of the number of councillors, and the number and boundaries of areas they represent.

Horizons wants to hear your thoughts before submissions close at noon, 14 May 2018.

Horizons' electoral officer Craig Grant says an initial proposal, which is to remain with existing arrangements, was presented at a Regional Council committee meeting on 27 March.

"This proposal was supported, subject to the community having the opportunity to have their say," he says. "There are three things that have to be balanced; identifying communities of interest, effective representation and fair representation. Undertaking this review ensures that people and communities have access to fair and effective representation of their interests by their local councils.

"Regional councils must also have between six and fourteen elected councillors and the boundaries of constituencies must align as much as possible with other electoral boundaries," explains Mr Grant.

More information about the review, the existing arrangements and how to have your say can be found at [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz)

Rangitikei District Council is also asking for your opinion about representation, by May 8, when all submissions for the Long Term Plan close. They are asking whether to retain the current arrangements of 5 wards with 12 representatives including the mayor: Taihape - 3, Hunterville - 1, Marton - 4, Turakina - 1, Bulls - 2.

They offer an alternative structure with 3 wards - north, central and south. The breakdown would be: North Ward - 3 elected members - including Taihape, Mataroa, Moawhango and surrounding rural areas; Central Ward - 5 elected members including Hunterville and Marton and surrounding rural areas; Southern Ward - 3 elected members - includes Scott's Ferry, Bulls, Koitiata, Turakina, Ratana, Whangaehu and Kauangaroa

RDC also want to know whether the Ratana community wants to retain the Ratana Community Board and whether the Taihape Ward wants to retain the Taihape Community Board.

RDC has developed a quick survey, which is anonymous and should only take a couple of minutes to complete by May 8, 2018. It can be completed online, on their website or you can pick up a copy at Rangitikei libraries. There is a lot of helpful supplementary information online to help you decide how Rangitikei might be best governed.

The Local Government Commission has a role in ensuring council reviews are carried out properly and their arrangements meet the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Commission's guidelines.

## BITS n' PIECES



**Spotlight Theatre** - youth drama classes in the coming school term, at Marton Players theatre. They specialise in children's drama. Classes are starting Term 2, for ages 5 years to teens. Contact Spotlight Theatre on 020 40161105 or 022 0141065-[www.spotlighttheatre.biz](http://www.spotlighttheatre.biz)

**Rangitikei District Council submissions close on May 4... see pages 6&7.**

**Horizons Regional Council submissions** on representation and the Long Term Plan close on 14 May.

**Rangitikei Weekend** - Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May - celebrates our local history in the five Rangitikei museums - Taihape, Hunterville, Marton, Mangaweka and Bulls.

**Marton Historical Society** - Marton Museum and Archive Room open 2 and 4 Tuesday of the month, 1 - 3pm. Also open by request - ph 06 327 6099 or 06 327 6063.

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# Have you ever visited the Taihape Museum?

**A huge saw amongst the historic tools and artefacts from Taihape and district's past on display at the Taihape Museum... open on May 19 and 20 for Rangitikei Weekend.**

## CLUB SCENE



### Marton Friendship Club

Last Friday, was treasures day. Many members brought an item from home and told us about them and the over 80s shared wonderful memories. These stories are very dear to them. Rosa Velvin began with some history of her hairdressing business; followed by Dawn Rowan, telling about her dad working a team of draught horses, way back when she was just a little girl! Other recollections were Billy Paisley with a portrait of a WW2 soldier, Jennifer Hawkins with her two little friends Tiddles and Blackie, John Scarbrough with a history of the Norman conquest 1066 (a very large beautifully illustrated

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Whether you are a schoolkid or a chief executive, a cabinet minister or someone in between, you can be a Dementia Friend.

Alzheimers NZ is inviting everyone in NZ to become a Dementia Friend to raise awareness and build a more understanding, inclusive and supportive country.

To become a Dementia Friend, people complete a short, online programme. The programme includes a short video featuring three Kiwis living well with dementia. To find out more about becoming a Dementia Friend go to [www.alzheimersnz.org.nz](http://www.alzheimersnz.org.nz) and show your support for people living with dementia in your community



book) and Deana with her mother's warmly dressed doll. Bill Gill showed us a large rasp, used to shoe horses with overgrown or rough hooves which were rasped back until the hoof was suitable to have a shoe nailed on, most working horses' feet were looked after this way. Bill also told us of 1000 horses parading over the long Whirokino Bridge, over Manawatu River between Foxton and Levin, on Anzac Day 1942 - quite a sight. The horses were prepared for this event at the Foxton Racecourse. All made for a very interesting hour. Raffles won by Thelma, Tari, Pat, Rosa and Anne. Frank Lockwood and his piano accordion finished our day, followed by a cuppa. This Friday April 27, Elizabeth Syms from Wanganui will entertain.

### Marton Players

Marton Players held their AGM recently and elected a new committee determined to make 2018 a positive year for the theatre group. Recent publicity about the group's possible demise has led to an outpouring of positive support. The new Marton Players committee includes president Annie Whitfield, secretary Liz Rayner and treasurer, Sandra Field.



Twice in the last month, the theatre has hosted impromptu shows. The first by Brian Baillie and his band followed by comedians Gish and Mincer (pictured). Both these performances were well attended at short notice and are the beginning of more NZ acts Marton Players will bring to the local stage throughout the year with the help of Brian Baillie who is coordinating new performers.

Also, an event is planned at Marton Players called First Fridays - an open club night, designed for performing artists from musicians to actors, to get on stage and enjoy themselves. Budding actors will also be encouraged to have a go as well. The Fridays event is for members and friends and performers. You can join in and perform or come along and be part of audience. The First Fridays clubnight is on May 4 at 7pm at the Marton Players Theatre, 366 Wellington Rd, Marton. Contact Liz Rayner if you want to join in.

Marton Players costume department is open every Thursday between 5 and 7pm.

Youth drama classes are starting at the theatre in the coming school term, run by the Spotlight Theatre - ages 5 years to teens. Contact Spotlight Theatre on 020 40161105 or 022 0141065- [www.spotlighttheatre.biz](http://www.spotlighttheatre.biz)

### Marton Contract Bridge Club

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## FROM THE PULPIT



### BEEN FOUND OUT LATELY ?

Did you enjoy the Commonwealth Games on Australia's Gold Coast?

Great seeing the Kiwis flying - wonderful coverage on TV for free and some late nights for sports fans!

Even though it grates us a little, Australia at the top of the medal table must be a heartening change for this neighbour of ours, after all the noise before the Games of their cricketers and their ball-tampering escapades!

Everyone seems to have forgotten about the shame of all that - mind you, we Kiwis have no room to talk, I can remember in an All-Black test against Wales back a bit (1980's) when Andy Haden 'fell out' of a lineout and, through that act, we won a penalty. Brian McKechnie kicked the goal and we won the game. Cheating, if you get away with it, seems to be okay but if you get caught - then everyone cries 'foul'!

Way, way back, we read of a guy called Moses who had the unenviable task of leading the nation of Israel on God's behalf and it was pretty hard to keep in line with what the good Lord wanted, sort of cheating on God! They didn't use sandpaper but they were certainly rubbing God up the wrong way' in more ways than one! The words Moses used are recorded in the book of Numbers - chapter 32 and the second part of verse 23 - When he said to them, "You may be sure that your sin will find you out." The truth is, even if it seems like we get away with it at the time and no-one sees the act, there is One who sees all and eventually it will catch-up with us - if not in this life, then in the one to come - following death!

It's a really good idea to own-up and put things right before then - the Bible calls it repentance, you'll not only feel better, you will be better, ready to spend forever in heaven with your Maker!

**Pastor Llew King,**  
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If you have never taken the time to visit the Taihape Museum, then May is your chance to tick it off your list.

Volunteers will be on hand to man the museum for Rangitikei Weekend, two days when all the district's museum will open their doors to the public- all day. This year's Rangitikei Weekend is on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May and celebrates our local history in the five Rangitikei museums - Taihape, Hunterville, Marton, Mangaweka and Bulls. They will all be open from 10am to 3pm each day. Each museum will have display themes of their own. The Marton theme is "Characters from Marton's Past."

The weekend is great chance to take the family along and learn and connect with our past. Once you get there you will be captivated by the wealth of history. Taihape offers a very interesting look at the tools and

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# Duckshooting 2018

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## New hunting rules

Game bird hunters are now asked to restrict the number of shots they can use in game bird hunting in six out of the twelve Fish & Game regions, a measure introduced for "sound" conservation and sporting reasons.

The new game bird hunting season gets underway on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

The Auckland-Waikato Fish & Game region was first to bring in the three shot rule which requires hunters to plug their shotgun magazines so that the gun holds no more than three shots in total but Wellington, which includes this region and Nelson - Marlborough, are banning magazine extensions.

Other regions introducing restrictions on the number of shots are Eastern, Hawke's Bay and West Coast.



Fish & Game communications manager Don Rood says the three-shot rule is simply another

tool to help reduce pressure on game bird populations and provide more opportunity for other hunters.

"We have to strike a balance between providing hunters enough ducks every season while conserving populations for following seasons. We strive to achieve this with appropriate bag limits and season lengths, he says. "The three-shot rule is another tool to help sustainability – that will help limit the number of ducks being harvested."

Fish & Game rangers will take a firm line on the rule this season because compliance is "pretty easy and inexpensive to achieve."

The three-shot rule says that a shotgun magazine must not hold more than two rounds of any size, plus one more in the breech – three in all. And the rule applies to shooting all waterfowl including pukekos. Firearm safety rules should always be followed and a cartridge should not be put in the chamber, until a shot is about to be taken. Guns can be plugged with a removable plastic filler, which doesn't require a gunsmith to install; semi-permanent pins and rivets.

"But if you don't have the original filler-plug your shotgun came with, they're easy enough to make, using a piece of doweling. Discuss with your local hunting store or ask a gunsmith to do the job for you," Don Rood says.

## Fish & Game takes further steps to phase out lead shot

Since 2004, most hunters who use 10 or 12-gauge shotguns have been required to use non-toxic shot when hunting waterfowl within 200 metres of open water.

This year the focus is on smaller shotguns, such as the 20 gauges, which were exempt earlier because of the availability of non-toxic ammunition. Over this season and next – from the opening on Saturday, May 5, 2018 and in 2019 – owners of smaller gauge shotguns will be encouraged to use up their stocks of lead ammunition and begin using non-toxic shot.

The existing ban on the owners use of 10 or 12 gauge lead shot will be strictly enforced.

In 2020, a hunter hunting waterfowl on Department of Conservation or Fish & Game-controlled land must use non-toxic shot - nothing else.

From 2021, non-toxic shot will be required for hunting waterfowl hunting over open water with all shotguns, except the .410. This applies to all public (including DOC) and private lands.

The exemption has been given because .410 shotguns are sometimes used by beginner hunters and non-toxic shot loads are not currently available for them.

The phase out of lead shot follows research which shows that waterfowl get poisoned when they pick up fired lead shot and eat it as a grit substitute to help them digest their food. New Zealand research showed the problem was the same here as overseas.

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## CLUB SCENE

### Marton Music Society

This Sunday, Marton's Music Society is presenting a Variety Concert at 2pm in the Friendship Hall, Morris St. Two outstanding male vocalists will perform, together with piano and cello instrumental solos. David Tipi (pictured) is the new Head of Performing Arts at Nga Tawa who has recently moved from Auckland and this will be his first public performance in Marton. He's an outstanding vocalist, having been in the NZ Youth Choir for several seasons. He grew up in a musical family exposed to unaccompanied, four-part harmony as a very young child at church and has been singing all his life. He will perform "Fields of Gold" by Sting and "Time to Say Goodbye" as well as the First Arabesque for piano by Debussy. David Pitt is a well-known former Martonian who performed last year with the ukulele group and he plays an enjoyable variety of folk and blues. Marta Barham will perform a very beautiful cello work by Faure, "Sicilienne" as well as a work for solo cello. Juliana Stephens from Wanganui will play a movement of a Beethoven piano sonata. All are welcome to this concert which has something for everyone to enjoy. Admission is by donation.



### Marton Historical Society

The official four years of commemoration of WW1, ends this year. The Marton Historical Society's archives have comprehensive records of Rangititkei military personnel who served in WW1 and WW2. The NZ Poppy Places Trust encourages communities to mark street signposts, that have significance to wars, with a poppy. Marton's Canteen St was the site of an Army canteen for soldiers when in camp during WW1. Cobber Kain Ave, in Wellington Rd, was named in honour of Cobber (Edgar James) Kain, the first RAF flying ace during WW2. The propeller from his aircraft was donated to Marton RSA and displayed in the Marton Memorial Hall.

### Bulls Friendship Club.

It's nearly the end of April already and I must say, not having any school age children, I find school holidays a wee bit baffling. Our guest entertainers last Friday were John White and his wife. They gave us over an hour of great music and all round entertainment. We'll try and book them again later in the year. This week, it should Alan Bassett who entertains us on the piano. It will be his first time he performs this year and I'm looking forward to seeing him again. The Bulls Friendship Club meets most Fridays at the Friendship Hall on the corner of Daniell St, with the programme commencing at 2pm. Ring president, Elaine Jeffree on 06 322 1494 for more info.

### Happy Tours

April 5 was another enjoyable day for The Happy Tours. After setting off from Marton at 9am, we stopped at Pahiatua for morning tea, then carried on to Carterton to visit the Paua Shell shop. We had 41 passengers on board, including new comers Bessie and Jill. After lunch and a look around the town, we headed for home at 3.15pm. Celebrating birthdays were Robert, Loretta and Colleen. The raffles were donated by the club and won by Tina and Fay. Special thanks to Val for donating sweets (love those black jelly beans). Our next trip will be on May 3. The bus will be departing at 8.30am. We will be travelling to Otaki, where we will visit the Rangiatea Church, then have lunch at the RSA.

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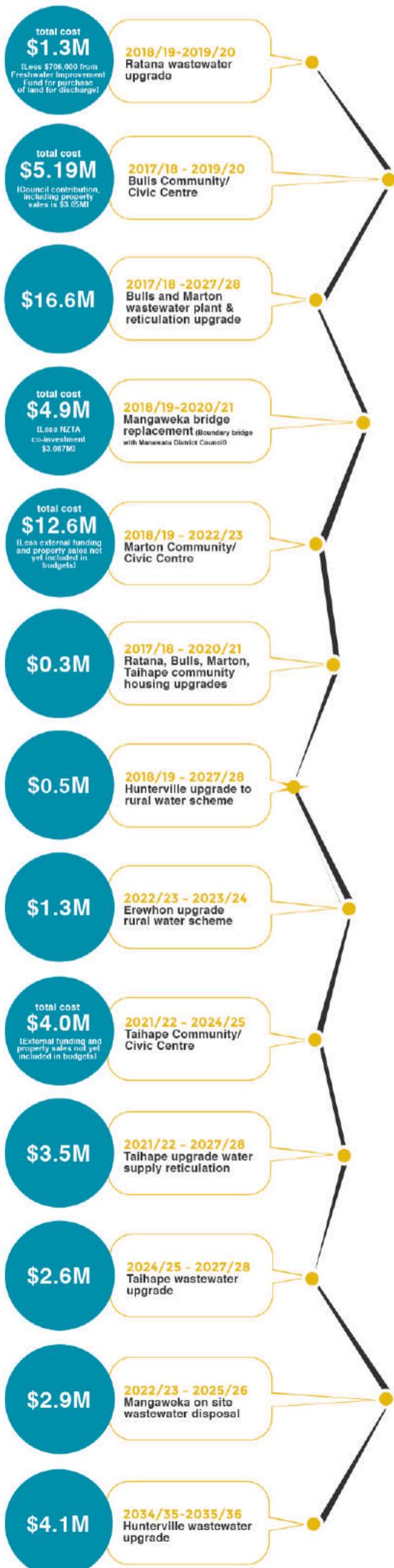
## What is the Long Term Plan?

The Long Term Plan (LTP) describes our Council's priorities, key projects and activities for the next 10 years. The LTP is reviewed every three years and the community are asked to provide comments on this Plan through a consultation document called "Unfolding the Plan".

## What's in the Consultation Document?

Unfolding the Plan summarises what's in the LTP, it outlines where your rates are spent and what services Council provides. It also tells you what we think are the important issues that the District faces over the next 10 years. Most importantly it provides you with the opportunity to give us your feedback on key choices.

## Future Projects



### 1. Rubbish and Recycling in the urban areas of Ratana, Koitiata, Scotts Ferry, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Taihape and Mangaweka

Currently urban rubbish collection across our District is via a commercial arrangement between residents and waste management companies, and the Council has no involvement in this service. The Council wants to know if urban residents in Ratana, Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape want a Council operated kerbside recycling service; or a Council operated kerbside recycling and rubbish collection service – that would replace the commercial rubbish collection operation currently in place.

The implementation of a kerbside recycling service could potentially reduce the amount of rubbish to be disposed of. Items that can be recycled instead of being put into the rubbish include:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Tins and aluminium cans
- Plastic containers with number triangle 1-6
- Paper and cardboard

Currently, green waste is excluded from this service.

The cost for a kerbside recycling and/or rubbish service in the urban areas of Ratana, Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape would be charged via a targeted rate to residents in those areas.

#### THE OPTIONS ARE:

#### Council's Preferred Option

### ONE. Provision of a Council recycling service only

All urban properties to be supplied with 240 litre wheelie bin (for cardboard, plastic, cans) and a 45 litre crate (for glass bottles) which would be collected fortnightly. This option would mean residents no longer needed to make trips to the waste transfer station to do their recycling (except to dispose of green waste) and should lead to increased recycling and decreased rubbish to landfill. It would maintain the present system of choice to residents for disposing of rubbish and the recycling facilities will be available at the waste transfer stations.

#### Likely consequences:

##### On rates

\$498,545 annual rates requirement from 2019/20 is included in the budget projections. This would be raised by a targeted rate for urban property owners in Ratana, Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape:

2018/19 Nil

2019/20 \$106 each separately used or inhabited property in the specified urban areas. This will be a new targeted solid waste rate.

### TWO. Provision of a rubbish and recycling service

#### One wheelie bin and one crate issued per household (for recycling); and rubbish collection

This option would see a weekly rubbish collection service and households would be issued with one wheelie bin for recycling (collected fortnightly) and one crate for glass (collected fortnightly) and would dispense with the need for residents to make trips to the waste transfer station to recycle (except to dispose of green waste) and probably lead to increased recycling and decreased rubbish to landfill.

#### Likely consequences:

##### On rates

\$777,157 annual rates requirement. This would be raised by a targeted rate for urban property owners in Ratana, Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape:

2018/19 Nil

2019/20 \$165 each separately used or inhabited property in the specified urban areas (i.e. an additional \$55 over the cost of recycling only).

### THREE. Retain the status quo

No Council operated rubbish or recycling service. This would mean residents continue to make their own arrangements for kerbside rubbish collection and how they recycle.

#### Likely consequences

##### On rates

2018/19 No change

2019/20 No change, but \$106 reduction from projections included in this plan for each separately used or inhabited property in Ratana, Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape

The costs for the various options are estimates only. If Council decides, having considered submissions, to provide a recycling; or recycling and rubbish service, tenders would be called which will establish firm prices. The delivery of such a service (and the cost) would be confirmed through the 2019/20 Annual Plan and if agreed to would start on 1 July 2019.

## 2. Economic Development

Increasing economic growth is important for improving the quality of life for residents in the Rangitikei. Therefore we have committed \$200,000 for each of the next 10 years and we want to know what you think of five areas Council considers could be effective to do this, they are: promotion; expanding markets; facilitation; labour planning; and incentivising growth. Council does not have a preferred option, we want to know what you think would be the most worthwhile use of these funds. Full details on each of the five areas are on pages 8 and 9 of our Consultation Document.

## 3. Voluntary targeted rate for ceiling and underfloor insulation

Local Authorities can provide a scheme to help ratepayers who are unable to cover the full cost of insulation or are not eligible for an EECA grant. This would be via a voluntary targeted rate specifically for home insulation for low income families. Council does not have a preferred option and this is not included in the budgets as there are no net costs to ratepayers. The scheme would be optional. To qualify ratepayers must be up-to-date with their rate payments, have a good payment history and use an approved installer of insulation. The maximum sum made available to a ratepayer would be \$5,000 for a term of up to 9 years at an interest rate of 7%. Full details are on page 9 of our Consultation Document.

# Council's Infrastructure and Financial Strategy

Infrastructure accounts for over 80% of Council's operating expenditure and virtually all of Council's capital expenditure. The Strategy outlines:

- the key infrastructural service issues the Rangitikei community must address over the next 30 years;
- the main options for dealing with those issues;
- the cost and service delivery implications for residents and businesses of those options, including the impact of increased debt; and
- the Council's current preferred scenario for infrastructure provision.

- knowledge of the condition and performance of the assets; and
- the sustainable level of debt.
- This Strategy considers the most likely scenarios for our significant infrastructure-related decisions over the next 30 years, including projects for wastewater plant upgrades and civic (town) centre redevelopment in the next 10 years. It also covers projects beyond that timeframe - such as the Hunterville wastewater upgrades, for which the current consent expires in 2037.
- The size of the District, the scattered nature of urban areas and uncertainty about population changes mean there are some significant challenges for the Council to manage. These challenges include our ability to continue to deliver quality services that are affordable, so Council will be advocating strongly to the Government for funding assistance.

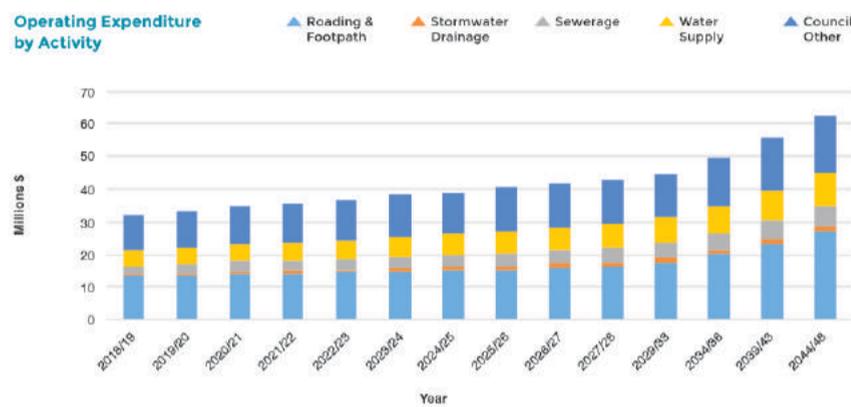
### Factors of critical importance in the strategy are:

- the projected changes in population in different parts of the District;
- the adequacy of government funding assistance for roads;
- the conditions governing resource consents for water, wastewater and (potentially) stormwater;
- Government's decisions on the findings from the Havelock North inquiry into potable water supplies;
- the affordability of maintaining current urban reticulation and treatment systems (and the ability to secure government financial assistance);
- the affordability of new fit-for-purpose civic/ community centres in Bulls, Marton and Taihape to replace earthquake-prone and outmoded facilities;
- the capacity (within the organisation and of contractors) to deliver the proposed capital programme within the projected times;

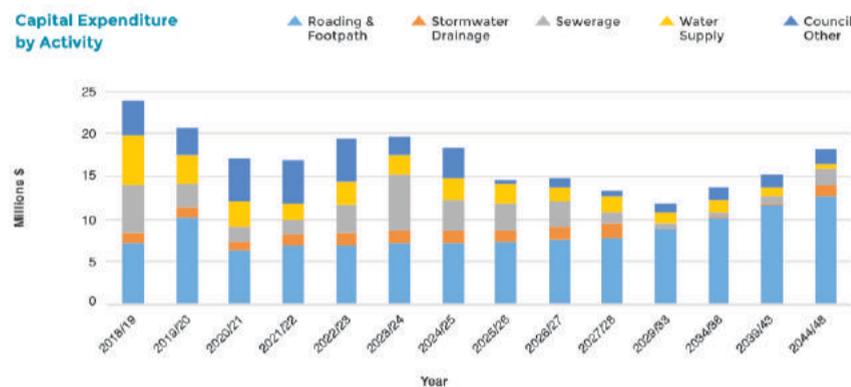
### Average rate increase

The proposed average annual rate increase in the LTP is less than 4% even though Council has some major projects coming up. The total planned expenditure on capital projects, over the next 10 years, is \$174 million. Our wastewater plants in Bulls, Marton, Ratana and Taihape need to be upgraded, which is essential for these communities. The Mangaweka Bridge is programmed to be replaced over the next three years too, this is a joint project with Manawatu District Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency. Redevelopment of community/civic facilities in Marton, Bulls and Taihape are also planned over the term of the LTP.

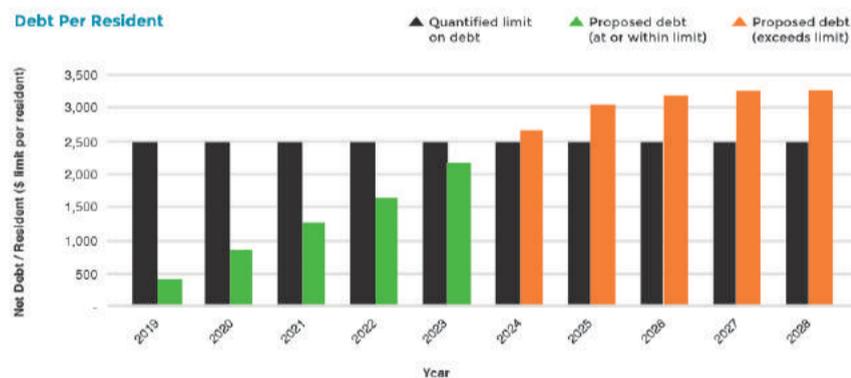
Operating Expenditure by Activity



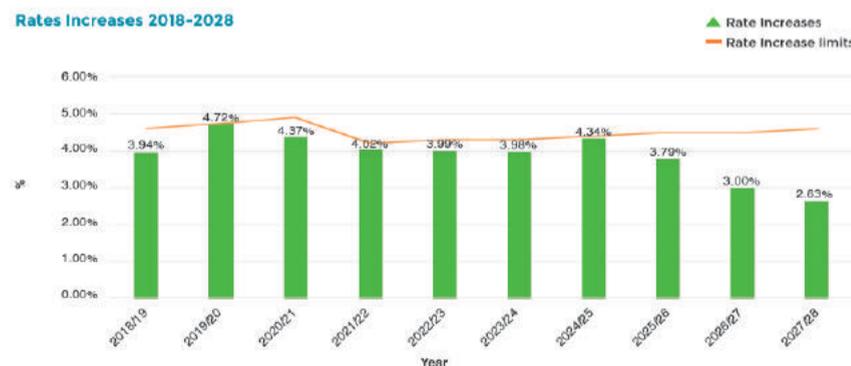
Capital Expenditure by Activity



Debt Per Resident



Rates Increases 2018-2028



## HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY



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- Send us an email to [ltp@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:ltp@rangitikei.govt.nz)
- Complete a hard copy submission form in our consultation document or pick one up from one of our offices or Libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape

Public meetings are planned across the district, for full details see the schedule of meetings on our website. The complete Consultation Document, supporting information and submission form (both PDF and electronic) is on our website - [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz). After considering all feedback Council will make decisions on the proposals and any other suggestions received from the community. We will then adopt our 2018-2028 Long Term Plan by 30 June 2018.



**HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB**

Tuesday 17th. Medal; B Philps 35, G James 36, D Penfold, J Van Loo & Joy Stantiall 39. Putting; J Van Loo on count back from B Philps 15, D Penfold 16, Joy Stantiall 17. Nearest the pin; D Wright. Saturday 21st. Allied Pickfords battle of the bridge ANZAC stableford competition: West 31.3, beat East 29.4. Snr men; K Hill by lot from D Rohde 33, G Franks 32, D Todd 31. Jnr men; N Skelton 39, D Bond 38, M Pickford 37, P Maitland 36. Women; D Todd 34, P Charlesworth 30. Two jackpot not struck. Nearest the pins struck; s/men = G Bond; j/men = J Hill; women = P Charlesworth. Taimui challenge; the Todds (Dave & Diane) bt Grant & Spike. Next challengers: Rohdezy & Pinky. Sunday 22nd. A grade pennants. A happy bunch of guys; as the team secured a 7 to 5 win over Foxton, at Taihape, in their round 6 match. All bodes well, as they've secured their second win and currently sit in 6th place, with one round remaining. The decider against Wanganui, at Levin on 6 May, should see them retain their position for the 2019 season. Coming events: Tuesday golf; 9.30 am tee off. Wednesday 25th; ANZAC day competition - 12noon tee off. Saturday 28th, president's vs Pahiatua at Hawkestone; 10.30 am tee off & round 3 Glad Beamam pairs; 11 am tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members: 1st year pay only \$250. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

**RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB.**

Results from Wed Club held on Thursday 19 April; stableford: Joe Hill 41pts, Neil Atkins 40pts, Joe Yorke & Lindsay White 38pts, Geoff Ingram & Steve Boyens 35pts, Peter Young & Ash Reed 34pts, Jullian Elliott, Peter Ritchie & Ian Whitehead 33pts, Lynne McDonald 32pts. Twos: Geoff Ingram on 16th. Best stableford on holes 8 & 9 Joe Hill (Tawhero). Lucky draw: Lyndon Moore. Saturday April 21: McVerry Crawford stableford: seniors: Mike Fagan 37pts, Ron Harris 35pts, Lynne McDonald & Bill Ward 34pts, Bronwyn Meads & Ken Boyle 33pts, Hone Morris 32pts. Juniors: Dan Scotson 39pts, Pire Wehi 37pts, Manny Dreliazis 35pts, Nepia Andrews 34pts, Bryan Northcott 33pts, Stu De Burgh 32pts and Ash Reed 31pts. Twos: Mike Fagan 3rd, Jay-Jay Boylan 5th, Stu Amor 12th.

**TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB**

Greenkeeper Merv Tiepa presented the Taihape Golf Club greens the slickest they have ever been and that, in combination with tough pin placements, made for exciting play in the Taihape v Manawatu A grade pennants face off. The game went down to the last hole, in the last pairing, where Taihape's number one Denny Thompson sunk his birdie putt, from the side of the green, to seal a 6 all draw and end Manawatu's long running winning streak. The foursomes was lead out strong, with Kerry Wells and Matt Booth winning 2/1; Koke Cashell and Denny Thompson winning 3/2; Duane Dick and Richie Nimmo losing 3/2 and Matt Thomas and Alan Thomas losing 3/1. At 2 all, at half time, Taihape knew they were in the hunt on their home course and all the afternoon singles all went down to the wire. Kerry Wells relished his recall and won 3/2; Alan Thomas lost 2/1; Matt Booth won 3/2; Duane Dick crucially won the last two holes to halve; Koke Cashell lost 3/2; Matt Thomas won 4/3; Ritchie Nimmo was unlucky to lose 1 down and Denny Thompson halved. Taihape now needs to beat Feilding plus other results to go their way, to make the semi-finals. This Sunday, the Jack Evans stableford will be contested, with the calcutta scheduled at the workingmen's club, at 6pm on Friday evening. Tee offs: 11.30: P Valentine, M Booth, J Fannin, J Clarke. 11.36: N McGuinn, G Cleaver, K Cashell, G Rose. 11.42: J Booth, B Randall, R Millner, B Bristol. 11.48: D Dick, D Mickleson, J Gilbert, K O'Brien. 11.54: K Wells, JJ Walker, D Robertson, D Pollard. 12noon: H Rose, M Tapp, A Thomas, G Thomas.

**MARTON CROQUET**

Unfortunately, both Monday and Wednesday were very windy and the ground was wet from overnight rain; so no play. Saturday 21/4/18 association; T Martyn 26 v D Winmill 20, S & L Johnson 7 v G & L Thompson 6. Golf croquet; M Vallance/J McDougall 7, 6 v L Hughes/M Meek 5, 7. Next Saturday (28/4/18) is the closing day for the season. Names in by 9.30am. Progressive play in morning and golf croquet

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**Deaths**

**WOOD**  
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Road to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic on **Sunday 29 April 2018**

Time 08.00am to 5.00pm

**Otara Road**, from Peka Road to 400m from State Highway 1

During the period of closure, if and when appropriate, provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic that would otherwise use the road.

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Notice of Meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings for **May 2018**

**Long Term Plan Consultation Document - Public meeting**

**Bulls**  
Tuesday 1st at 6.30 pm  
Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls

**Long Term Plan Consultation Document - Public meeting**

**Kauangaroa**  
Wednesday 2nd at 7.00 pm  
Kauangaroa Marae

**Santoft Domain Management Committee**

Wednesday 2nd at 7:00 pm  
Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls

**Erehon Rural Water Supply Management Sub Committee**

Wednesday 9th at 4:00 pm  
Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape

**Assets/Infrastructure Committee**

Thursday 10th at 9.30 am

**Policy/Planning Committee**

Thursday 10th at 1.00 pm

**Council - Hearing of oral submissions to "Unfolding the Plan..." (the Consultation Document for the 2018/28 Long Term Plan) and associated documents**

Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape, Wednesday 16th at 10.00 am  
Council Chamber, 46 High Street, Marton, Thursday 17th at 9.30 am

**Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee**

Monday 28th at 4.00 pm

**Finance/Performance Committee**

Thursday 31st at 9.30 am

**Council**

Thursday 31st at 1.00 pm  
Deliberations on submissions to "Unfolding the plan..." (the Consultation Document for the 2018/28 Long Term Plan) and associated documents.

All meetings are open to the public, unless there are specific items which Council resolves to consider 'public excluded'.

At least two working days before any scheduled meeting, meeting papers are available online through the Council website or in hard copy at the libraries in Taihape, Marton and Bulls and the Marton Council office.

All meetings, unless otherwise specified, will be held in the Council Chamber, 46 High Street, Marton.  
Any queries, please phone 06 327 0099 or 0800 422 522.

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CHURCH SERVICES

MARTON BIBLE CHAPEL



**Sunday April 29**  
10am  
(school holidays; no kids' club; short service)  
**Speaker:**  
Roger McLeay  
"Nehemiah"  
All Welcome

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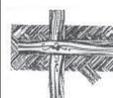
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WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday April 29**  
8.00 & 9.30am St Stephen's, Marton

**Wednesday May 2**  
10.00am St Stephen's, Marton

Contact: Parish Office 06 327 8398

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Marton Saturday Mass 10am - followed by Reconciliation  
**Bulls Saturday Mass 6pm**  
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watch and see how the game is played.

**MARTON BOWLING CLUB**

Saturday 21 April, closing day results: the last two games of the season were played in cool, blustery weather. 1st- Kevin Redshaw, Veronica Miles, Joanne Simpson(s). 2nd- Sharon George, Tania George, Kevin Mullany(s). 3rd- Joy White, Jennie Redshaw, Murray Coleman(s). It was no surprise to see great bowler and all-round lovely person, Veronica Miles, in the winning team of the day. Sadly Veronica is leaving us and moving closer to family in Tauranga; we wish her well and happy bowling! 2017-2018 season trophies were presented to the following people: ladies' singles: Jennie Redshaw; ladies' h/cap singles: Shirley Wallace; ladies' pairs: Tania George & Shirley Wallace; ladies' triples: Sharon Gordon, Tania George, Shirley Wallace(s); ladies' fours: Joy White, Sharon Gordon, Josie Bismark, Joanne Simpson(s); ladies' Gordon pairs: Joanne Simpson & Jean Coleman. Mens' singles: Alan Dickson; mens' h/cap singles: Andy Craegh; men's pairs: Andy Craegh & Tony Stockton(s); men's triples: Laurie Bismark, Micky Neumann, Kevin Mullany(s); men's fours: Ray Harding, Murray Coleman, Kevin Mullany, Micky Neumann(s), mens' Gordon Pairs: Kevin Redshaw & Andy Craegh(s). Mohan singles: Andy Craegh; junior singles: Graeme Morris. Vets' singles: Andy Craegh; vets' pairs: Andy Craegh & Tony Stockton(s); Progressive Cup: Tania George.

**HUNTERVILLE BOWLING CLUB**

Hunterville Bowling Club's closing afternoon included playing for the Aitkin Trophy, which was a wonderful way to finish the season of bowls, fun and fellowship. Club members played pairs, with three games of eight ends - the winning team being Vitaus Pecekajus and Sandra Halliday. Congratulations.



Above: Hunterville Bowling Club: Vitaus Pecekajus and Sandra Halliday - winners of the Aitkin Trophy.

Email us your Sports and Club Reports by 10am Tuesday; monitoradvertising@xtra.co.nz - up to 200 words

**LAWYERS SAY NZ PFAS CONTAMINATION IS A "TOXIC TIME BOMB"**

Locals are being warned of PFAS contamination on home soil. The NZ Defence Force has discovered that toxic firefighting foam, used at Ohakea, Woodbourne and Devonport defence force bases, has leached into soil and groundwater. Groundwater testing at Ohakea, Woodbourne and Devonport bases has shown the presence of these toxic PFAS compounds above NZ guidelines. Residents have been provided with bottled water and told not to drink from any of the affected bores and limit intake of homegrown fruit, eggs, vegetables and home kill meat. Further testing is being undertaken at Whenuapai airforce base in Auckland, complicated by the fact that the airbase sits on a large aquifer that services more than 500 bores. PFAS (or Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) are a class of manmade, long-lasting, toxic chemicals that accumulate in the body and environment and include the now-banned firefighting foam chemicals PFOS and PFOA. Shine Lawyers Tim Gunn says "Defence Force has shown that it is willing to withhold valuable information." This follows revelations that Defence Force has known about contamination since mid-2015 and didn't inform local residents, councils or central government. Mr Gunn says, "This is a dangerous case of the perpetrators also being the gatekeepers to vital information that holds life-altering weight to the community. The government's decision not to publish the testing results is in stark contrast to the Australian Defence Force's approach. It leads one to assume that NZDF is trying to manage and protect its interests and, in doing so, is failing to protect the community". Mr Gunn's advice to anyone in the affected areas is that they should push for testing of surface water/overland flow and the general biota. Residents who have received any testing reports should make sure they're testing for as many of these PFAS chemicals as they can. This means requesting the use of the TOP assay test, which shows the full range of the toxic PFAS chemicals present. The current science is that these different compounds are all just as bad as each other. Like the action in Australia, the focus of any claim for New Zealanders affected by PFAS will be on compensation for economic loss from residential, agricultural and business land as a result of the contamination. For more information head to <https://www.shinelawyers.co.nz/services/pfas-contamination-claims/>

**Seatbelt deaths a serious problem across NZ society – new research**

People in rural areas, those driving for work and the elderly were some of the groups surprising new research has found to be dying in road crashes when not wearing seatbelts. The AA Research Foundation led a project in partnership with the Ministry of Transport, NZ Police, NZ Transport Agency and ACC, to look in depth at 200 deaths involving people not buckled up and to examine the offence history of people caught not wearing a seatbelt. One of the major findings was that seatbelt deaths are not restricted to just one group. "When we analysed the 200 deaths, to understand the types of people involved, we found that along with the young, risky drivers that people might expect to feature, the other common groups were people in rural areas, people driving for work, the elderly and tourists," says AA research manager Simon Douglas. "The vast majority of people wear their seatbelt; yet up to 30% of vehicle occupant deaths in recent years haven't been buckled up. The research aimed to build a much greater understanding of who it was being involved in these crashes." Other key findings were: on average, over the last decade, 26% of vehicle occupants who died in crashes were not wearing a seatbelt; 83.5% of deaths where someone wasn't wearing a seatbelt occurred on rural roads; 53.5% of unrestrained deaths involved alcohol; 36.5% of unrestrained deaths involved fatigue; 58% of people caught by police not wearing a seatbelt had at least one previous seatbelt offence. "It's mystifying that in New Zealand the rate of people dying while not buckled up is much higher than in other countries like Australia," Mr Douglas says "The AA sees solving the seatbelt riddle as a vital part of reducing road deaths. Far too often we are seeing crashes where multiple people are in a car and the ones with seatbelts only suffer bruises and scrapes, while someone who isn't buckled up dies." The research is a first step in tackling our seatbelt problem and, now that there is a better understanding of the types of people involved, it will help better guide efforts to change their behaviour. "It won't be easy, but we need to all work together to find new ways of reaching the people not wearing seatbelts and getting them to buckle up every time they are in a car," Mr Douglas says. The full research report is available online at: <https://www.aa.co.nz/about/aa-research-foundation/programmes/seatbelt-use/>

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**April 12 Solution**

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**2 Purnell Place, Marton 718m<sup>2</sup> \$43,000 M1301**  
**143 Broadway, Marton 720m<sup>2</sup> \$75,000 M1315**