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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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Continued search for Bulls man



Police are searching for missing 54-year-old Kevin Hartley in the Scott's Ferry beach area, near Bulls.

He was last seen driving a quad bike from Parewanui Rd to the beach, towards the bombing range tower in Santoft Forest, on the

evening of Friday, 16 February.

The area is a well-known local fishing spot. Kevin's quad bike was found parked in the sand dunes. That sparked police concerns for Kevin's wellbeing and a search began. By Monday, about 100 people had joined the search for him. Searchers include NZDF personnel from Ohakea, LandSAR volunteers from the lower North Island, police search and rescue staff, friends and family, as well as members of the local community.

The search has focused on the area north of the bombing range, the sand dunes, shelter belt and forest area.

The Police National Dive Squad has also been in the area, assessing whether they are in a position to deploy. The search continued for a time into the evening on Monday and was expected to resume Tuesday.

Police extended thanks to the local Bulls community people for their co-operation and assistance.

Anyone with information, or who saw Kevin in the area on Friday, or over the weekend, is urged to contact their local police station.

Truck blown off highway



Rangitikei mostly got through the Gita tropical storm blast with a few trees blown over, a lot of debris blown around, some roof damage and disruption to power in parts of Marton and Bulls. By Wednesday, it was still a little gusty. A Tranzplans truck driving along the Cliff Rd section of SH1 was blown off the road into a fence about 8.30am on Wednesday morning. The driver and owner of the truck were on board and neither were injured; apart from few scratches. The owner of the truck said that although he came away with his life, he didn't feel very lucky. The driver said it was his second day on the job and he was wondering if he still had a job. Police and driver are pictured overseeing the crash site and waiting for rescue vehicles to remove the truck. On Tuesday, Civil Defence issued a warning that strong wind gusts could damage trees, powerlines and unsecured structures. Driving, until 6pm Wednesday, was still deemed hazardous, especially for high-sided vehicles and/or motorcycles.

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Sanson to Himitangi Tramway featured



Bulls Museum is celebrating a little-remembered local tramway that existed for over 50 years. The Sanson Tramway was built in 1884 and travelled from Sanson to Himitangi. It carried on until the Ohakea Airbase was built, ferrying materials for the building process including some of the 30,000 tons of cement used for the runways and hangars. There are very few signs of the tramway left in Sanson except for a piece of track running into a small shed situated on SH1 heading south. Some of the tracks were taken up to use as cattle stops on local farms like an example found at Glen Orua.

The exhibition at the Bulls Museum has some of the original track on display which is a much smaller gauge than normal train tracks. The Sanson Tramway came about because the government of the time was offering funding for city tramways. Consequently, the Manawatu District Council paid for tramway sized track. Over the years seven small locomotives serviced the line. The exhibition will run until the end of May.

Dudding Trust helps out



Mayor Andy Watson receives a certificate of thanks from the Rangitikei Red Cross for a \$4000 donation from the JBS Dudding Trust towards the Rise Up camps on Monday. Kandace Humphries, NZ Red Cross service centre coordinator in Palmerston North is making the presentiaion along with other local Red Cross members . Andy Watson says that we owe the Dudding Trust a fortune in this area for the number of generous donations it has given to local organisations. Rise Up is an adventure programme hosted by NZ Red Cross in Palmerston North, benefitting 10 to 12 year olds. It takes place over four days and three nights and combines a mix of outdoor education skills as well as modules to help young people along their future path.

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Young driver gets local support

Well known for its support of talented young sportspeople, John Turkington Forestry has sponsorship allowed young New Zealand motor racing sensation Liam Lawson to head for Europe in what could be a life-changing test.



Liam Lawson in his Australian Formula 4 car.

Lawson, who recently turned 16, will test a Formula 4 car with the Dutch based team Van Amersfoort Racing (VAR) at Zandvoort in Holland. If the test is successful, Lawson is likely to compete in this year's German championship, arguably the world's toughest F4 competition. That will be the next step towards his Formula One dream. John and Angela Turkington have helped youngsters in a variety of sport over the years and were aware of Liam's rising success story and were happy to cover his travel expenses to attend the European test. "It gives John and I a lot of pleasure in supporting kids to give them an opportunity to achieve their dreams," said Angela.



Liam Lawson heads to Europe for a test this week.

Lawson won the NZ Formula Ford championship last summer, with 14 wins from 15 races and then finished a remarkable second in the Australian Formula 4 championship, with 12 podiums from 21 races, including five wins. Now it's time for Lawson to head to Europe and he's under no illusion how tough this next challenge will be. "This is a big step-up for me and to work with a team like VAR is going to be a whole new experience. They're a very professional operation and they've been involved with some very successful drivers at the early stages of their careers. I'm very lucky to get the chance to test with them," says Lawson. Although there's no deal yet to compete in the German series, Lawson's backers are busy trying to secure the support to make it happen. "Without John and Angela helping with the travel costs, I'm not sure we would have made it, "sasy Liam. "I can't wait to get there and give this my very best shot," he adds. The two-day test at the Zandvoort circuit will follow two days of simulator work and a fitness assessment. The German Formula 4 championship then starts early April and finishes in September.

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HEALTH SCENE 

WDHB new patient administration computer system

Another significant piece of the regional health information computer system is now in place.

Whanganui District Health Board made the transition to a new regional patient administration computer system last weekend.

Implementation of the regional webPAS patient administration system expands the stable of key clinical IT systems Whanganui DHB has moved onto the shared regional system over recent years.

WDHB chief executive Russell Simpson says the understanding of patients and visitors will be appreciated while the new system 'settles in'.

"Even though extensive preparation, training and testing has occurred, it's always difficult to predict how new systems will behave with everyday busy loads," Mr Simpson says. "We expect that some services may operate more slowly at first, but we wish to reassure the public that that we will keep disruption to minimum."

"The system we've replaced has been used for more than 20 years, so understandably, some services may operate slightly slower than normal, for a week or two, while staff adjust to the new system."

Whanganui DHB and regional staff, as well as staff from vendor DXC, were on site to provide support and assist with any issues that might arise during the transition.

MidCentral and Wairarapa DHBs went live on the regional webPAS in December 2017 and January 2018 respectively, and will be joined in time by Hawke's Bay, Capital & Coast, and Hutt Valley DHBs.

The webPAS system is part of the Regional Health Informatics Programme - a large programme of work across the central region DHBs - which supports the National Health IT Board's vision of a national, shared health information model.

It will enable more efficient and safer delivery of health services through the centralisation and appropriate sharing of patient records between DHBs in the lower North Island. Through the shared system, health professionals will be able to access important patient information from any hospital in the lower North Island.

Website helping Kiwis buy and sell homes

A new website to help consumers make good decisions when buying or selling property, has been welcomed by Consumer NZ.

Industry regulator the Real Estate Authority (REA) has launched www.settled.govt.nz as a source of information and guidance for homebuyers and sellers.

"Buying or selling a home is one of the biggest financial decisions many Kiwis will ever make, with the potential to hugely impact their life," Consumer NZ deputy CEO Karen McDonald says.

"An independent resource, such as settled.govt.nz, goes a long way to help Kiwis make informed decisions and help them avoid blunders that could cost them dearly in the long run."

According to the REA's latest survey, just two out of five Kiwis are confident the real estate industry is professional. About one in five is confident it's transparent.

In 2017, real estate agents providing incorrect or misleading information topped the issues raised in consumer complaints and inquiries to the REA.

Failure to disclose defects or other important information about a property was the second most common issue raised. Advertising faux pas, poor customer service and incorrect sale and purchase agreements rounded out the top five.

Mrs McDonald says a recent Consumer NZ survey shows how heavily decisions around home ownership affect people's lives. "Three in five homeowners with a mortgage were just getting by or finding it difficult on their present income and a third had cut back spending on essentials such as groceries or power."

More rivers more suitable for swimming

An independent report has shown that water quality for sediment and E coli has improved over the past 7-10 years in the Horizons Regional Council region. The report says there are encouraging signs that interventions are collectively contributing to regional water quality improvements.

The case study, conducted by LWP Ltd and reviewed by NIWA and StatsNZ, was commissioned jointly by the Ministry for the Environment and Horizons Regional Council as a way to understand improving water quality trends in the Manawatu-Whanganui region.

Ministry for the Environment deputy secretary -water, Cheryl Barnes, says the study provides useful information for central and regional government.

"It shows that considerable progress can be made in reasonably short timeframes. The key was taking a planned, whole of catchment approach and prioritising effort and investment where it would make the most difference," says Ms Barnes.

Lead author of the report, Dr Ton Snelder, says the report has shown strong evidence of regional improvement in water quality over the past ten years for sediment (suspended sediment, water clarity, and turbidity), as well as for E coli.

"The reduction in sediment and E coli has improved water quality for swimming. Overall, the modelling concluded there has been a 5 to 8 percent improvement in 'swimmability' in the region in the decade ending in 2016," says Dr Snelder.

"The study found associations between the proportion of the upstream catchment that was subject to land management interventions and the magnitude of the water quality improvements."

Horizons Regional Council natural resources and partnership group manager Dr Jon Roygard says the case study demonstrates how regulatory and non-regulatory intervention, including the benefits of supporting farm plans, targeting action on highly erodible land, upgrading "point source" discharges and undertaking fencing and planting of stream margins, can effectively improve water quality.

Longterm, targeted interventions, such as voluntary farm plans to reduce hill country erosion are in place under Horizons' Sustainable Land Use Initiative. SLUI came into effect following a major storm event in 2004. The programme is funded by central government, ratepayers and landowners, with assistance from the Ministry of Primary Industries. In addition to reducing erosion, SLUI aims to improve water quality and increase the resilience of the regional economy. This initiative includes measures such as tree planting and 'retiring' erosion prone land by fencing it off and letting it revert to shrub or native forest.

"To date 683 Whole Farm Plans, covering over 500,000 hectares, have included advising on 'best' farm practice and the planting of 14 million trees and over 570 kilometres of waterways being fenced," says Dr Roygard.

"Further fencing and planting has also been completed through Freshwater grants and a Clean Up Fund project through the Manawātū River Leaders' Forum."

The case study highlights strong statistical association between water quality improvement and "point source" interventions. This includes significant upgrades to sewage treatment plants under the Clean Up Fund, and point source discharge consents.

Ms Barnes says the study's results show encouraging signs that local interventions, co-funding, and applied science are collectively contributing to regional water quality improvement.

"This information will be a useful contribution to national freshwater policy development."

BITS n' PIECES

Sweet Dreams and other stories in song.

Marion Players' Theatre - 7.30pm, Friday 23 February. Tickets from Ray White, Broadway, Marton.

Jumble Sale - 73b Station Rd, Marton - Saturday 24 February, 9am.

Rangitikei Faith Trail - Saturday 24 February, 9.30am - 4pm. Join the Anglican Parish of Rangitikei to tour eight historic churches. Phone Sue 021 201 4483.

Mangaweka Day - Saturday 3 March from 10am - at Mangaweka Museum and Mangaweka Fire Station. Take a walk around the village and visit cafes and galleries. The museum will be open. Bring your own memorabilia. Cuppa available ... see photos on the Mangaweka School Facebook page. For more info, contact Margaret 06 3825702.

Taihape Gumboot Day - Saturday 3 March at Taihape Memorial Park, Kokako St, between 10 am to 4 pm. Lots to see and do as well as gumboot throwing.

Marton Boat Fishing Competition - Saturday 3 March. Start Wanganui Bar 6.45am. Entry forms at McIlwaine Mitre 10, Ward Furniture, Pilky's Automotive and Centennial Dairy. Ph Terry Liggett - 06 327 6371.

Marton Harvest Festival - Sunday 25 March.... Marton Park. Keep this date free. On the day, bring in your beer brew, giant pumpkins, vegetables or fruit. See chef Jax ...in action . Stalls and lots of activities.

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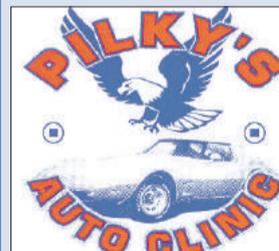
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"Have learnt to ignore behaviours that can be safely ignored and to pick my battles, instead of wasting energy on the little things."

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CLUB SCENE



Bulls Friendship Club.

Four weeks into the new season already. 2018 is simply flying. The year got off to rather a false start, as our first week back into the fray, after the New Year's break, was disrupted by the literally last minute withdrawal of our booked entertainer. The president and I had to flap about arranging a substitute programme from our own resources and fortunately, both Graham and Alison proved to be more than adequate substitutes. Thank you both. The following week, Liz Davies came and performed for us. I always enjoy her programme of music and this time was no exception. For the ninth of February we had something new. "For Folk's Sake" was a group of seven performers (although I believe there are sometimes a few more) from Palmerston North, who played all manner of instruments, including a harp and spoons, in the course of their hour long performance. Really great stuff and we shall definitely be inviting them back later in the year. Last Friday, we enjoyed once again Beryl and Phyllis, "The Melody Makers." Our entertainment next week is Roy and MaryAnne Shadbolt. As secretary as well as treasurer, I'm currently doing the administrative tasks necessary for our annual "Just Friends Day" which this year, will be on Wednesday 21 March in the Presbyterian hall. Invites have already been sent to our fellow clubs and we are looking forward to it.

The Bulls Friendship Club meets Fridays (there are occasional exceptions such as the Friday following Just Friends Day and Good Friday) at the Friendship Hall on the corner of Daniel St, with the programme commencing at 2pm, doors open at about 1.30pm. We are a small but amiable club - so if you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

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Marton Friendship Club

Morris St hall open from 1pm every Friday. The aim of this club is to give people on their own and also retirees a safe place to spend an afternoon in good company. We always have an hour of entertainment, usually a band and a cuppa to close our day. Visitors are welcome. Today was a fashion parade. To mention a few of the 14 members who made our day - all were brilliant but only a few fit on my report. Billy - in his lovely kilt and his bright yellow ladies bloomers underneath. John - as Quick Draw McGraw cowboy outfit, hat, belt and guns (wood). Now the ladies - Jean Mac - our hippy. Pat - a bit of flower power - remember those days! Carol was our dizzy blonde. Tari the Scottish Kiwi and many more. Raffles won by Anne, Betty, John, Dawn and Billy. Music was supplied by Anne, to fill our day.

This club is always friendly, a bit noisy but happy. Come along and join us. Entertainment this Friday is the River Folk. A very good Wanganui group. See you there.

FROM THE PULPIT



We are nearly 8 weeks into the new year. Did you make a New Year's resolution? Have you been able to keep it?

What is a resolution? It can be the analysis of something and converting it to another form. E.g. I have been walking but it's not enough to get rid of my middle age spread. So what can I add to my exercise to help or assist in making the change? Resolution can be the solving of doubt, problems or questions. As above, what can I do and how?

Resolution means resolve or a thing resolved. Resolved on good resolutions, that is intentions that one forms mentally for good conduct or better conduct, character, health, prosperity etc. A resolute person has a temper or character that has a boldness and firmness of purpose. Their mind or action is determined, decided, not wavering but unshrinking.

So, why is it that our good intentions or resolutions are often so hard to keep?

It is to do with our carnality. All mankind has blood tainted by sin that makes us weak in making right choices and keeping good resolutions. Sin comes from the enemy of our soul, the opposition of God. This opposition will always tempt us into making wrong choices, breaking our resolutions or staying as we are. God is resolute in His purpose of setting us free and moulding us into who we were originally created to be. This comes by the shed, sin free blood of the Son of God. Jesus Christ, being completely resolute, the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:8) Who was and is and is to come (Rev 4:8). Jesus has resolute power, power to dissolve and disintegrate our bad choices, habits, addictions and the consequences thereof. It doesn't have to be New Year to make a resolution to follow Jesus. Ask Him to come into your life. To forgive your wrong thoughts and actions and make you be more resolute. You will not become perfect, as is no man, but you will receive, resolute and resolute power into your soul to help you make change for good. May God bless you in 2018.

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Nga Tawa repeats 100% pass rate



Year 12 student Lydia Whyte achieved a Year 13 scholarship in History and English and was one point off a similar outcome in Classics.

Nga Tawa students have achieved a 100% pass rate across NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 for the second year running. An impressive 97.2% of Nga Tawa's Year 13 students gained University Entrance.

Principal, Lesley Carter says this remarkable result is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of students, their families and her tireless teaching staff.

"There is no academic entrance test for enrolling at Nga Tawa. These results reflect the nurturing and encouraging environment that exists here and the individualised programmes we put in place," she says.

Carter says there were some outstanding observations noted in the recently released NCEA Principal's Report. Nga Tawa Level 1 and Level 3 results were the highest they have been in over five years. Students at NCEA Level 1 achieved significantly above the national averages, with 45.5% attaining Excellence endorsed - 17.2% higher than other decile 8 - 10 New Zealand schools.

"This is great endorsement of my team's number one goal to see Nga Tawa graduates emerge as confident, articulate and resilient young women who are equipped to succeed at tertiary education and live lives of great meaning," Mrs Carter says.

Three year project complete



Hunter Herbert enjoys the Bulls Kindergarten's new sandpit in their newly finished playground project.

Having had their fort removed, due to safety concerns in 2014, Bulls Kindergarten created a vision for new developments in their playground.

January 2015, the vision was brought to life through landscape plans and the playground upgrade began in January 2016.

Once this phase was completed, the kindy community went into full-on fundraising mode, so the final stage could be completed.

This February, thanks to the many hours of hard work put in by parent volunteers on the kindergarten committee, huge support from the kindergarten families and from the wider Rangitikei community, the kindy children are experiencing the new space for the first time.

Total Landscape Solutions brought the vision to life with a new sandpit, storage shed, plantings, a working kitchen sink, pavings, a large deck and a water wall.

"The children are absolutely loving exploring and experimenting with all the space has to offer," says Kerri Osborne, head teacher. "They tell us it is "like being at the beach."

Marton's new taxicab business



Town "N" Country Cabs Steve and Liz Dowdle with their new 8-seater cab

Town "N" Country cabs has opened for business in Marton.

Owner Steve Dowdle says, "We have been operating for a couple of weeks now, with our recently acquired 8-seater Mazda MVP cab."

Steve's wife Liz is the driver. She has a passenger service licence and previous experience in driving cabs. While Town "N" Country cabs generally serves the local area, they will take passengers anywhere in the North Island! Just give them a call for a price.

This venture marks the first time the couple has run a business and they are excited at the prospect. Steve adds, "Our aim is to provide a friendly, efficient service and we are keen to support local community organisations in the future."

Liz and Steve are grateful for assistance given them by Mike Pilkington (Pilkly's Auto), Bryce Tasker (Mad Toms), Mark Chamberlain (Coombe Smith Accounting) and David Woodbridge & Jenny Pain (Evans Henderson Woodbridge) in helping set up the business. Their daughter Renee and her partner Shaun have also been a huge help. Town "N" Country Cabs operate from Monday to Saturday, with daily hours increasing towards the end of the week. Cabs are available from 9am to 7pm on a Monday, 9am to 8.30pm Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am to 11pm Thursday and 9am to 1am on Fridays and Saturdays. However, customers will be able to organise a cab for after 1am on Friday or Saturday, provided they make the booking before 11pm. Town "N" Country cabs is also trialling a Sunday service for the next four weeks, after which they will decide if there is enough demand for it to remain a regular part of their service. The cab service also offers extended hours for social or work functions but they need 24 hours' notice to ensure they are available.

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Summer gardening

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LIGHT

There are two sources of light; sunlight (or solar) and manmade artificial light, normally from electricity, using incandescent light bulbs, halogen, fluorescent and LED lighting. Plants can grow in artificial light dependent on the spectrum such as a combination of cool white fluorescent with a incandescent light bulb (which are harder to find these days) or Gro-lux tubes.

Plants need light to preform photosynthesis by which green plants and certain other organisms use the energy of light to convert carbon dioxide and water, into the simple sugar glucose. In so doing, photosynthesis provides the basic energy source for virtually all organisms.

Oxygenic photosynthesis functions as a counterbalance to respiration; it takes in the carbon dioxide produced by all breathing organisms and reintroduces oxygen into the atmosphere.

So, here we have two of the most important aspects of plants - they need/use light -sunlight to blue and red light and reflect other colours, resulting in the green colour we see.

Through experimentation, it has been determined that red light has a stronger impact on the rate of photosynthesis than the same intensity of blue light.

The intensity of light is important for maximizing the rate of photosynthesis. The optimal light level for photosynthesis is 10,000 lux. Lux is a unit for measuring light intensity. Low light intensity lowers the rate of photosynthesis. However, after reaching an intensity of 10,000 lux, there is no increase in the rate. The rate of photosynthesis may in fact be lowered as chlorophyll is bleached from the chloroplast and the plant's stomas are closed to slow down water lost through respiration. Another aspect is, radiation passing through clouds heats the earth's surface but the clouds prevent that heat from dissipating into the atmosphere. Example of this is in winter; if it's a cloudy sky at night, little chance of a frost but if a clear sky heat escapes and a frost settles.

In my opinion, plants are receiving much less than the ideal (10,000 lux) of sunlight, UVA and UVB are reducing the plant's ability to convert the lessor light to carbohydrates. Plants are not growing as they used to do in the past.

Powdery mildew; to change the subject, is starting to appear on susceptible plants which as it spreads will finish them off for the season. I have found that a spray of Super Neem Tree

Oil with Raingard added wipes out the white powdery residue and makes the leaf greener again.

That allows the plant to continue getting energy from the sun and maybe allows a few pumpkins to reach full maturity or similar with some other crops.

Cover with Bug Mesh. On one side and at the ends, use earth to hold it down. On the final side, bits of old 50x100 or stones which you can easily remove to allow you to tend the plants as needed. This will keep butterflies out and create a micro-climate, which will encourage better growth.

Silverbeet, spinach and lettuce are good hardy plants for growing now, as seed or seedlings. If planting hearting type lettuce at this time, plant somewhere which only gets morning or late day sunlight. Planting in all day sun can cook the inside of the lettuce head, which causes it to rot.

When the weather cools, then plant winter lettuce in full sun areas again. Carrots, parsnips and onions seeds can be sown now but remember, with any seeds sown, that the area must be kept moist by watering regularly so it does not dry out during establishment. With carrots and parsnips, sprinkle Neem Tree Powder along with the seeds and when the tops are up about an inch or so, then side dress the row with the same. This helps reduce or prevent carrot fly damaging them.

Broadbeans can be planted now but I prefer to leave them till later about May or June, as you need bumble bees around to pollinate them when they flower, plant too early and its still winter when they start to flower and no pollination as no bees around.

If you like to grow peas or sugar snap peas, then do so on areas you are not going to use for growing other winter crops. They are then used as a cover crop or fodder crop with the advantage of having peas to harvest before you turn the crop in. Gardeners who live in warmer areas, or have the advantage of a glasshouse, can have an extended season of growing more sensitive plants such as tomatoes and capsicums.

Capsicums and chillies are perennials, not annuals and it is only the cold or frosts that can cause them to fail in winter. If grown in containers, they can easily be moved to a sunny, protected place or into a glasshouse for winter.

If growing currently in open ground, then you can lift and put them into a reasonable sized container. To do this, without knocking them back too much, spray the plant with Vaporgard on a nice sunny day. Endeavour to spray the whole plant, under and over foliage, as this takes stress off the plant and facilitates transplanting.

Do this as soon as possible, while there is still good growing time and pick all fruit that is usable before spraying and transplanting a few days later.

As I am fortunate to have four glasshouses, I have just sown some tomato and cucumber seeds to grow into the winter period. Ideally, the tomato varieties should be cold tolerant such as Russian Red.

Cold tolerant will produce pollen in lower temperatures compared to heat loving varieties, which will flower but produce no pollen.

If you have suitable tomato plants growing, then you can strike new plants quickly from the laterals.

The quick way to do this is spray laterals on the parent plant with Vaporgard, leave for a day or two then nip them off at the base/junction and put into a small pot with a compost mix. Keep mix moist and they will soon root up and produce new growth. Once the plant has filled the allowable root zone of the container, repot into a large container that is 20 litres or more. Plant the young plant much deeper, as they can produce roots all the way up the trunk making for a bigger, better plant faster. Use my secret tomato food, to ensure steady growth and you should be able to set a number of trusses with fruit to mature as we go into winter.

This will provide you with a late crop at a time when the cost of tomatoes has increased. As the weather cools you have to be very careful with your watering allowing the mix to dry between waterings and not to apply too much water at any one time.

Cold weather and wet feet will bring an end to the life of a heat loving plant very quickly.

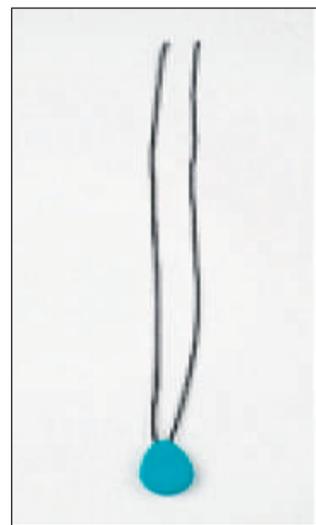
If you have dug up a capsicum or chili plants and potted them up, go extra careful with watering, as the earth mix will retain a lot more moisture between waterings in winter.

If you are successful in keeping these plants alive through winter then in the spring you can cut back and repot and have a mature plant to give you a big head start in the new season.

New safe Wandersearch Tracking system

You might wonder how the new tracking device offered by Alzheimers Whanganui works and just what it actually is?

The Wandersearch Tracking device is worn around a person's neck. The system is already used by Land Search and Rescue and NZ Police according to Colin Wright, from NZ Police and OC of Whanganui Search and Rescue. It's used to track and search for people living with dementia or autism, who have walked from their place of residence.



How does it work?

A pendant is worn by the person. The pendant emits a pulse using a specific frequency, which is detected using a radio tracking unit and a directional finding aerial. The pulse strengthens as the tracking unit approaches the pendant.

MAZDA Foundation has funded the pendants and the tracking equipment for Alzheimers Whanganui. All they ask is that you become a member of Alzheimers Whanganui (\$25 per annum) and pay for the battery replacement - (\$60 every 6 months) How do I get one?

Contact Alzheimers Whanganui, 06 345 8833 or email: admin@alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz

Appeal week

This week, Alzheimers Whanganui ask that you show your support for the services they deliver, to make life better for all people in our community who are affected by dementia. Alzheimer's Whanganui street appeal takes place in Bulls, Marton and Taihape on Friday 23 February.

Please give generously to this much needed service. Alzheimer's Whanganui is a registered charity operating across Whanganui, Taihape, Rangitikei and the Waimarino. They are dedicated to making life better for all people affected by dementia. With the appropriate support, people with dementia can continue as productive, valued and contributing members of our communities.

Watch out for street collectors, wearing blue bibs, around the local communities on Friday 23 Feb. All money collected will go towards continued community services.

Alzheimer's Whanganui greatly appreciates your contribution and the support of all its collectors who give their time so generously.

You can also make a donation online at www.alzheimers.org.nz/whanganui or pop in and see us at 5/136 Victoria Ave (next to Barbertown) Whanganui.

Giant pumpkins can win prizes in the giant pumpkin and giant produce competition run by the Rangitikei District Monitor and Stewart Street Surgery on Marton Harvest Fair day

Marton Harvest Fair 2018

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Small change in mānuka honey definition

Gumboot Day plans well underway



The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has reissued the general requirements for bee products export notice.

The revised Notice adjusts the level of a chemical marker known as 2'-MAP from greater than or equal to 5 mg/kg, to greater than or equal to 1 mg/kg, for the definition for multifloral mānuka honey. There is no change to the definition for monofloral mānuka honey, which remains at equal or greater than 5mg/kg for 2'-MAP. The implementation date of the notice remains 5 February.

The change means that the legal claim challenging the definition by New Zealand Beekeeping has been resolved.

“Late last week, as part of its legal claim, New Zealand Beekeeping provided additional information about the impact of the definition on multifloral honey. Also, we were presented with a summary of new analysed test results from an industry science group.

“This information showed that the definition for identifying multifloral mānuka honey was initially set too conservatively and would exclude legitimate multifloral honey,” says Bryan Wilson, MPI’s deputy director-general regulation and assurance.

“We hope the industry will see this as a signal of MPI’s ongoing commitment to a collaborative science programme focused on continuous improvement to the science that supports the definition of mānuka honey.”

More information on the mānuka honey definition can be found on MPI’s website - <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/honey-and-bees/manuka-honey/>



Time to practise throwing gumboots - in preparation for the annual Taihape Gumboot Day in March.

Plans are well underway for Taihape’s annual day out. The Taihape Gumboot Day is on Saturday 3 March at Taihape Memorial Park, Kokako St, between 10 am to 4 pm.

Everyone is invited to Taihape to spend a great fun filled family day out.

It is gold coin entry and there are lots of free activities. Kids can go to the Taihape website and download a copy of this year’s colouring in competition and possible stallholders can also contact info@taihape.co.nz

There are competitions such as the “Decorate an A3-size Paper Gumboot” and Taihape Pharmacy is sponsoring a photo competition. They are both judged on the Friday prior and announced via Facebook pages Taihape NZ and NZ Gumboot Day and entries will be displayed at Gumboot Day. There is also a Best Selfie at Taihape Gumboot Day competition.

There will be lots of food, fundraising, information and arts and crafts stalls. Activities on Gumboot Day include a bouncy castle, activity tent for rock painting and crafts, team competitions (including gumboot plank and sack racing, the feature event, Gumboot Throwing (of course!), face painting and more to see on the day.

Consumer News

Win on ATM fees

ANZ’s decision to remove the \$1 fee it charges customers for using another bank’s ATM follows a call from Consumer NZ for all banks to remove these charges.

Last year, Consumer NZ called on ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Kiwibank, The Cooperative Bank and Westpac to remove the fees. ANZ chief executive David Hisco decided to further investigate the matter. The bank found people regarded the fee as unfair because, even though they were using another bank’s ATM, they were still accessing their own money. The fee kicks in when a consumer uses a competing bank’s ATM. ANZ estimates it does eight million such transactions annually. It announced it would remove the fee from 26 March. It is also reducing or simplifying other fees and charges this year. Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin said this was a great outcome, following the concerns it raised. ANZ is the biggest bank in, NZ. She hoped the other banks would follow its lead - which they have.

Consumer NZ sunscreen complaint results in action

A Consumer NZ complaint about a sunscreen that failed to meet its label claims has resulted in manufacturer Johnson & Johnson agreeing to only sell products that meet the joint Australian and NZ standard.

The decision comes three years after Consumer NZ found the company’s Neutrogena Sensitive Skin SPF60+ sunscreen failed to provide the very high protection it claimed.

Consumer NZ lodged a complaint with the Commerce Commission.

The commission’s investigation resulted in Johnson & Johnson signing court enforceable undertakings that all its products would now meet the voluntary standard.

Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin said she was pleased with the outcome but wanted all manufacturers to meet the sunscreen standard. “We’ve been campaigning for a mandatory standard for years. In a country with one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, it’s not good enough that sunscreens can be sold that don’t meet their label claims,” Ms Chetwin said. This isn’t the first time Consumer NZ has found differences between its test results and those of manufacturers.

For the investigation results see consumer.org.nz



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MARTON GOLF CLUB

Saturday 3 February: P O'Connor, S Duncan, G McLay 43; G Marshal 42; M Peina, A Bremner 41; R Yorke, D Oliver, P Simpson 40; C Bary, T Mischewski, D Angove 39; T Calkin, B Buck, D Green, GV Calkin 38. Twos: 3rd S Duncan, T Calkin; 6th D Oliver, B McGinniss, T Calkin; 17th D Oliver, D Arnott, N Belsham. Being here; L Wake, K Field. Ladies' Summer Cup; E Clark 57; runner-up, A Bary 58. Winner of the Summer Cup; J Hughes 59.5; runner-up, S Duncan 60.5. Opening day, Saturday 10 February; R/B, 18 starters: M Gilmour + L Peina 64; M Peina + N McDermott 65; P Skou + C Ellery; T Gilmour + M Simpson 66. President's trophy; Marton v Rangitikei; 7 1/2 to 6 1/2. Saturday competition: 25 starters; S Duncan 43; G Mclvor 42; S Muir, R Yorke 41; P O'Connor, B Wingate, K Feild, C Williams, R Ellery 40; T Calkin, D Angove, H Bremner 37. Being here; G Marshall. Twos: 3rd M Peina, N McDermott, H Bremner, A Bremner, T Hammond, A Bary, P Simpson, E Clark; 6th P O'Connor, H Bremner. Next week; medal. Duty: D Green; bar T Calkin, D Oliver. 1st round shootout; 1st round Medal Cup.

MARTON TWILIGHT GOLF

February 7; golfers; D Melody 24; D Chapman, E Grant, S Olney 21; R Winn, K Ansley 19. Non-golfers; D Hyland 49; J Webb 50; N Besinga, T Biss-Benet 57. February 14; golfers; A Fairburn, L Kleinschmidt 21; J Webb 20. Non-golfers; D Heidemann 51; J Rooke 56; A Gunn 61. Lucky draw; A Clarke.

MARTON LADIES' 18 HOLE GOLF

Wednesday, February 14; ladies' opening day. We had a 6x6x6 competition; playing in pairs. 6 holes; four ball, best ball; 6 holes ambrose and 6 holes foursomes. First place; Sharon Jensen & Leighann Belsham 51 points; 2nd, Erica Clark & Sue Abraham 49 points; on countback from 3rd; Caroline Watson & Diane Chapman 49 points; 4th Jenny Ritchie & Noeline McDermott 47 points. Twos: Allie Bary on the 6th - the Kevin Jensen sponsored hole. Wednesday 28 February; Par Cup. Starters; V Tattle & E Clark. Cards; N McDermott & E Bowler. Duty V Tattle.

MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF

A great start to our 2018 golfing year with a turnout of 34 playing on our opening day. Excellent weather, despite predicted incoming cyclone, plus great course conditions made for good golf. This was followed up with Wanganui East Meat Market sponsored BBQ and birthday cake for Futch. Results as follows: 1st division: 1st Alan Bates 32, 2nd Murray Crawford 33. 2nd division: 1st Mike Morland 30, 2nd Sheena Marshall 31, 3rd Barb Crawford 32, 4th Dave McDougall 34. 3rd division: Marianne Morland 34, 2nd Lyn Shaw 35 c/b Jan Cook 35 c/b. Lucky card winner: John Christie. Raffle winner: Gillian Campbell. Next week's competition is fourball. Starters: Bryan Hamerton & Barb Crawford. Cards: Dave McDougall & Bob Barrett. Kitchen: Clare Aston.

RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB

Results 10/2/18: club day; American foursomes: S Martin & L Leary 57, T Shannon & R Nimmo 61, A Bonnor & D Goddard 62.1, N Martin & 4 Lambert 62.5. 14/2/18: opening day; ambrose: 1st N Martin, J McAlley, J Griffiths, J Adkins, L Leary nett 56.2; 2nd J Alabaster, D King, M Young, H Bismark, J Guiniven nett 59.9. 14/2/18: nine hole ambrose: 1st P Ross, T Dory, M Jonasse; 2nd S Russell, J Virtue, D Gregory.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results from Wednesday 14 February: stableford: Alan Torstonson & Jullian Elliot 43pts, Henry Potaka & Ron Harris 41pts, Graemae Stephens, Neil Atkins, Ian Whitehead & Geoff Ingram 40pts, Bryan Eades 39pts, Mark Neville, Wilfred Hansen, Peter Young, Rob Giles, & Joseph Tapper all 36pts, Dan Scotson, Michelle Mossop, Clive Robinson, Pat Pearce & Neville Berendt all 35pts. Twos: Rex Wilson, Henry Potaka & Neville Berendt 3rd, Bryan Eades & Clive Robinson 16th. Lucky draw: Rex Wilson. Results from Jill Hall's 8-iron tournament: held 16 February, with only 3 - clubs used. Fun was had by everyone. Cynthia Luckham 41pts, Brent Vann & John Luckham 40pts, Al-ek White & Margie Rodgers 38pts, Rob Giles, Peter Field, Tamati Anaru, Lesley Radonovich & Locheen Howie all 37pts, Marie Brennan, Marty Field, Jenny Anderson, Michelle Mossop & Karen Fallaver all 36pts, Kuia Byford, Nepia Andrews, Mike Fagan (PNth), Linda McAllister, Shirley Ballard & Allan Meihana all 35pts. Twos: Marty Field, Ron Harris, Ian Whitehead & Pire Wehi on 3rd, Rob Giles 5th. Closest to the pins: ladies on 12th: Locheen Howie. Closest to the pins: men on 5th: Marty Field. Best 3rd shot - ladies on 10th: Jill Hall. Best 3rd shot - men on 17th: Brent Vann. Results from opening day, 17 February Rangitikei Tavern stableford: seniors: Murry Bruhn 44pts, Nic Bligh 41pts, Liz Kane & Gary Cuthbertson 40pts, Lynne McDonald, Michelle Mossop, Lyndon Moore & Marty Field all 39pts, Ron Harris 38pts, Liz Kinloch, Hone Morris, Judy Cooksley & David Goddard 37pts. Juniors: Brent Vann 43pts, Bruce Kinloch & Peri Wehi 42pts, Clive Robinson & Stu Amor 41pts, Nepia Andrews 40pts, Alan Wix 39pts, Heather Craig 38pts, Peter Young, Mark Neville & Porky Featherston 37pts. Twos: Pire Wehi, Marty Field 3rd, Peter Field 12th, Michelle Mossop 16th. Opening day competition - coloured ball. 1 Liz Kane, Alan Wix, Stu Amor - 278 pts. 2 Liz Kinloch, Lynne McDonald, Ron Harris & Murray Bruhn - 267pts. 3 Marty Field. Nearest pin, 12th: Mark Tainui.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 13th: nine hole multiplying stableford. R Little 73, L Neumann 49, B Hills 42, G Burgess, D Penfold 41; B Parlane, J Van Loo, J Stantiall 31. Nearest pin; J Stantiall. Saturday 10th; Atkins & Associates Gracie Cup medal: G Franks nett 64, Joy Stantiall 66, Pam Charlesworth 67, B Hantz 68, D Wright 71. Two's jackpot; 25 balls not struck. 9 hole men 2017 competition prize winners: champion; B Hills. Runner up; R Little. Top qualifier; G Burgess snr. Medal; G James & R little. Putting; G Burgess snr. Stableford; R Little. Jessie Rhodes; G Burgess snr. Ecclectic; B Philips. Coming events: Tuesday summer golf 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 24th Glad Beaman pairs, 1st round; 11.00 am tee off. Sunday 25 February; Presidents vs Linton at Linton; 10.00 am tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

The Taihape A grade pennant team got underway against the strong and rebuilt Palmerston North side in Whanganui. Missing some of their key members, the Taihape team fought hard but

Public Notices

MOTUKAWA FARM TRUST
 SPECIAL Meeting of Owners
 Motukawa 2B16B4
 Saturday 10 March 2018
 At, Opaea Marae, Taihape
 Hui starts at 11.00am

1. Mihi/karakia
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Chairman's Report
4. Financial Reports 2015 to 2017
5. Review of Trust Order
 - 5.1 - Clause 4 apply to Court for
 - approval if trustee is employed
 - in any capacity whatsoever by
 - the trust
 - 5.2 - Clause 7(a)(iii)
 - Reduce Quorum owners
 - To eight (8) instead of 15
 - 5.3 - Clause 4(e)(ii) apply to Court for
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6. Election of five trustees
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were outclassed in a 2 points to 10 loss in the opening match of the year. In the morning foursomes Denny Thompson and Koke Cashell left a few putts short going down 5/3, a resurged Alan Thomas & Matt Thomas were very consistent for a 3/1 win, Matt Booth & Danny Mickleson combined well but were undone by an 3 hole opposition Houdini act, Pete Valentine

Sport continued on pg 11...

Public Notices

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Temporary Closure of Various Roads to Vehicular Traffic

Pursuant to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, Notice is hereby given that the Rangitikei District Council, for the purpose of permitting Taihape District Car Club, Papakai Road Hill Climb, will close the following roads listed hereunder to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period as stated.

Road to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic on **Saturday 24 February 2018**

08.00am till 06.00 pm
Papakai Road

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

Ross McNeil
 Chief Executive

RANGITIKEI
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Notice of Meetings

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

Council
 Thursday 1st at 1.00 pm
This meeting was previously advertised as occurring on Thursday 22nd February
Assets/Infrastructure Committee
 Thursday 15th at 9.30 am
Policy/Planning Committee
 Thursday 15th at 1.00 pm
Finance/Performance Committee
 Thursday 29th at 9.30 am
Council
 Thursday 29th at 1.00 pm

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

Ross McNeil
 Chief Executive

Marton Boat Fishing Competition
 Saturday 3rd March 2018
 Entry Fee: \$25.00 per person
 Start time over Wanganui Bar : 6.45am
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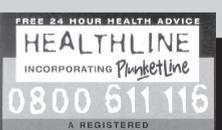
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and Nick McGuinn relished their A grade debuts, going down on the 14th. In the afternoon singles matches, A Thomas was undone on the last, after finding tree trouble in his approach; losing 2 down. M Booth required some more golf in his holiday itinerary; losing 5/3, K Cashell was mistake free and provided the only afternoon, point - winning 4/2. D Mickleson lost 5/3. N McGuinn will be better for the experience; losing 6/5. P Valentine again lost on the 14th. D Thompson could not keep up with his opponent's sub-par performance; losing 5/4 and M Thomas could not hole his putts to apply any pressure; losing 4/2. With the A grade team away, an 18 strong field enjoyed the conditions back on the home turf. JJ Walker shows again he is one to look out for, shooting a comprehensive 86 off the stick for 43 points. James Fannin found his feet with 42 points, Kevin O'Brien continues to do well with 39, Fran Robertson led the ladies in with 39 points. John McKinnon found time away from the hobby farm; shooting 37 points and Ken Cribb also shot 37 points. Twos were registered by Richard Millner and James Fannin on the 14th. Next week, the president's trophy game has been delayed to another date, so it is an ideal opportunity for opening matches to be played.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

Saturday and Sunday saw the men's singles open championship played in good conditions. A reasonable field, the support of some non playing markers and confident players, produced some skilled play. However, one player (who will remain nameless) decided to change his bowls, then over the course of the game, proceeded to put down 5 wrong biases. The explanation was that there were no stickers on one bowl and he couldn't tell which side the bias was on! Mind you, he was not the only player to send a wrong bias down either. Perhaps the concentration was too fierce. On Sunday, three players battled on (one with two lives left). The first to go was Bob Cauldwell, taken out by Lez Wineera, then the final was played, with Lez against Edgar Jones, with two lives left. At 16 all, Edgar pulled out all the stops and scored a three, then a two in the next end, to take out the trophy 21-16. It was a different story with the men's senior championship pairs with Lez and Rick Wineera taking out Warren Hausman and Kevin Sprott in the final there. Next Saturday, all club members are invited to Himatangi for the inaugural match of the sea meets river trophy. This will be played as a home and away, over two separate days, on a points basis. BBQ lunch available. This is a call to all members to support the club and meet the neighbours and have a great day out. Meet at the club by 930am, Saturday 24th, to arrange transport - be good to have some ladies as well. Our thoughts and support go out to Pat Hartley, as she waits for news of her son Kevin, missing on a fishing trip at the time of writing this.

HUNTERVILLE BOWLS

The Hunterville Bowling Club's 2018 twilight bowls have been five wonderful evenings of fun, bowling and fellowship, for those who came along to join in with their teams. We would like to thank our great sponsors, the Marton branch of P.G.G. Wrightson Limited who support us each year and this helps our twilight bowls be the success it is. The bowling club thanks many businesses from the Hunterville area who willingly donate raffles over our five nights: Argyle, Hunterville Service Centre Ltd, Hunterville Veterinary Club Inc, BNZ, Taylors, Robbie Tait, Mauways Nursery, Hunterville Trading, Hunterville Village Bookshop. A big thank you to everyone who came along to play bowls, enjoy the sausages and buy our raffles, as this all helped make our twilight 2018 bowls another happy occasion. Robbie's team was the only team with three wins on the final's night.



Pictured above: Paul Peterson from PGG Wrightson presents the twilight bowling trophy, donated by Rod and Sylvia Agnew, to Robbie Tait, Israel Jones, Stacy Jones and Peter Duxfield.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 10 February roll-up results: skips: 1st Kevin Mullany, 2nd Murray Coleman, 3rd Peter Saywell. Twos: 1st Shirley Wallace, 2nd Russell Gillard, 3rd Jean Coleman. Leads: Josie Bismark. Wednesday 14 February roll-up results: skips: 1st Joanne Simpson, 2nd John Dickson, 3rd Micky Neumann. Twos: 1st Jennie Redshaw, 2nd Tania George, 3rd Neil Gardener. Leads: Bev Toulman. Saturday 17 February roll-up results: skips, 1st Joanne Simpson, 2nd Kevin Mullany, 3rd J.D. Twos: 1st Neil Gardener, 2nd Jean Coleman, 3rd Bruce Alpin. Sunday 18 February Peter Gully memorial 2-4-2 pairs tournament: teams from Drury Hill, Taihape, Aramoho, Hunterville and Marton keenly contested the cup in very warm conditions. The winners were Anne & Brendon, Aramoho, 2nd Brian Mitchell & Russell Gillard, Marton, 3rd Colin Wright & Ken Bates, Drury Hill. Up-and-coming events: Thurs 1 March 2-4-2 pairs moo tournament. Sun 18 March: shamrock shuffle; 3 bowl triples graded 8 moo tournament. Thurs 29; Hospice 2 bowl triples moo tournament.



Above: Simonsen Cup winners (left to right) Elaine Saywell, Jean Coleman, Tania George and Joanne Simpson.

MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 1 CRICKET

The 2017-18 coastal challenge drew to a close on Saturday 10 February, with Matt Burke Engineering Saracens travelling to Wanganui to play Tech for the wooden spoon. With byes and inclement weather, Saracens hadn't played for some time. Saracens batted first and looked unstuck at 15-3. However, a nice partnership between Trey Bidois and Craig Clare steadied things and Saracens had scored 79-3 at drinks, although Bidois was out not long after. James Wilson managed to support Clare nicely from the other end and saw him through to a well-played century. Disappointingly, the Saracens team was bowled out short of its 50 overs, but for a competitive 234. Taking some key wickets was vital and managed to slow the Tech chase. Eventually however, the rain set in and the Saracens found themselves ahead on the Duckworth Lewis system. The Harvey and Calkin Glass player of the day was Craig Clare; for his impeccable century. On Saturday 17 February Matt Burke engineering Marton Saracens premiers had their first red ball fixture, against Wanganui United. This of course meant that the Wingnut Cup was up for grabs. Saracens were keen to get the trophy home for the winter. Saracens fielded first and were fortunate to make early inroads. Saracens managed to hold onto the catches, including some particularly good efforts. All of the bowlers were tidy. John Anthony took 2 – 29 and Trey Bidois took 2 – 18. Saracens were set 113 to win. Losing early wickets however made this task difficult. The efforts of Craig Clare, with an unbeaten 56, ensured the Saracens victory and the return of the Wingnut Cup. The G K Skou player of the day was once again Craig Clare, for his match winning batting effort.

MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 2 CRICKET

Central ITM Saracens travelled to Wanganui on Saturday to play Renegades at Victoria Park. Saracens won the toss and elected to bat on what appeared to be a good track with a fast outfield. Opener Mike Maher was dismissed for 0 off the 2nd ball of the 1st over. Vern Kohi joined Allan Pond at the crease and this pair took the score through to 28, before wickets began to fall regularly. The Marton side was in trouble, at 66 for 6, at the mid-innings drink break. Pond and Kohi both contributed scores of 17, captain Mark Transom 4, Justin Lock 9 and Phil Galpin 0. Mike Jacobs and Brett Cunningham set out to resurrect the innings on the resumption; sharing a valuable 38 run partnership before Jacobs was dismissed for 7. Cunningham went on to top score with 26, Jayden Lane added 4 and Murray Candy 1. Chance Hausman was 4 not out when the innings closed at 121, in the 31st over. Knowing that they wouldn't be able to restrict the home side, Transom set attacking fields and was rewarded with an excellent opening spell from Lane, who bowled with pace and accuracy. An opening stand of 32 looked ominous for Saracens but Lane struck at this point and wickets followed, thanks to some great catching and another sustained spell of penetrative and accurate bowling from Cunningham, backed up by the remainder of the attack. Renegades were eventually dismissed in their 28th over for 105, giving Saracens a much needed victory, with semi-finals coming up in 3 weeks. Cunningham took out the Ward Furniture player of the day award with figures of 3 for 6 from his 8 overs, following up his top score with the bat. Lane took 2 for 22 for 8, Transom 1 for 44, Candy 2 for 19 from 3, Pond 0 for 6 from 1 over and Kohi claimed the final wicket for 5 runs in his 1 over. Kohi, Lane, Lock and Jacobs took catches in the field and Galpin was very tidy behind the stumps. Central ITM Saracens are at home next week, playing Tech, 12.30pm start.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Results Monday 12/2/18 - association; L McLay 26 v D Winmill 6, R McLay 18 v L Thompson /T Martyn 16, Mary McNae/L Johnson 13 v G Thompson /SJohnson 11. Golf croquet; M Vallance 7,6 v L Hughes 4,7, M Meek/A Bates 7 v Murray McNae/P Dobson 3, A Bates 7 v M Meek/ P Dobson. Wednesday 14/2/18 association - G McIntyre 17 v R McLay 8, L McLay 26 T Martyn 14, D Winmill/E Ogden 26 v Mary M Nae/K Fitchett 14. Golf croquet; S Johnson 7 v G Thompson & 7 Thompson 4 L & S Johnson 7 v G & L Thompson 6, L Thompson 7 v L Johnson/L Hughes 3, G Thompson/L Johnson 7 v L Hughes 6. Saturday 17/2/18; D Winmill/S Johnson 21 v K Fitchett 16, R McLay/G Thompson 20 v Murray M cNae/A Bates 18, L Johnson 7 v E Ogden 4, Mary McNae 14 v L Thompson 5. Golf Croquet; M Vallance/ L Hughes 7,7, V MMeek/J McDougall, 7,5, M Vallance/M Meek 5 v L Hughes/J McDougall 7, M Vallance 5 v L Hughes 7.

MARTON FOODBANK CHARITY FOR THE MITRE 10 MARTON TRIATHLON

The Mitre 10 Marton Triathlon organising committee is delighted to announce that all entry fees for this year's event will be donated to Marton Christian Welfare to support the local foodbank. Marton Christian Welfare has been operating for 42 years, with major support from church communities, the mayor and more than 50 volunteers. In 2017 the food bank supported about 80 Marton families over the festive holidays. Sarah Vickers, who has been involved in the organisation most of her adult life says, "It is great to be involved in the Mitre 10 Marton Triathlon and to help the Marton community utilize local facilities such as the Marton Swim Centre and Rangitikei College". Triathlon organisers hope all participants will donate a can of food, or a cleaning or health product, to be included in a hamper which, together with entry fees, will be donated to the local welfare institution. Registrations for the triathlon are now open. To register go to: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/mitre10martontriathlon/Entries-1/Enter-online>. The event caters for all ages and skill levels; offering a short and medium course. Registrations close on Sunday, March 4.

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