



Clifton School gets growing

Growing season has got off to a great start for the Clifton School gardening group, thanks to a generous donation from Bunnings Feilding.

Last week, staff from Bunnings arrived at the school with compost, potting mix, seed raising mix, seedlings, seeds, brand new garden tools and plenty of other goodies to help the gardening group get their raised beds ready for action.

Teacher and gardening group leader Melissa Karaynidis says the students in the group love their garden and give up lunch breaks to weed and water the garden beds. The raised beds were built by Board of Trustees members, who also organised loads of bark chip for the paths. The garden has a worm farm and a small greenhouse.

Janelle Morris, from Bunnings Feilding, organised the donation after being told about the garden by colleague and school mum Nikita Williams. She says Bunnings has a big focus on sustainability in schools, and enjoys supporting community projects like the Clifton School garden.

The produce from the school garden is shared with school families when it's harvested. This year that harvest will include peas, strawberries, lettuces, spinach, pumpkins and plenty of other vegetables, thanks to Bunnings Feilding.

Story and photo Belinda Howard.



The Clifton School garden group, with Janelle Morris (Bunnings Feilding), Nikita Williams (Bunnings Feilding and school parent) and Melissa Karaynidis (teacher and garden fan) show off their new supplies.

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New principal at James Cook School



New James Cook principal Timu Niwa - impressed with the special vibe at his new school.

James Cook School in Marton has a new principal. He's Timu Niwa, who took up office three weeks ago and says he is very glad to be there.

Mr Niwa brings a world view to his position. He was principal at Tangimoana School but he has also taught on the other side of the world, in Ireland. He was born and grew up in Taranaki, eventually heading off to Manawatu, followed by a teaching stint in Auckland, before heading overseas with his wife to teach in Belfast.

He returned to NZ seven years ago to plant some roots - building a house at Mt Biggs near Feilding, where he lives with his wife and children.

He says, "The big thing I noticed when I arrived was the very special vibe in the air at James Cook School. I was surprised by children coming up and introducing themselves."

He believes former principal Michelle Cameron instilled a strong ethic in the school, especially around relationships. "It's something I have not seen in other schools," he says.

Mr Niwa says he will take the rest of the year to get to know the place - learn the children's names and take a look at the processes but change very little.

One of the big things he intends to develop is digital technology. He says it is something both he and the BOT is keen to focus on. He comes with reputation in that subject as his former school won a national technology competition and a cash prize, allowing the school to purchase solar panels, a robot and 1-1 tech. He says Computer Coding is the big area he'll concentrate on.

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Art for Arts Sake starts this weekend

This Friday evening at the Bulls Town Hall, Art 4 Arts Sake begins with a special invitation opening.

The event has been a regular feature of the Bulls community calendar for the past few years and exhibits the work of talented local artists.

So far, 15 artists have signed up to participate, with more to come and, if the quality of previous events are anything to go by, then it will prove well worth taking time to visit. Exhibits will include a wide range of art and artistic crafts such as sculpture, mosaics, quilting, dot art, oils, acrylic and pastel painting, street art, contemporary and modern art, tapestry and drawings. Many works are for sale.

Four weekend workshops are also planned in the town hall supper room as part of the event. Workshops are on Saturday it is Paper Art with Tania Young (12-2pm) and Sewing with Rural Women NZ (2-4pm). Sunday there is Dot Art with Dona Carter. Flax Weaving will follow.

It's likely to be the last time the Art For Arts Sake event will be held in the Bulls Town Hall, with the progress on the new Bulls Community Centre well underway.

Art 4 Arts Sake runs between 16 - 30 August in the Bulls Town Hall. Daily 10am to 4pm, with free entry. Contact Heidi Macaulay 0211745951 - bulls.community@xtra.co.nz

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Last chance to stand for local councils or boards



This Friday August 16 at noon, is the last chance to enrol as a candidate in the October local government elections.

In local elections, we choose who represents us on our councils and health boards. Local elections are run by local councils and held every three years by postal vote in the district in which you live.

Nomination for Rangitikei representatives on local bodies are only trickling in with many more nomination still needed by tomorrow to fill the various council and board positions.

As of Wednesday afternoon 14 August 2019 12:12pm (our print deadline) the following are nominated according to RDC and Horizons websites.

Rangitikei District Council

Mayor (1 vacancy): Andy Watson (incumbent)

Northern Ward (3 vacancies): Owen Bonnor (Better Value For Ratepayers), Angus Gordon (incumbent).

Central Ward (5 vacancies): Cath Ash, Nigel Belsham, Dave Wilson (all incumbent). Sandra Field, Richard Lambert, Coral Raukawa-Manuel.

Southern Ward (3 vacancies): Paul Sharland, Bronwyn Meads (Here to Represent You).

Ratana Community Board (4 vacancies): No nominations as yet.

Taihape Community Board (4 vacancies): Ann Abernethy, Emma Abernathy.

Horizons Regional Council (2 vacancies): Manawatu – Rangitikei Constituency: Bruce Gordon and Gordon McKellar (both incumbent) Teresa Shulz.

The electoral system for the 2019 for district council's is First Past the Post (FPP). The FPP electoral system asks electors to indicate their preferred candidates with a tick. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes tops the poll and is elected in order.

Whanganui District Health Board – (7 vacancies). Graham Adams, Victoria Morris.

Whanganui District Health Board uses the Single Transferable Vote (STV). This electoral system has voters receiving a single (transferable) vote. Voters rank the candidates in order of preference: "1" next to the name of the candidate most preferred, "2" next to the name of the candidate next preferred and so on.

HEALTH SCENE



Hospital looks on the bright side with photo competition

Whanganui Hospital is running a competition to select photographs to brighten up its main corridor.

CE Russell Simpson says while the WDHB's main focus is keeping people healthy at home, there are times when people need to come to hospital and the aim is to make it a more uplifting experience.

"Tens of thousands of people visit our therapy and radiology departments each year, for Xrays, scans and appointments with the physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech language therapists.

"We want to brighten that corridor and make it more welcoming, using photographs taken by local people - featuring local people in local surrounds. Physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech language therapy are all part of supporting people to function in their everyday lives. So, the aim is to have photographs of people doing all those activities that make up everyday life, against local backdrops. It would be great to see a range of photographs reflecting the diversity of our community.

"Movement and activity is not just about fit, young people excelling in sport, it is about everyone moving in ways that work for them to stay as healthy as they can," Mr Simpson said.

The competition is open to anyone from the WDHB region: Whanganui; Rangitikei, Marton, Taihape; Waimarino, Ohakune and Raetihi.

Photographs need to be at least 6MB (megabytes) and not more than 14MB. The larger they are, the better for enlarging.

The deadline for the competition is 5pm on Friday 13 September 2019. Entries need to be emailed to: photos@wdhb.org.nz

Each selected photograph will have a plaque naming the photographer and where it was taken. Full details are available on the DHB website - www.wdwb.org.nz



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Murder By Chocolate - A Marton Players comedy on stage August 29, 30, 31 & September 5, 6, 7 at 7.30pm. Bookings at Ray White in Broadway Marton - ph 06 327 7343. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12 and children \$10.

Mitre 10 Ladies' Night - Thursday 12 September, 6-8pm. Save the date! More details soon.

Crafts+Alive - Marton Memorial Hall, Wellington Rd. 31 August - 1 September, 10am - 4pm daily.

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Marton Scouts

There have been some significant changes to 1st Marton Scout Group. We farewelled our Group Leader Kevin Randles as after 48 years in scouting, he retired to spend more time with his family. We welcomed new Group Leader Mike Rayner. There are some exciting Kea, Cub and Venturer term 3 activities planned. Sadly, we have temporarily suspended Scouts as we are looking for a leader, if you feel this could be you, please get in touch. After term 2, one of our Scouts, Sam Parkinson went down to Wellington for 8 days and attended the Scout's School of Photography, where he learnt the art of photography as well as connecting with likeminded scouts. Three of our youth members were also involved in the Manawatu Gang Show at Regent of Broadway (this is a show put on by members of the Scouts and Girl Guides). Sam, our Scout was in the main cast. Sophie and Thomas, our Cubs, were in the youngsters' section. All of them performed exceptionally well and made friendships with other cast members. It is a show not to miss. You may also have noticed our brand new roof. More of this later!

Marton Friendship Club

Friday 9 August – what a wonderful afternoon John White's band gave to us. John sings a lot of well known country, 50 & 60s easy listening songs. His backing guitar men, Len and Ron equally talented. There was a large attendance lasty week. The bands' programme began with a medley of Bobby Magee, Boot Scooting Boogie, Rhinestone Cowboy and The Greatest Showman and many more, all afternoon. Members up dancing, able ones line dancing, foot stomping and clapping. Even Rosa with her walker. This band brings so much joy to our elderly members, even to those who cannot communicate so well anymore, their toes are tapping and they sing along. This club is functioning very well and visitors are always welcome. Raffles were won by: Jennifer Hawkins, Judith and Paul Whitford, Wendy Lee and Bill Gill. Hall open 12.30pm byo lunch and make a cuppa. Those of you living alone, come and have fun on Fridays. This Friday 16 August is quiz day. This is also very popular. 2pm start. See you all Friday.

Nominations have opened for two farmers to join DairyNZ's board of directors.

Dairy farmers have until Thursday, September 5, to get nominations in for DairyNZ's Board of Directors. This year, elections are taking place for two farmer-elected directors and a directors Remuneration Committee member.

DairyNZ chairman Jim van der Poel encourages dairy farmers who are strategic thinkers, future-focused and have experience in governance and leadership to consider applying.

"Farmer-elected directors play a really key role on DairyNZ's board and we are keen to have skilled, forward-thinking dairy leaders join our team," said Mr van der Poel. "So, we are looking for people who understand farm systems, research and development, policy and advocacy. Candidates should also have an understanding and interest in driving Dairy Tomorrow and therefore, a vision of what the future of dairy looks like."

Mr van der Poel said candidates must have the best interests of all New Zealand dairy farmers at heart. Broad dairy sector knowledge, strong business skills and some exposure to research and development principles are also preferred.

Nominations are also being taken for a farmer to join the DairyNZ Directors Remuneration Committee, which considers and recommends remuneration for directors each year.

All farmers paying a levy on milksolids to DairyNZ are eligible to stand for the Board of Directors and the Directors Remuneration Committee.

The DairyNZ board consists of five farmer-elected directors and three board-appointed directors. This year,

director Ben Allomes is not standing for re-election.

Candidate nominations are open until September 5. Voting opens for dairy farmer levy payers on September 23 and election results will be announced at the DairyNZ Annual General Meeting on October 22.

For more information on the nomination process, visit dairynz.co.nz/agm.

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Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday 17 August at 1.30pm in the Rangitikei College Hall. Our speaker will be Helen from Days for Girls. There will be our usual block of the month, fabric strip swap, show & tell and an opportunity to see what books have been purchased this month. Don't forget your challenge quilt entry. No quilts will be accepted after August 17, so don't forget. The meeting will conclude with afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with friends old and new. New members are always welcome. Come along and see if it is something that you would like to do. Future-focused leaders sought for DairyNZ board

Homes & Loans

The Reserve Bank has reduced the official cash rate (OCR) from 1.50% to 1.00% – no surprise it was cut but the size came as a bit of a shock.

"Clearly, this is supportive for the residential property market, although the pass-through to mortgage rates is likely to be less than 0.50%. says CoreLogic senior property economist Kelvin Davidson.

"The decision to lower the OCR was universally expected, but nobody was talking about a 0.50% cut (the expectation was for 0.25%). With such a big cut, you'd be forgiven for thinking that this has been driven by fear. However, with the most recent forecasts that the RBNZ has published still envisaging decent economic performance, the motivation is likely to be 'shock and awe'. They'll hope this keeps the economy ticking over by delivering lots of stimulus all at once.

Clearly, the cash rate cut will support property demand and prices, especially when you also consider labour market figures showing that the unemployment rate remains very low. However, we doubt that an even lower OCR will cause the housing market to roar back to life – after all, mortgage rates already seem to have 'priced in' the low OCR environment, and the banks will probably also be looking to maintain their margins in advance of any extra capital requirements that could kick in from April next year.

"On top of that, as we outlined in the most recent CoreLogic QV House Price Index, tight lending criteria (income/expense & serviceability testing), are arguably the biggest restraint on the residential property market at present. This means a lower OCR and/or mortgage rates would have little effect anyway.

Overall, the remaining 4-5 months of the year will be really interesting for monetary policy and the housing market, even if further OCR cuts may not be seen. The key things to watch for will be a probable loosening of the LVR rules in November, but on the other hand, some of that fuel being taken away by scope for tighter bank capital requirements."



Ian McKelvie
MP for Rangitikei

A word from your MP

National Party Leader Simon Bridges recently outlined our plan for cancer care. It's a policy I'm particularly proud of, one that's long overdue, and

one which will benefit every New Zealander.

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We have announced a a policy to create a new National Cancer Fund, which will invest an extra \$200 million, over four years, for Pharmac to fund cancer drugs. And we'll ensure those drugs go to those who need them. We have also committed to introducing a National Cancer Agency to deliver better diagnoses, better access and better treatment for cancer sufferers across NZ.

New Zealanders shouldn't have to pack up their lives and go to other countries for cancer treatment. They shouldn't have to mortgage their houses, set up a Givealittle page or take out a big loan to be able to afford medicines which are funded in other countries.

The new National Cancer Agency will be involved in prevention, screening and treatment. NZ is a world leader in research and innovation and the centre will also facilitate research, so in the future, we can prevent cancer and treat it more effectively.

Our National Cancer Fund will ensure that, no matter where you live in NZ you will get the same standard of care. Too often people in regional NZ are disadvantaged because they don't have access to the same services as those in our biggest cities. Essentially it means everyone will have the same ability to get treatment and it means diagnoses can be made earlier.

According to Dr Chris Jackson, medical director for the Cancer Society of NZ, the current system, developed over the last 10 to 15 years, was a "post-code lottery". Waiting times to see specialists vary wildly around the country, as does access to genetic testing. The type of radiation treatment you get, even the types of operations, can vary wildly, depending on where live.

The result is that people have died when their lives may have been extended. In fact, if NZ had the cancer survival rate of Australia, around 500 fewer people per year would lose their lives to cancer.

As an MP, I hear very personal and heart-breaking stories about constituents and their experiences fighting cancer and a system that sometimes doesn't seem fair.

National's Cancer Fund is a priority for us, because it's the right thing to do. It will help thousands of Kiwis. And our commitment will ensure that your address won't affect your prognosis. We should have a health system that is fair for everyone. At the same time, New Zealanders with cancer should not be precluded from access to life saving and life-prolonging drugs. It's as simple as that.

RANGITIKEI HISTORY



Hunterville



Rangitikei has a strong history of local newspapers including The Parakekaretu Express which covered Hunterville, Ohingaiti, Moawhango and Rata and was published Tuesday and Friday for a time. This second edition is from 1903 and featured advertising from all sorts of businesses like Ellis Bros and Valder- storekeepers, TH Bredin and John McEldowney, both drapers, Clement and Klein (painters and decorators) and the Australia Mutual and Provident Fund. From the Hunterville Settlers Museum archives.

Crafts Alive - interactive crafts



Plenty of interactive crafts will be on display in the Marton Memorial Hall at last year's popular Crafts Alive show on at the end of the month.

The popular Crafts Alive event is back again this year on Saturday 31 Aug and Sunday 1 September, 10am - 4 pm. The exhibiton provides local artists and craftspeople the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, share their knowledge with those looking to improve their skills, exhibit and sell completed works and help visitor's troubleshoot art or craft problems they may be having.

Staged at Marton's Memorial Hall, this is an exhibition where people can come in and discover arts, crafts and hobbies, while enjoying interactive opportunities as well. Visitors will be able to ask the artisans how they make things, find out more about the craft and even learn to do it themselves. There will be opportunities for hands-on experience in trying some of the crafts. Stalls will include a variety of dynamic crafts from the traditional to the modern, including jewellery making, doodling, glass fusion, lace making, and quilting, embroidery, knitting and crochet, weaving, mosaics, rug making, leatherwork, handmade paper, woodcarving, and even upcycled furniture.

Is your craft cupboard bursting at the seams? Every year Crafts Alive has a Recycled Crafts stall where both stall holders and members of the public can donate craft items no longer required. Then, for a donation, you can purchase these crafts supplies to start up a new project or add to a work in progress. So, bring along any items you no longer have a use for and keep your eyes open for something new. This year, proceeds from this stall will go to the Marton Players Theatre who put on a range of productions during the year, offer costume hire and provide a venue for the very popular Open Mic Night.

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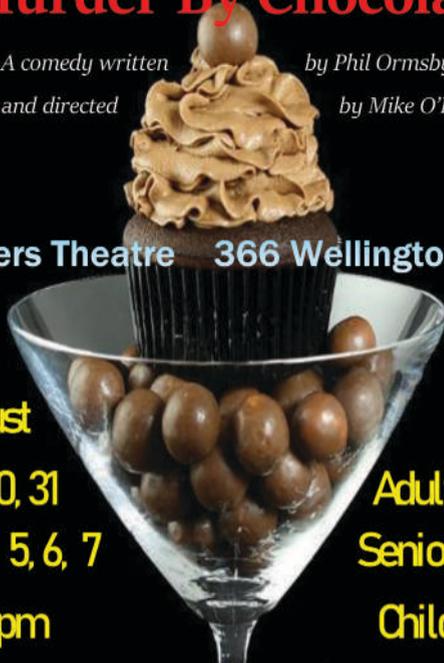
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Tahape 125 plans underway

Taihape will celebrate 125 years as a town on September 13-15. Plans are underway of several fronts.

The town was officially gazetted as a township in 1894, having earlier been settled by a small number of Christchurch families.

One of the events is a Vintage High Tea, so the call has gone out for china and things to complement a high tea, including china tea pots, cups and saucers, fine china side plates, tiered plates, and even wrought iron furniture. Anyone who is willing to contribute to the list can contact Sharyn Robson on sharynrobson@gmail.com

Potential stallholders and local businesses are also being encouraged to sign up for a stall during the 125 celebration market. They are also urged to contact Sharyn.

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Taihape Childcare Centre goes water only



Taihape Childcare Centre has gone water only - a move Whanganui District Health Board public health nurse Narisa Sargison says is recognition of the staff and children have to ridding their centre of sugary drinks. TCC owner-manager Sarah Paringatai says the idea to go water only was first raised at a staff meeting. "Everybody was keen. We thought, we're basically water only already - let's make it official."

The idea was then discussed with Ms Sargison, during one of her regular school visits, and she was only too happy to help the centre on its journey.

Schools and early childhood centres interested in becoming water only receive a toolkit and support to implement the 'Three Ps': Practice - asking the school/early childhood centre about its current approach to water only. Policy and procedure - working to put a formal policy in place, to guide their water only efforts. Promotion - helping to celebrate and promote that they are water only.

Ms Paringatai says ticking of the first 'P' was easy, as there was only the odd drink coming through in a child's lunch box. One area of discussion was around hot drinks like cocoa,

used to warm up on wintery days. Those were switched to warm milk, as a healthy alternative.

Last year's Christmas party also had a change-up. Instead of supplying sweet drinks, frozen fruit chunks were added to water jugs. They provided a "novelty celebration drink for the children, which they loved," Ms Paringatai says.

In fact, she says the water only status has had more impact on her staff than the children - with teachers having to think again when craving a mid-afternoon refreshment. "All our staff are really proud of how far we've come." Ms Sargison says the TCC whanau made her role easy, as they were so enthusiastic to get on board as a water only centre.

"Water only (and milk) is so important for our children. With growing childhood obesity rates and high rates of dental decay and tooth extractions in our children, it is so important to promote water as the best and cheapest option," Ms Sargison says.

"If we can teach this at a young age, we're helping them to build healthy and sustainable habits for life."

Climate change, ETS policy now farmers' No 1 concern

Climate change policy and the ETS have topped the list of farmers' biggest concerns for the first time since 2010, according to Federated Farmers' latest Farm Confidence Survey.

Nearly a quarter of the 1,432 farmers who responded to the July survey said it was their No 1 worry. The second greatest concern was regulation and compliance costs (19%), followed by debt, interest and banks (10%).

"That result is hardly surprising, given analysis coming through that significant numbers of dairy and sheep and beef farms will be uneconomic if the government continues to pursue methane reduction targets that are far more stringent than are necessary to ensure there is no additional global warming," Federated Farmers economics spokesperson Andrew Hoggard says.

"That's coupled with concern that the targets, and government incentives for forestry, are driving blanket planting of pines on productive farmland, with huge long-term detriment to rural communities."

Pertinent to the concerns about production losses to meet climate change targets, and costs if agriculture is put in the ETS, is that only 55% of farmers said their businesses were currently making a profit (similar to the January survey, 56%). The proportion of farms making a loss increased slightly by 2 points to 11.3%. And looking ahead, slightly more farmers expect their profitability to worsen than improve.

The July survey, conducted by Research First, found that the proportion of farmers who consider current general economic conditions to be good (24.9%) has decreased slightly over the last six months. The proportion who consider conditions to be bad remains lower, but not by much (21.3%).

Looking forward, the survey found the lowest level of confidence in the economy since July 2009, in the wake of the Global Financial Crisis. "On that front, we're no different to the gloom being expressed by the wider business community," Hoggard says. "For us there is particular concern about the global uncertainty and instability arising from fallout from Brexit and US-China tensions and how that will impact on our key markets and export returns."

All regions expect farm production to increase over the coming 12 months but they are mostly less optimistic than six months ago, with large falls in expectation for Auckland-Northland and Taranaki-Manawatu. Slightly more farmers expect to increase their spending rather than reduce it over the coming 12 months but this is also down on January's survey.

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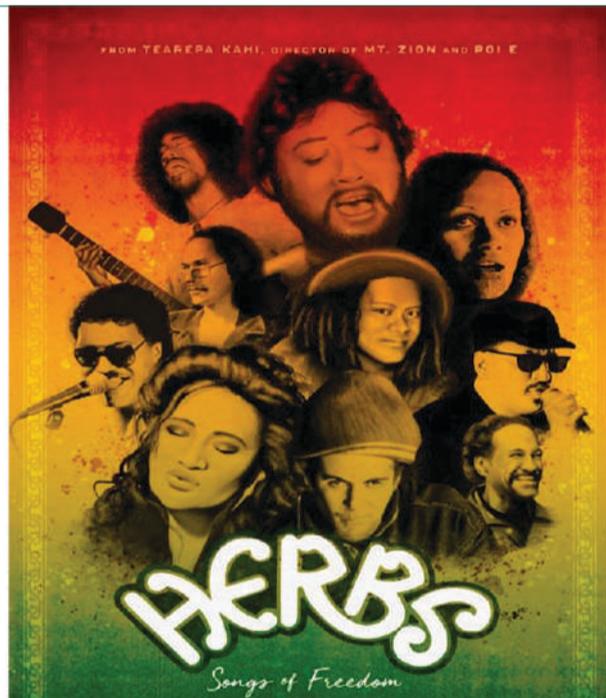
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ABOUT TOMATOES



Tomatoes were once called 'love apples' (pomme d'amour) and the fruit were believed to be poisonous when first introduced to Europe from South America. Related to potatoes, the leaves of both plants are poisonous, like another plant in the family, nightshade.

Tomato growing is a love/hate relationship for many gardeners, who just love harvesting lots of ripe tomatoes as early in the season as possible but hate it, when things don't pan out that way.

Tomatoes are certainly an interesting plant to grow and some years, little needs to be done to achieve a great harvest. Other years, you can look after all their needs and still fail.

The big secret of success, is fairly constant temperatures, adequate moisture and the right type of tomato food. Tomatoes are a warmth loving plant. Coming from South America, they are a sub tropical. Cold winds and cool temperatures make the plants sulk, then they're slow to grow and produce.

Early plants are best placed in a very sheltered situation, that receives ample sun, if you do not have a glasshouse. The best way to achieve this is to plant the seedlings into 6 inch pots using a good compost and then grow them in a glasshouse or in a sunny, sheltered spot outside. Pots are easy to move and on calm sunny days, they can be placed out in the open to grow. As the day closes in, you bring the plants back onto a sheltered porch or similar. The plants can stay in their sheltered spot on days when the weather is poor but need some direct sunlight for part of the day. When the plants fill their pots and the roots start to come out the drainage holes, repot into a larger container. This process can be repeated until the weather is favorable enough to plant them in open ground or grow in a final 45 litre container or larger.

Tomatoes need adequate moisture but hate wet feet so watering while in containers must be done carefully. A young plant in a 6 inch pot needs little water to start with; just enough to moisten the compost. When the roots begin to fill the pot the water needs and frequency increase.

Tomatoes grown outside in open soil don't need this attention till the soil becomes dry later in the season.

A common defect in ripe tomatoes is blossom end rot where the base of the fruit is black. This is caused by insufficient moisture in the growing medium as the flowers are setting. It's common in container grown tomato plants because the mix has become too dry between waterings but this is less common in open ground till drought times happen.

There are a number of diseases that can affect and even kill tomato plants.

White fly and later the tomato worm (caterpillars) can be a problem for tomato plants. The biggest problem facing gardeners growing tomatoes used to be whitefly - now it is the psyllid. Using Neem Granules at planting time along with yellow sticky whitefly traps can help greatly in the control of whitefly. The same will also assist in psyllid control, in the beginning, when populations are still low.

I have found that placing Neem Tree Granules near the base of the plants every 6-8 weeks has kept both these pests at bay. Even in summer in my glasshouse whitefly is not such a problem when using the granules. If you still see the odd adult whitefly flying around, you need to start using the granules right at the first potting up and continue right through the season. Wally's Secret Tomato Food and Neem Tree Powder have been packaged

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Remove Laterals on tall growing type tomato plants to prevent a massive tall bush and to increase the size of the fruit. On dwarf type tomatoes such as Scoresby Dwarf and Russian Red, don't remove the laterals, just let them grow. Plants will grow about a metre by a metre and produce good sized fruit - ideal for 45 litre sized containers.

If you let all the laterals grow on a tall types, you will have to use many stakes and fruit will be smaller as too much energy is going into plant growth. Remove laterals on a sunny day, when there is low humidity as a disease can enter the wound.

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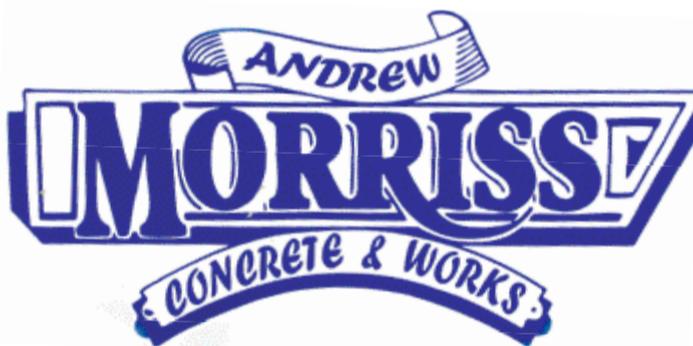
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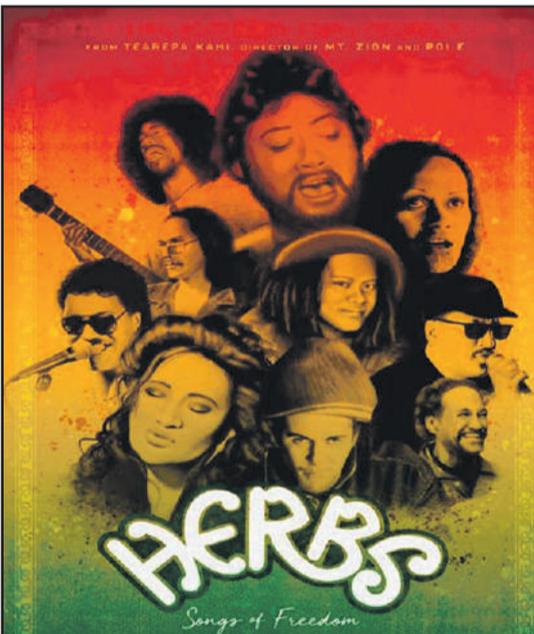
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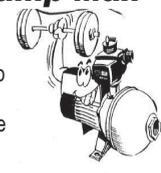
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3-3 draw - not enough to put Marton through to this weekend's final. 3-MVP points were awarded to the beast Tom Turkington for his incredible game in mid-field. Callum Downs got 2-MVP points for his total commitment and opportunity taking game. Xavier Death was awarded 1-MVP point. Dick of the day went to Bradley McDowell, for missing the game, because he wanted to go hunting next day. The club invites sponsors to join them for a combined sponsors' day and prizegiving on August 30.

MARTON GOLF

Thursday 01/08/2019: not very good scoring this week. Players tied for 1st place: Steve Muir (once again) R Yorke, M Rothman & T Hammond, all on 35 points. Other scores: S Muir, R Yorke, M Rothman, T Hammond 35; B McGinniss 33; M Jones, P Simpson 30. Crunchie was shared this week by T McVerry & A Duncan (1 each). Thursday golf 8/08/2019: ex suburbs cricketer Dick Fullerton Smith tops the Thursday club's weekly round with a great score of 42 stableford points. Scores: D Fullerton Smith 42, D Tarrant 38, G Velvin 38, R Yorke 37, D Angove 37, B Beck 37, P Connolly 36, D Clark 35, M Rothman 35, J Calkin 34, B McGinniss 33, M Jones 32, Geo Marshall 32, A Stewart 32, T Mc Verry 31. Shared Crunchie: H Bremner and S Muir.

MARTON LADIES GOLF

Results from Wednesday 7 August. Competition was LGU medal and putting. Points for the day: silver: R Williams, J Ritchie, both nett 79. Bronze 1: G Burne nett 73, S Marshall nett 78, B Bielby nett 78. Bronze 2: M Hunt nett 70, D Singer nett 77, E Clark nett 80. Haggie: 1st M Hunt, 2nd G Burne, 3rd S Marshall, 4th D Singer, 5th B Bielby. Sponsored balls: R Williams, J Ritchie, S Ballard. Two's: R Williams on the 3rd. Putting: G Burne with 25 putts. Lucky draw: D Chapman.

MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF

Fairly blustery conditions for our club day 13 August. The results for stableford are as follows: 1st division: 1st Joe Graham 22, 2nd Brian Short 18. 2nd division: 1st Barry Florence 17, 2nd Roy Powell 16. 3rd division: 1st Adrian Penning 15, 2nd Marion MacPhee 11. Lucky card winner: Mona Barrett. Raffle winner: Joe Graham. Next week's starters: Bryan Hamerton & Adrian Penning. Cards: Beryl Higgie & Bob Barrett. Kitchen: Clare Aston.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 7 August - stableford: Henry Potaka 38pts, Pat McCarthy 37pts, Clayton Batt & Ron Harris 36pts, Peter Young, Geoff Ingram, Neville Berendt, Chris Shem & Bob Pittaway 35pts, Lyndon Moore & Kelvin Burt 34pts, Pate Pearce, Lynne McDonald, Kevin Laird, Ash Reed, Michelle Mossop & Steve Boyens 33pts. Twos: Jullian Elliott - 3rd, Lyndon Moore - 5th, & Henry Potaka - 16th. Lucky draw: Bryan Northcott (yes he is back in the country). Saturday 10 August - Speedy Signs stableford: seniors: Manny Dreliozis 42pts, Liz Kinloch 39pts, Geoff Ingram & Ken Boyle 36pts, & Ron Harris 34pts. Juniors: Dan Scotson 38pts, Peter Young 36pts, Henry Potaka 34pts & Noel Crocker 33pts. Twos: Wendal Masters & Murray Bruhn - 3rd.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Saturday 3 August: Golf Warehouse combined mixed stableford: Wilton Cup won by Brent Hantz & Pam Charlesworth with, a total of 67 points. Individual results: s/men: R McDermott 38, G Forbes 33, G Cunningham 30. J/men: P Weeks 40, B Hantz 38, D Todd 35, M Carroll 33, N Rackham 32. Women: P Charlesworth, D Todd & S Wells. Feilding Scrap Metal two's: B Thorby #14. Jackpot #16 not struck. Nearest the pins: s/men = not struck. J/men = Marcel Carroll. Women = Diane Todd. Taimui challenge: Matt (Grant) & Norm lost to Gary & Marcel. Next challengers: Pete & Bruce. Tuesday 6th. Allied Pickfords stableford hidden holes competition: Barry Parlane, Les Neumann, Gary Burgess & Greg James 7; Brian Philps & Joy Stantiall 6; Rae Cadwallader, Jan Van Loo & Grant Forbes 5. Nearest pin: Jan Van Loo. Lion Challenge: Barry Parlane. Coming events: Tuesday 9 hole golf, 9.30am tee off. Saturday 17th: club champs; 1/4 finals teeing off from 11am. 9 hole golf; 1pm tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes, for only \$10.

8-BALL POOL

Bulls RSA overwhelmed St Johns Wahine 17-4 and Marton soundly beat Club Metro 16-5, in the final round of section play, to have both Rangitikei sides going into the Wanganui Pool Association inter-club competition division 2 semi-finals in great form. Bulls hosted the St John's ladies and dropped only 2 of 12 singles matches. Jeff Alosio, John Fraser, Carole Hunt and Winston Holdaway all recorded 2 wins from 2; Tracey Holdaway and Bob Bligh 1 each. The home team then took out the pairs 7-2, with pairings Tracey Holdaway/Bligh and Winston Holdaway/Hunt winning all 3 of their games. Marton travelled to Wanganui where they led 9-3 after the singles. Graham Marshall, Gary McNeill and Steve Lewis all had 2 victories; Allan Pond, Ross Marshall and Peter Lissington 1 each. The Marshalls and the McNeill/Lissington pairing won all 3 of their games in the pairs, which Marton won 7-2. The 14 August semi-finals were to be played at Club Metro in Wanganui, with top-qualifiers Marton taking on St John's Wahine and Bulls RSA playing Club Metro.

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

Aug 13; this week we played our club championship fours. The winners on the night were Lyn Phillips, Kevin Mullany, Andy Creagh and Erin Peddy, who won all their games. The raffle was won by Erin. Next week we will be back to a normal club night, so see you all there.

Sir Graham Henry and New Zealand Blood Service Join Forces to Create the World's Biggest Reserve Bench

NZ needs 100,000 people to commit to being a blood donor. There is no alternative to blood; blood donors save lives

Every 18 minutes in New Zealand, someone needs blood. For some, it's the difference between life and death. Sir Graham Henry is teaming up with New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) and making it his mission to ensure the country is match fit by strengthening the nation's most important team, our donor registry.

"Right now, less than 4% of eligible New Zealanders are blood donors", says NZBS ceo Sam Cliffe. "Since 2016 our need for plasma has increased by 38% and is forecast to continue to grow. This year alone we need to collect over 70 tonnes of plasma. Relying on just 4% of our population to ensure lifesaving blood and blood products are available for all, is no longer feasible. If the country is going to be able to continue to meet demand, we need more people to rise to the challenge and help us build the world's biggest reserve bench".

Ms Cliffe says all New Zealanders understand the need to have a strong reserve bench, it's what makes our sporting teams so great. So, what better person to lead the rallying call for 100,000 new donors than Sir Graham Henry, a man who knows more than a thing or two about building a world-class reserve bench. A former blood donor himself, Sir Graham also understands the importance of blood donation.

"I think this could be the most important reserve bench of my career", says Sir Graham Henry. "When I found out so few Kiwis donate blood, I was shocked. We need more people to step-up and become donors. The more people that join the reserve bench, the easier it will be for New Zealand to keep up with current and future demand. We can't continue to expect so few to carry the health of our country."

Sam Cliffe says, "joining the reserve bench is not about giving blood right away, it's a commitment to be there when you are needed. Reaching our goal of 100,000 people on the world's biggest reserve bench will maintain a healthy support system for blood and blood products for the entire country. One that's on standby and can be called on when needed."

"Prior to this campaign, only a select few could claim to have received a callup from Sir Graham Henry. There can be no greater honour than to be chosen to represent your country," continues Ms Cliffe.

"We are asking for New Zealanders to respond to Sir Graham's callup and join the reserve bench. Even if you are not eligible to donate, you can still help by encouraging your friends, family and colleagues to join in your place. There is only one way to build the world's biggest reserve bench and this is by unifying the country and working together".

"Just like New Zealand's other famous reserve bench, being part of the world's biggest reserve bench will mean you get called on when your country needs you most."

"It's really simple to get involved. All you need to do is visit www.jointhebench.co.nz. Once you've signed up, don't forget to encourage family and friends by sharing Sir Graham's video. Let's build the world's biggest reserve bench, together," Ms Cliffe says.

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26 Pukepapa Road Marton
SPACIOUS WITH 4 BEDROOMS
Spacious & quality built stucco home, with 4 double bedrooms, large formal lounge with logfire & separate rumpus, or 2nd lounge. Kitchen with coal range. Dining room. The bathroom features the original Terrazzo linings, with bath & separate shower. 2 toilets & large laundry. Set on a 1,242m² section - is easy care, with full concrete driveway & 3 car carport at the rear of the home. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$397,000.
Property ID: M1374



\$397,000



3 Kapuni Street, Marton
EASY CARE SECTION
Morning coffee on the front terrace, overlooking your private sun drenched garden. Sumptuous meals from your well-appointed kitchen & cosy evenings, in front of the fire, in the large combined lounge & dining room. 3 double bedrooms. Bathroom with bath, toilet & vanity, plus shower in the laundry. Fully fenced compact section, with easy care gardens & carport. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$225,000.
Property ID: M1372

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44 State Highway 3, Turakina
ESCAPE THE CITY RAT RACE
Located on State Highway 3, in the heart of Turakina, with the potential to be used as a country retreat, or an artist's studio or shop. 3 bedrooms, plus lounge and kitchen with breakfast bar. Bathroom and laundry with toilet and shower over bath. Separate lounge at the rear of the dwelling. Private rear section, with large 6 car garage/workshop. Section of 1,012m². Realistically Priced to Sell at \$235,000
Property ID: M1375

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10 Purnell Place, Marton
JUST MOVE IN AND BE COSY FOR WINTER
Extremely neat, warm and tidy 1970's brick home with aluminium joinery. Decorated in modern colours, with plush carpet. 3 bedrooms with wardrobes. Separate lounge that opens into the dining room and kitchen. Cosy logfire heating. Bathroom with shower, bath, and vanity. There is also a single garage, plus woodsheds and a covered verandah across the rear of the house. Fully fenced 650m² section. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$265,000.
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RESIDENTIAL SECTION
Are you thinking of your retirement and need a section that is close to town to build your low maintenance dream home? Then this is the ideal site, being a 720m² flat corner section, making it an easy site to build on. Located approximately 200 metres from the centre of town, giving you easy access to shops, churches and medical centre. Services located in road frontage. Realistically priced at \$100,000.
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