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Looking at church history

Last weekend's Rangitikei Faith Trail of churches in the local Anglican parish was very successful, with 40 people from the area and from further afield, enjoying the chance to hear the stories of eight different churches.

The tour began at St Thomas' church in Sanson. Designed by Charles Tringham, who also designed the historic homestead "Westoe" at Kakariki, the church was built in 1877 and is distinctive, because it was constructed without nails, being held together with wooden pegs. An interesting feature is some builders' graffiti still visible on a section of the inside wall. Two of the builders have written their names: "Ellerm" and "C Harris" and the date, 1877.

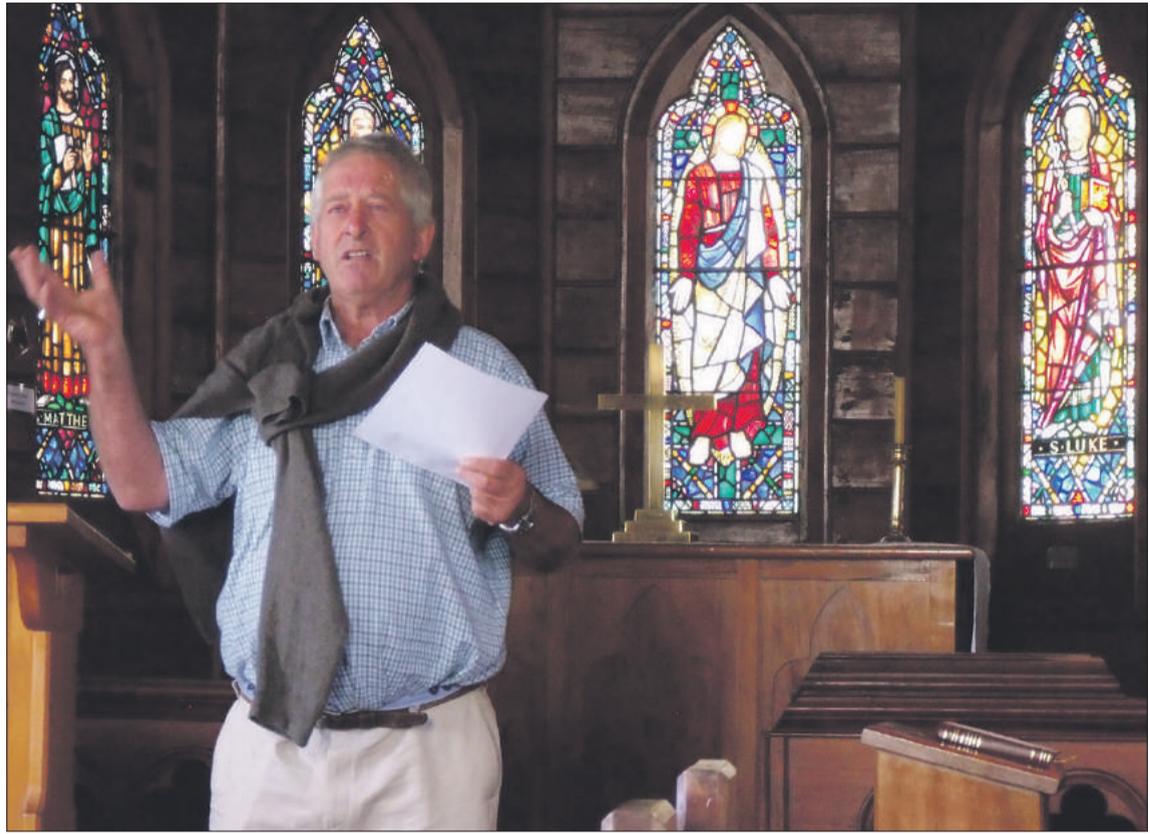
One of the people on the Trail was Keith Morrison, who is a great-grandson of the "Ellerm" who signed his name as one of the builders. Keith came down from Rotorua especially for the church visits.

Other churches seen on the tour were at Greatford, Tutu Totara at Pourewa, Hunterville, Marlon, Turakina, Bulls, and Wheriko, on Parewanui Rd, Bulls.

The emphasis of the historical trail was on the history of the churches, the organs and the stained glass windows.



Keith Morrison pointing to the signature of his great-grandfather, one of the builders of the historic Sanson church - pictured left.



John Vickers, Rangitikei historian, giving some of the history of the Sanson church. Photos: Richard Wishnowsky.



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How will the online census work?

By Liz Rayner

The next census is on Tuesday 6 March 2018

Every five years, a national census is run – the official count of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand. By asking everyone to complete a set of questions about themselves and their household, we capture a snapshot of who is living in, and visiting, New Zealand.

The next census on Tuesday 6 March is different to past ones. It is online, unless you ask for a form to be sent to you and you must post it back. Census NZ is aiming to collect most of the census information online.

They are in the process of sending or delivering a letter with an access code to every household in New Zealand. Paper forms will still be available for those who prefer them. Everyone has to complete the census. The Statistics Act 1975 requires everyone in New Zealand on census day to take part.

The Census NZ website says it will take each person about 20 minutes to fill out the online form. That means, in one household where nine people live, it's going to take three hours to complete the forms...unless everyone has their own a computer. For big households, it could be a long night although, people can start filling out online forms as soon as their household code arrives by mail.

Census NZ field teams will be working in holiday and freedom camping locations all over the country on census night.

The information gathered, is used to fund government services such as health and a multitude of other funds. If you don't fill out a census form, then you are not counted and the region gets a lower recorded population.

Census NZ says, "Personal information is completely confidential. Everyone employed by Stats NZ and all of the researchers who use the information we hold, sign a statutory declaration of secrecy before they start working for us, or using the information. This declaration is a lifetime obligation. "We never share identifiable information with other government agencies without your consent and our published statistics and research do not identify individuals, households, or businesses. We remove all names, addresses, and other identifiable information before we make data available to other government agencies for statistical and public interest research.

"We're getting ready to run the next census and want to be clear about the new online system that we've built," says Government Statistician, Liz MacPherson. You have to look online for her to explain more about what they've done to prepare and their commitment to looking after your census information, once you submit it.

Support local in solo Relay For Life

Steven Karehana, a 33 year old painter from Marton, is taking on the 12 hour NZ Cancer Society Relay For Life challenge on March 17 as a team of one. It is an inspirational and fun annual event.

He will walk from 10.30am to 10.30pm on his own, with the help of a support team called Army of 1.

The team consists of Steven and his partner, their daughter along with his sister. Their catchphrase is "Celebrate, Remember, Fight back! Whakanui, Maumaharatia, Tu Atua!"

The Relay takes place at Whanganui's Cook's Gardens arena and is the Cancer Society's major fundraiser. Teams raise money through sponsorship. A hundred percent of the money raised goes directly to the work of the Cancer Society in the local community, to help individuals and their families, fighting this horrible disease.

Steven says, "Although this is a team event, I have decided to do the whole 12 hour walk alone and non stop, as a way of pushing myself; with the other team members supporting me. I am sure that what I will feel on the day, both mentally and physically, will in no way compare to what people go through fighting cancer."

"As this is a fundraising event, our team is asking local businesses and people if they would like to donate to our campaign. No matter how big or small, your donation is truly appreciated and will go to supporting those who need it."

Marton Junction School is holding a mufti day in support of Steven's walk. Anyone wanting to donate or sponsor Steven is asked to visit the website page - www.rfl-wanganui-2018.everdsayhero.com/nz/army-of-one



Steven Karehana - with his Army of 1 - walking the Relay for Life solo

Locals respond to call to search for missing Bulls Man

A call went out to the local community to help search for missing bulls man Kevin Hartley last weekend - missing since Friday 16 February- and the community responded. Hundreds of volunteers spent the weekend searching for 54-year-old Kevin Hartley, last seen in the Scott's Ferry beach area near Bulls.

Sergeant Andy Brooke, Manawatu SAR says, "There was a large search for Kevin over the weekend, involving more than 250 civilian volunteers on Saturday and 63 on Sunday — that equates to about 1850 and 530 search hours respectively."

This was in addition to Search and Rescue, military, Rural Fire and Red Cross volunteers. Kevin was last seen driving a quad bike from Parewanui Rd, Scott's Ferry to the beach towards the bombing range tower in Santoft Forest on Friday 16 February.

The Santoft Forest and beach areas have been searched extensively in both directions, from where the quad bike was left but still nothing of interest has been found.

There will be limited ongoing searches from now on but the investigation continues.



Kevin Hartley - still missing.

Rural Women question census data collection

This year's census is in danger of not providing the data needed to make good decisions, says Rural Women NZ.

"Whilst we understand and support the excitement of capturing our census data online, our concern is that many people still do not have access to internet while others might not have the capability or capacity to do so," says national president, Fiona Gower.

"The timing of the delivery of access code letters, which indicate that people can opt for paper forms, presents challenges for our rural communities, given that delivery of mail is taking longer and might only be delivered three days a week.

"The chances of a rural household without internet or with unreliable internet, receiving census paper forms in time for Tuesday, 6 March is slim and that is concerning.

"RWNZ is doing everything possible to ensure our networks are aware of the new way of doing The Census, although surely more thought should have gone in to how the valuable information about the lives and status of the country's current population would be collected.

"Maybe this year, there could have been a concerted effort to use both electronic collection and paper collection to ensure integrity of the data," says Ms Gower.

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I wish to acknowledge, through your paper and thank those businesses - Marton New World, Farmlands, APB Electrical and all the amazing people who donated food and goods/services - assisting the many volunteers and searchers who took part in Operation Raumai, looking for Kevin Hartley.

Once again, when the call goes out, the Bulls and extended community comes to the fore with assistance.

As there are too many to thank personally, please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

Helen Cooper, Bulls

\$6 million announcement for economic development in region welcomed

Manawatū-Whanganui regional leaders have welcomed Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones announcement of \$6 million from government's Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) towards the revitalisation of Whanganui Port and an upgrade of the Whanganui rail line.

Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall says it's pleasing to have central government's continued support and recognition of the port development and the significant contribution it will make to economic growth in the region.

"The Whanganui Port Revitalisation Programme includes multiple partners focused on revitalising Whanganui's river mouth port and is one of the key projects in the Accelerate 25 Manawatū-Whanganui regional economic action plan," says Mr McDouall.

"In December 2016, following a government contribution of \$500,000 towards a blueprint for developing the area, a port masterplan was developed, which incorporated ideas from local iwi and businesses, the marine industry, recreational users of the river and coastal area and the wider community. "We are well placed for finalising our business case and getting this project moving.

"We also welcome the investment in the city's rail line, as this vital link with the Port and industry will assist with moving our region's growing export volumes such as logs and dairy products."

Accelerate25 lead team member Pahia Turia says today's announcement is another positive step towards helping the region realise its potential.

"This includes creating jobs, lifting incomes and contributing to New Zealand's GDP," says Mr Turia.

"It's important to acknowledge the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment for making this commitment to our region."

"The Port development will not only provide economic benefits to the region, the revitalisation will provide another place for locals and visitors to connect with Te Awa Tupua," says Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui chair Gerrard Albert. "Together, with hapu with interests in the river mouth, we look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure the project upholds the values of Te Awa Tupua."

McKelvie Memos

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There has been a lot of negative noise from those sitting on the government benches about how areas such as Whanganui, Rangitikei and the Ruapehu districts have been tracking over the past few years. I'd like to take this opportunity to point out how we're really doing and provide a few figures to illustrate my point.

In the Rangitikei Electorate, which spans from the northern Horowhenua, through the Manawatu, up to the Ruapehu district and includes the fringes of Whanganui and Taranaki, we are doing remarkably well.

The unemployment rate for the Manawatu - Wanganui region for example, has fallen to 5.3 percent, which is the lowest it's been since 2008. In the Rangitikei itself, unemployment is currently 4.8%. This is below the national average, as of June 2017 and down 1% from the year prior.

At the same time, across the electorate, consents for the building of dwellings increased 35% in the 2016-2017 year, compared to the previous year.

It is perhaps a little-known fact that we are also significant contributors to New Zealand's agricultural industry with 50% of New Zealand's sheep meat exports originating from within a two hour drive of the Feilding Saleyards.

Tourism is booming too, as both local and foreign tourists enjoy what this spectacular part of the country has to offer in terms of culture, heritage, adventure and recreation; along with more than our fair share of coastline, lakes, rivers and mountains. More people are choosing our part of the world as a destination to visit, which is in turn supporting our region's growth and development.

The number of guest nights across the Ruapehu, Whanganui and Rangitikei districts increased by almost 95,800 (or 15.5%) between 2008 and 2017. The Ruapehu district experienced the greatest increase (26.7%), going from 380,143 nights in 2008 to 481,460 in 2017.

Tourism spending has also gone up significantly. Spending by domestic travellers increased by almost a third (32.9%) between 2009 and 2017. This represents an increase of \$97.8 million. Spending by international tourists increased by 64.3% in the same period across our region. In 2009, international tourists spent \$48.8 million. By 2017, that figure was \$80.1 million. So, not only are more people staying in the Manawatu-Rangitikei region, but they're spending more while they're here too. The number of new car registrations is sometimes used as a measure of people's confidence in the local economy. In 2008 there were 1,860 new cars registered in our region. In 2016, that number had increased by just over 14% to 2,122. While Whanganui only saw a small rise, Ruapehu and Rangitikei's share was up 32% and 78% respectively.

I guess what these figures really say is it is up to us to tell our story and to let people know how just how great it is to live, work and play here. Our region is thriving. And the statistics certainly back this up. The noise from across the floor is just that - noise!

One more thing - it is with great sadness I acknowledge the passing of Mrs Rona Rippon of Marton. Rona was a longtime supporter of the National Party and a stalwart of the Marton community. She and her late husband Frank, gifted 'Frae-Ona' Park to the people of Marton many years ago - their legacy continues to be enjoyed by young and old. She will be sadly missed.

BITS n' PIECES



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..see page 7.

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.

Jigsaw Incredible Years Parenting Programme begins in Marton on Wednesday 7 March, and runs for 14 weeks. For more information or to book your pre-programme interview, phone Sue on 027 5540 590 or email sue@jigsawwhanganui.org.nz

Marton School Twilight Gala - Friday March 9, between 4.30-7pm. Take the family along to see Magician Andrew Wilson in action, bouncy castle and mini hotrods rides, food stalls, interschool touch rugby tournament, live entertainment and lots more fun.

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.

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

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Bulls Friendship Club

Summer draws to a close as I write this. The extreme heat of the summer is past, at least for now and we have had the cooling effect of the lovely rain- although, I think the powerful remnants of a tropical cyclone was overdoing it a bit. Climate change indeed! We had a good turnout at the club this week, starting on time at two. We streamlined the opening ceremony about a year ago and dispensed with a lot of what we considered to be unnecessary. The upshot is that we get to the point where we can introduce our guests for the day. This time it was Roy and Maryanne Shadbolt. They gave us their usual polished performance of songs, which was greatly enjoyed. Thank you Maryanne and Roy and we'll see you again later in the year. This week, our entertainment will be provided by accordionist Senga Imrie. The Bulls Friendship Club meets most at the Friendship Hall on the corner of Daniell St with the programme commencing at 2pm, although someone will be there from about 1.30pm. For more information about the club, you can ring our president, Elaine Jeffree on 06 322 1494.

Marton Friendship Club

Hall open 1pm – come along and enjoy our afternoons every Friday. Entertainment and afternoon tea. We had a good attendance who just love the music that the River Folk from Wanganui played for us. Good rhythms and songs we all knew. Some danced many sang and the atmosphere was very happy. Ann and Deana busy in the kitchen; the men spreading the cakes and sandwiches on the tables; everyone able, to pitch in, did so. Some lively chatter about our wild storm, a few fences blown down, power off but not for long. No real damage. Raffles won by Deana, Dawn, Billy, Carol. Monthly raffle donated by Les and won by Melva.

Remember, if your out there on your own, come and see us on a Friday, you will always be made very welcome. This Friday, Maryanne and Roy, a very talented couple - guitar banjo and song. See you all there. Committee meeting delayed until March 9.

The Happy Tours

The weather was perfect for our barbeque at Ashley Park on February 8. We arrived at 10am for morning tea, prepared by our hostess Wendy and staff. While we prepared the barbeque

there was time to enjoy the birds and animals. Helen got the fire going and was chef for the day. A welcome was extended to Paul, Joy, Margaret, Gerald and Margaret Mc. The raffles were won by Dawn E and Jean T. Birthdays were celebrated by Marie, Warren and Paki. On March 8 we will visit Te Papa. The bus will depart at 8am. You make, take or buy your lunch. There is a café available; also ramps for those with walking difficulties. There are two reasons why we have chosen to do this trip this year, rather than next year when the Gallipoli Exhibition closes. We have to do it before daylight saving finishes and B, there will be extra crowds expected before the exhibition closes in April 2019. There is a possibility we may have spare seats available on the bus. Non members may wish to join us for the day. If so, phone 06 327 6091.

International pianist to perform in Marton

Renowned American pianist Dianne Walsh will be performing on Sunday March 18 at 2pm in the Marton Friendship Hall, Morris St. The concert is sponsored by the Marton Music Society and the appealing programme includes works by Beethoven, Chopin, Schubert, Lilburn, Debussy and the modern American composer William Bolcom.



Beethoven's Sonata in F-sharp major Op 78 which is both cheerful and joyous opens the programme followed by the very well-known and beautiful Schubert Impromptu Op 142 No.2. Selections from Debussy's "Images Book 1" including 'Reflets dans l'eau' and 'Hommage a Rameau' are followed by Lilburn's Sonatina No 1. Douglas Lilburn, who was brought up on a farm at Hunterville, composed this sonatina when he was 31 and it has remained popular since. The opportunity to hear it performed by an outstanding pianist, near where the composer lived, is special. William Bolcomb writes entertaining modern American jazz compositions and Diane will be performing his works; 'The Graceful Ghost' and 'Knight Hubert'. The concert will conclude with Chopin's Ballade in A-flat major Op. 47 and will be followed by afternoon tea.

This is a special opportunity to hear an outstanding pianist performing a very enjoyable programme in Marton. Tickets are available at Marton Print (cash please) at the door or by phoning 327 8653.

Rangitikei Country Music Club

Club day February 18, was a fantastic day. A big line up of artists. Everyone was on form, the place was mumming from the time we started, with Joe Byford singing I Hear You Knocking through to Bob singing an Eagles number. We have welcomed Alison and Joe Jacobs, along with their 7 year old granddaughter Jade Logan, singing and playing the ukulele – very talented. Another youngster we have is 8 year old Lexus - putting on the style together with excellent singing. A couple of lasses to watch for in the future. Lexus's mum Sam is another great entertainer - strutting her stuff. Good to see the young people along.

After club day, we held a sausage sizzle etc for tea as a fundraiser. Afterwards the band struck up and we all hit the dance floor to jiggle off some of those calories. A very fun filled evening. This was very well supported and big thank to all who participated. Rangitikei Country Music Awards held on Queen's Birthday Weekend is an annual event and is shaping up nicely so keep this in mind.

Club days are the first and third Sundays of the month, 1pm next to New World, Marton. Contacts: Gloria Williams 06

Age Concern New Zealand

Age Concern NZ agrees with the Housing Stocktake report released in February, that housing security for an ageing population is a key factor that needs to be addressed.

As the Phil Twyford, Minister of Housing and Urban Development said, "The stocktake highlights the increasing number of elderly facing housing-related poverty because fewer and fewer are mortgage free and able to survive on superannuation alone".

Age Concern NZ believes all Kiwis deserve the right to warm, dry, healthy and affordable homes.

Stephanie Clare, CE Age Concern NZ, says "We want to work together with the minister make sure those people who are unable to retire with a debt free home have options for accommodation security.

"The three areas we think need to be addressed are:

Increase and review of the Accommodation Supplement as more older people are needing both NZ Super and an Accommodation Supplement.

The rights of the older tenants: Increase the stock of housing for older people, including developing housing alternatives. "We would welcome an invitation to work together to address the housing shortage for older people and to support more vulnerable, older people into much needed rental accommodation and social housing".

By 2036 it is anticipated that one in four people will be 65 years of age or older. By investing now in solutions that support the transition to an ageing society, our future social and economic prosperity will be protected so we can all flourish.

"Astute investment made now can change the course of ageing in New Zealand for the better – not only for our older population but also for our wider society," Ms Clare says.

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Summer swim spot competitions open

Following the success of last year's competition, Horizons Regional Council is running a second 'Spruce up your Swim Spot' competition, as part of their 'Summer Swim Spots' campaign.

Horizons chair Bruce Gordon says the public were asked which swim spots were their favourite, with eight finalists to be voted to win the spruce up.

The eight finalists are: Ohau River at Gladstone Reserve, Tokomaru River at Horseshoe Bend, Pohangina River at Raumai Reserve, Manawatu River at Hopelands, Rangitikei River at Mangaweka, Rangitikei River at Vinegar Hill, Whanganui River at Cherry Grove, Lake Wiritoa.

"Votes for your favourite spot can be done through a Facebook poll, available on Horizons Rwgional Council Facebook page (<http://bit.ly/2Eu8RqY>). The competition closes on



25 March," says Mr Gordon. Last year's winner of the 'spruce up' was Mosquito Point in Whanganui, which trumped 11 other sites across the region to win with a total of 450 votes.

"The site has received a new changing shed structure, improved access to the Whanganui River via steps, clearing of willows and vegetation, and new seating."

Horizons is also running another competition #swiminourregion that asks the public to share photos of themselves enjoying the region's waterways. By tagging the location and using the hashtag, they're in to win a water themed adventure package worth up to \$1,500. "It's great getting to see our communities spending time enjoying our diverse rivers,

lakes and beaches across the region," says Bruce Gordon.

Last year's winner was Halcombe school teacher Di Simpson, whose photo was a perfectly timed shot of a student taking a dip in Cone Creek while on camp.

Ms Simpson spent her prize taking her class white water rafting down the Rangitikei River at Awastone Adventure Company, Mangaweka.

Local art studios open in March

This month, four art studios in Marton will be open as part of the 18th annual Wanganui Artist Open Studio event.

The launch is on March 16. There is an art trail of the studios over on the weekend of 17 and 18 March and workshops will be run on 24 and 25 March. Chair of Artists Open Studios, Ross Fallen says, "The event in 2018 is bigger and more diverse than ever before, with 82 weekend studios, in excess of 250 contributing artists and weekend workshops. It's a literal visual feast, a chance to carefully select and purchase that perfect artwork for your home." Artist Lorraine Barnett from Marton says, "With a strong art following from far and wide, we love to share our latest projects. Art is ongoing and inspirational and can often leave the artist alone in the creative space. Opportunities to share the love of our artistic mediums and our spaces, is ideal. We are excited to present ourselves through this annual event. It is the first opportunity to be involved for three of the local studios."

Local artists include: Sam Lewry - painter with stylized works in oils and illustrations inspired by buildings, landmarks and NZ scenery; Marton Arts and Crafts - Rangitikei's fabulous art centre. Members exhibits of a wide range of arts and crafts along with demonstrations; The Barber Art Gallery - assorted regional artists displaying paintings, pottery, mosaic, bronze; Bronze Garden Party - Ross Wilson Bronze; Desiree Singer Printmaker and guest sculptor, Steuart Welch's Corten Steel Sculptures.

The local studios are open from 10 am to 4 pm over two weekends - March 17 and 18 and March 24 and 25.

Brochures are at Marton Library, Sublime Coffee, Marton Barber Art, Marton Arts & Crafts Centre, Sam Lewry, and Ross Wilson.



Work by self-taught artist Sam Lewry - originally from the Kapiti coast, he is now based in the Rangitikei.

Fashion show celebrates women

Celebrating Women - Past Present and Future' International Women's Day is on the 8 March. As part of the "La Fiesta" programme of events in Wanganui, Marton Women's Institute in association with Ballentynes, McGruers and the Marton Players are celebrating Women in our community with a Past-Future Fashion Parade on Saturday 3 March, 1.30pm at the Shelton Pavilion Centennial Park, Marton. Tickets are \$15 and include afternoon tea. Numbers are limited - tickets are from Ballentynes or email Gillian Fitcher (agfitcher@gmail.com) 06 3277352

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Outside the Box

GRIEF – what is it?

A common issue that arises in counselling is grief. Grief is a response to loss and loss can be many things; the loss of a relationship, the death of a child, a disability, the loss of a much-loved pet, job loss/restructuring, empty nest and many more reasons. As well as loss, that may not be socially acknowledged for example: abortion or the loss of a loved one through an affair. Whatever the loss, the feelings associated with it are valid and legitimate. Grief is messy, it isn't tidy. Whilst there are widely acknowledged stages that people go through when in grief the truth is it isn't linear.

The way you work through grief is the way you work through it - everybody is different, there is no set way, there is no set time frame. At times, you may feel as if you are going crazy which within the context of grief is normal. Grief hurts it's painful and it can feel as if it's going to go on forever.

In my experience of working as a counsellor for many years, people do not get over something as life changing as the disruptions I've mentioned, in particular, the death of a much loved one. However, in time, the feelings associated with grief may become less intense, as the loss is integrated into a person's life and they begin to live with it.

In the next article on grief we will identify the physical, emotional and mental responses that people can experience when grieving.

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Weeds!

I have a weed problem. More correctly, It's my dad's problem.

He lives at the beach and has a lovely garden. His iris patch is his pride and joy. He tends this patch with loving care and sieved the soil before planting this year, adding compost as well.

The result has been a prolific display of weeds. You see, he created the perfect conditions for them to thrive.

Sure, that was not his intention. He believed he was doing the right thing. Without realizing it, he encouraged the wrong thing. What had been lying dormant for years broke free and took over.

As I helped him to weed out this patch, it struck me that sometimes this can happen to us too. Many different things can come together and create a situation that was not of our choosing, feels as though it's out of our control and... to say the least, makes us feel very uncomfortable. It may be unresolved issues from our past or it may be a new and challenging experience.

My suggestion is to think of the situation as if it's this impressive patch of weeds. It may look overwhelming and exhausting. However, as with weeds, deal with one at a time. Treat yourself with care, work your way through and gently remove what does not serve you well, while retaining the essence of what lies underneath.

Feed yourself with all the good you can and... if required... get help to "weed your patch". Gradually, with time, perseverance and love, the beauty of your garden, currently overshadowed by something else, will be there for all to see.

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Summer gardening

by Wally Richards



NEEM CAKE AND A BIT ON ROSES

A tree in India named Azadirachta indica, is more commonly known as Neem, nimtree or Indian lilac, is a tree in the mahogany family Meliaceae. Suited to full-sun or partial-shade sites with well-drained soil, the Neem tree grows quickly to 50 to 75 feet tall and wide. In NZ they are lucky to grow a few inches a year.

Various parts of the Neem tree have been used in Indian villages for hundreds of years and sometimes it is called the village pharmacy.

NZ Food Safety had, at one time, the following on their web site: "Neem has been determined to be of very low toxicity.

Extracts of Neem have been used historically in parts of Asia for skin and dental treatments for what has claimed to be over 2000 years. Parts of the Neem tree are consumed in certain Indian and Southeast Asian dishes. Neem is used in human medicine for skin and acne treatment and for the control of scabies and head lice. The active component azadirachtin has also been demonstrated to be of very low toxicity. Neem and azadirachtin do not represent a dietary intake risk from consumption of residues on treated food commodities.

The seeds or kernels of the Neem tree are collected and cold pressed to obtain the Neem Oil that is a natural insecticide with 3 modes of action: Anti-feedent, growth retardant and repellent."

The most effective of the three is stopping pest insects from feeding on plants and once affected by consuming a little Neem they starve to death. Neem is not a poison.

If there were any harmful aspects of Neem in regards to the environment or people's health these would have appeared in India from hundreds of years of use and be documented.

Every now and then some person, in the pay of the chemical companies which make toxic insecticides, try to throw a bad light on Neem. Fortunately, most gardeners know the difference between a safe to use product and a poison.

After the Neem oil has been extracted from the kernels the residue left over is call Neem cake which is imported and sold as neem tree granules or neem tree powder. The only difference between the two is the particle size which the powder is uniform at about 1-2mm the granules can range from 1mm to 30mm lumps.

The advantage of the powder is that it is ideal when planting seeds such as carrots against carrot fly attack, when used in planting hole of seedlings such as brassicas against caterpillar

damage and on lawns to prevent damage from grass grubs and nematodes.

The powder is quick acting and can be effective for about a month to 3 months dependent on soil types.

The Neem granules are ideal for placing under trees, shrubs and roses to deter pest insects.

For instance the granules used under citrus trees will in about 6 weeks rid them of whitefly, mealy bug, scale and borer.

Neem granules should last for about 2 to 6 months slowly breaking down.

The smell/repel or camouflage aspect of the granules under fruit trees to confuse the grava moth and codlin moth can help prevent damage to the fruit.

I also suggest that the smell of the Neem granules which hides the smell of the fruit can not only be laid under the tree but also by making little bags out of screen curtain type material then filled with a bit of Neem granules to be hung on the tree, will increase the smell deterrent effect more.

Another example of these two useful products is the deterring of possums, rabbits and hares from eating garden plants. Firstly, you spray Wally's Super Neem Oil and Raingard onto the foliage of the plant being eaten.

Along comes a possum who smells the Neem but when he takes a mouthful of leaves the taste is so bad he relates the smell to the taste. Then all you need to do is scatter some Neem granules and create the smell for several months saving your plant from being eaten.

The Super Neem Oil has a safe emulsifier (an emulsifier is used so the oil mixes with water) which means the oil can be used on children's heads for lice, on pets and animals for fleas, nits, fly strike etc. Some use it on their horses, cows and sheep in preference to chemical poisons.

Natural products with many advantages



An email question from a reader asks:

"Hi, just wondering. What should I be doing to my roses at this time of year. Some are still flowering. Many are looking tired and worn out. I need to build the garden up a bit as am taking out some plants but I am assuming now isn't a good time to put compost in and around them? I would appreciate your help. Thanks."

My reply: Yes, the season is closing down as the daylight hours shorten and your roses will react to this. Dead head them to promote the last flowering for the year. Yes; you can feed with say blood & bone, sheep manure pellets and Rok Solid in the root zone covered with layer of compost. A sprinkling each month with Fruit and Flower Power will help to strengthen the plants heading into winter. I would not worry too much about leaf diseases at this time as the leaves will fall off later but if you have potassium permanganate then a spray with that will reduce disease carry over into next spring.

Another reader asked:

"Hi, Just wondering about using aluminium sulphate to kill slugs. Have you tried it?"

My reply: I heard that it was a supposed to be an organic solution to slugs and snails which surprised me as it's not such a nice compound.

Visit the Safety Data Sheet on it: <http://msds.orica.com/pdf/shess-en-cds-020-000034422701.pdf>

Tui Quash using chelate iron would be much more environmentally friendly and also try any Copper sprays which they cant abide by or go over and once again a better solution. You could make up your own bait using bran, yeast and sulphate or iron or iron chelate.

**Any problems: phone me at 0800 466464 (Palmerston North 3570606).
Email:wallyjr@gardenews.co.nz
Website:www.gardenews.co.nz**

Shave the date!



Lots of Rangitikei locals have taken up the Shave for a Cure challenge in the pastcould this be your year?

Hundreds of freshly-shaven heads will be out in force in March as Kiwis banish their bad hair days for good by joining in Shave for a Cure!

The annual Shave for a Cure Week has seen thousands of Kiwis go bald over the last 16 years. It will be held from March 19 – 25 this year.

Brave 'shavees' raise money to support the estimated 21,000 New Zealanders living with a blood cancer or related blood condition.

Last year close to 2,000 individuals, businesses, schools and community groups shaved raising over \$1.25 million for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ.

The 2018 fundraising target for Shave for a Cure is \$1.2 million. LBC receives no government funding and Shave for a Cure funds their work supporting NZ families living with a blood cancer or related condition.

LBC's services include personalised patient support, funding for research – including the Leukaemia & Blood Cancer research unit at the University of Auckland, providing information, running awareness programmes and advocating on behalf of patients.

"It is super exciting to see how many people have already signed up to Shave in 2018. To see people getting involved simply to help people living with blood cancer is always so lovely to see and we're very appreciative," says Pru Etcheverry, Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand's CEO.

To get find out more information and to sign up to Shave for a Cure, head to: www.shaveforacure.co.nz

Hydrological experts meet

Hydrological experts from across the country are meeting in Palmerston North from 6-9 March, to workshop a range of subjects related to monitoring water quality and quantity.

Horizons Regional Council, which has a hydrology team of 17, has been helping organise the event and team manager Jeff Watson says the workshops will be a great opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the field.

"The workshops are hosted by the NZ Hydrological Society and the specific topic to be address is suspended sediment loads and the latest in best practice data collection, analysis and quality assurance of related data," he says.

"Included in this will be comparisons of different data capture methods, laboratory analyses and surrogate technologies. While this all sounds rather technical, what we're essentially looking at is the impact sediment has on water quality and determining if our data collection methods are as efficient and effective as they can be.

"Considering this is important for ensuring we are providing the best possible service to our communities."

Mr Watson says this is the only workshop of its type in NZ and attendees come from a range of backgrounds including local government, Crown Research Institutes, universities and private industry.

"It is the first time in decades that the measurement of sediment has been the focus of the environmental monitoring industry which is a drawback for many.

"Another drawback is speaker John Gray, who is an expert from the USA and has 38 years of experience in hydrological and sediment data acquisition. Mr Gray will present on various aspects of sediment measurement and its relationship to hydrology and water quality which will be really valuable to all attendees."

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

PUMPKIN

Competitions



GIANT - UGLY - SMALL - DECORATED - PIE
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If you have grown a pumpkin that is potentially over 100kg contact Liz Rayner at the District Monitor 06 327 7881
All other Pumpkin entries to be at Harvest Fair Pumpkin Area by 10am Sunday 25 March

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Marton Harvest Fair

TAIHAPE GUMBOOT DAY 2018

SATURDAY MARCH 3

The day of the gumboot

The iconic Taihape Gumboot Day features this weekend at Memorial Park from 10am to 4pm. Entry is a gold coin. Organiser Eva George, Taihape Trust's new event & project manager, says, "Come along and have a look at Gumboot Day on Saturday. It is different this year with new features and there will be lots of tents and seats and tables to suit any weather."

One new feature is a NZ Army miniature obstacle course (which will run from 10.30am to 1.30pm) for two age groups -U10 and 10 and over. The North Island Gumboot Throwing champs is another important feature. There are records to beat and titles to defend. Between 10am and 12.30pm and 1 and 2pm is the Have A Go gumboot throwing - when anyone can try their hand.

There will be over 30 Gumboot Day stall holders including information and competition stalls, fundraising, retail and food stalls and lots of amusements. Displays include shearing, vintage cars, St John and the Taihape Fire Brigade. Competitions have a very Taihape flavour, including dog barking, egg throwing and catching, a team contest - in your gumboots, of course, as well as the famous gumboot throwing. A selfie with a gumboot is the newest contest. Entry to all competitions is free.

The adjacent Taihape swimming pool is open for free and the popular skate park is also open during the day from 10am. See the Taihape.co.nz website for up to date information on Taihape Gumboot Day.



Go along for a family fun day at the Taihape Gumboot Day on Saturday.



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Gumboot Day programme

All activities on the programme are FREE for the whole day.

- 10am Kick off
- 10am - 4pm**
- Team Competition 'Team up in your Gumboots'
- Aqua run (TAS) – spot prizes
- St John - CPR demo & practice
- Fire Brigade display
- Vintage Car display (do not touch)
- Bouncy Castles
- Prize & Information tent (with prizes & displays)
- Art & Craft and Wishing Gumboot (with rock painting etc)
- Selfie in your gumboot competition

- 10am -12.30pm** Have a Go' Gumboot Throwing
- 10am -3pm** Face paint stall
- 10.15 - 10.30am** Shearing demo
- 10.30am – 12.30pm**
- Highly Flammable - balloon twister
- NZ Army miniature obstacle course
- 10.30-1pm** Shearing demo
- 10.45 – 11am** Shearing demo
- 11.30 12 noon** Ronald McDonald Show
- 12.30 – 1pm** Egg throwing & catching competition
- 1 - 2pm** Have a Go' Gumboot Throwing
- 1.15-1.30pm** Shearing demo
- 1.30 - 3.30pm** Children's Circus Zone (activity area)
- 2 - 2.15pm** Prizegiving 'Have a Go'
- 2.15 - 2.45pm** NI Gumboot Throwing Championships
- 2.45 - 3pm** Dog Barking Competition
- 3 - 3.15pm** Shearing demo

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GUMBOOT THROWING competitions

Saturday 3 March
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(Egg throwing & catching 12.30pm-1pm)
Have a Go 1pm-2pm

Prizes: children; youth; seniors

Free Entry

Top 6 men and 6 women on the leader-board go through to the North Island Gumboot Throwing Championships at 2.15pm.

Prizes: 1st \$300; 2nd \$200; 3rd \$100

Top 3 men and 3 women form the North Island team to compete in the NZ Gumboot Throwing Championships in Palmerston North on Saturday 10 March at the Hilux NZ Rural Games.

Contact Elizabeth 021 0261 6002
www.taihape.co.nz and https://www.facebook.com/GumbootDay/

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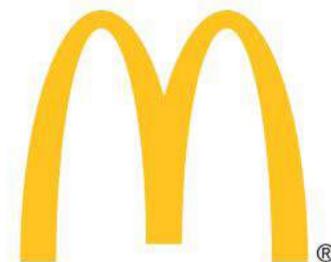
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MARTON GOLF CLUB

Saturday 17 February: 30 starters; 1st round Medal Cup; 1st round shoot-out. Voucher - G Marshall Decorating: S Marshall 62, M Peina 65, L Peina 66, C Murphy 67, H Bremner 69, P O'Connor 70, GV Calkin 70, C Fullerton-Smith, 71 N Gordon 71, T Hammond 71, D Morrison 72, D Singer 72, G McIver 72, D Fullerton-Smith 72. Twos; 3rd S Marshall, 12th T Marshall. Being here; D Clark C Williams & Bob Barrett. Kitchen: Clare Aston. Saturday 24 February: Marton New World voucher: S Marshall, M Peina 40, B Poppe 40, G McIver 40, B Craig 39, S Duncan 39, T Calkin 38, P Simpson 38, B Pratt 38, T McVerry 37, R Brett 37. Twos; 3rd G McIver B Poppe; 6th E Clark. Next week: Coleman Cup; 1st round. Duty: D Arnott. Bar: G Calkin P O'Connor.

TAIHAPE GOLF

With no interclub pennants, or president's trophy rounds held, club members turned out to play their club matches on an unseasonal Cyclone Gita windy day. Danny Mickleson played the better golf but was undone by Hamish Rose on the 20t. Rose showed he's developed match winning skills, leading into the presidents trophy rounds. Merv Tapp edged out Denis Robertson in a close match. Alan Thomas was under the pump early from John Booth, but prevailed in the tiring conditions. Chris George led the field with five pars and a consistent performance, on 33 points. Duane Dick snapped up 2nd place, with 32 points. Merv Tapp, Briany Bristol and Alan Thomas all came in with 31 points. Eagle and life member Graeme Rose is starting to regain some rhythm, with 30 points. New member Wayne Corbett is showing perseverance, which will reap rewards in weeks to come. Alan Thomas recorded the only two of the day, on the 14th. This week, the A grade team takes on Whanganui Belmont at Palmerston North.

MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF

Stableford round played Tuesday 27 saw 37 players on the course - once again playing some great golf in good conditions. Results for the day: 1st division: 1st Neil Powell 20, 2nd Linda Brandon 16, 3rd Bryan Hamerton 15. 2nd division: 1st Lyn Shaw 23, 2nd Dave McDougall 20, 3rd Sam Atkinson 19, 4th Luke Leersnyder 19. 3rd division: 1st Clare Aston 21, 2nd Wendy Ng 16 c/b, 3rd Beryl Higgie 16 c/b, 4th Jan Cook 16. Lucky card went to Tim Brandon and raffle to Linda Brandon. Next week's starters are: Jill Briant & Tom Trotter. Cards: Sheena Marshall & Brian Shaw. Kitchen: Lyn Shaw. Next week is gardening after golf. Please bring your lunch and garden tools.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Ballance - competition medal: seniors: Rob Giles net 70, Peter Field net 72, Hone Morris, Marty Field & Jason Harris net 73, Peter Thompson, Ian Craig, Liz Kinloch & Ron Harris net 74. Juniors: Noel Crocker net 69, Peri Wehi net 70, Stu de Burgh, Allek White & Clive Robinson all net 71, Peter Young net 73. Twos: Jason Harris 5th, Peter Field 16th. Nearest the pins: Jason Harris 5th & Bruce Kinloch 18th.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 20th. Jessie Rhodes medal & putting; B Parlane 35, D Penfold 35, J Van Loo, B Philps, & R Little 37, L Neumann 38. Putting; J Van Loo & L Neumann 18. Nearest pin; J Van Loo. Saturday 24th; Golf Warehouse Glad Beaman pairs medal: s/men; G Franks nett 62, R McDermott 65, D Rhode & G Cunningham 70 and G Bond 71. J/men; P Weeks nett 66, M Neumann by lot from M Porter 67, K Fagan (PN) 72, D Bond 73, N Skelton 74. Women; J Stantiall 70, S Wells 74, P Charlesworth 75. Two; G Franks #5. Jackpot: 29 balls not struck. Nearest pins; s/men = G Cunningham. J/men = N Skelton. Woman = P Charlesworth. A good start to the 2017 A grade pennant & president team campaigns, with a 7 to 5 win for the A's over Levin Sunday 18/2 and 25th. A 7 to 5 win also for the president's over Linton. Next A grade round 4/3 vs Manawatu at Palmerston North & 18th president's away to Castlecliff. Coming events: Tuesday golf; 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 3rd: president's trophy; 1st round: 11am 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.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 21 February roll-up results: welcome to Steve and Marie who joined us then. We hope you enjoyed your afternoon and look forward to seeing you both again. Skips: 1st Mike Aldworth, 2nd Elaine Saywell, 3rd Neil Gardener. Twos: 1st Josie Bismark, 2nd Sharon Gordon, 3rd Steve Southall. Saturday 24 February roll-up results: skips: 1st Joanne Simpson, 2nd Andy Creagh, 3rd Peter Saywell. Twos: 1st Graeme Morris, 2nd Jean Coleman, 3rd Russell Gillard. Marton Bowling Club business house: as usual this competition was well supported by the community, with 16 teams playing in the Tuesday competition and another 16 teams on the Wednesday; over three weeks. We thank all the businesses who entered. It was nice to see new faces and witness old rivalries. It's always great to hear laughter and friendly banter on the green. If you missed out this time, make sure to join us next year for some fun, BBQ and a cold beverage or two. Most importantly, we would like to give a huge shout out to our sponsors Malteurop, without you this much enjoyed annual get together would not have been possible! The winners were - Target Shooting Marton, 2nd Graham Marshall's team, 3rd Brush Strokes, 4th Matt Burke's team. If you enjoyed this experience, please don't be shy to come along and join us for a roll-up. Bowls is a game of skill, enjoyed by young and old these days. We play on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1pm.

Right: Target Shooting Marton - winning business house team members: from left: Wayne Hunt, Tony Stockton, Fred de Burgh, Bob Crawford.



Sport continued on pg 11...

Public Notices



**WARNING: RIVER LEVEL INCREASE
FLOW CHANGES IN THE MOAWHANGO AND RANGITIKEI RIVERS**

Genesis Energy's resource consents for the Tongariro Power Scheme require flushing flow releases from Moawhango Dam. This release is the fourth of five releases for the summer of 2017-2018. The purpose of the flushing flow is to help improve the ecology of the Moawhango River. As the Moawhango River flows into the Rangitikei River, the flushing flow will result in an increased flow in both rivers.

The flows will be at least 26 cubic metres per second for 5 hours (flows are released Tuesday 9pm to Wednesday 2am from Moawhango Dam). The flushing flow will result in an increased flow in both the Moawhango River (from Moawhango Dam) and the Rangitikei River on the following date:

◆ **Wednesday 14th March 2018**

Please ensure anyone using these rivers is aware of these flow changes

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Applications close on Friday 16 March.

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Intention to Close Road to Vehicular Traffic

PURSUANT to Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that, the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the road as listed below for the purpose of permitting Manawatu Car Club to conduct the tar seal sprint event on 29 April 2018.

Road to be closed:

Time 08:00am till 17:00pm

Road – **Otara Road**, from Peka Road to 400m before State Highway1

Any person objecting to the proposals is called upon to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4.00 pm, Friday 9 March 2018 at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

Should the Rangitikei District Council decide to close the said roads, a public notice shall be given.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive



RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Sports Coordinator

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Job description available on request. Applications with covering letter and CV to Amanda Win, Principal's Secretary, admin@rangitikeicollege.school.nz. Applications close Monday 12 March.



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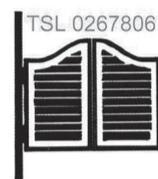
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March 7 at 1.30pm
Speaker: Muriel Guillaud
Topic: From France to New Zealand

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Friday March 16, 2018 at 1pm.
Rangitikei Health Centre, 7 Blackwell St, Marton



The Chimney Sweep

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Public Notices

MOTUKAWA FARM TRUST

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

- Mihi/karakia
 - Minutes of previous meeting
 - Chairman's Report
 - Financial Reports 2015 to 2017
 - 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 - Reduction of trustees to 5 (five)
 - Election of five trustees - Provided Item 5.3 is approved
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BULLS BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 24 February; Bulls club members travelled to Himatangi for the inaugural match of the sea meets river trophy, played as a home and away, over two separate days, on a points basis. After three rounds at Himatangi, with lots of refreshment breaks, Bulls ended up four points behind. So, the next game at Bulls will require some home advantage to even the score. The bbq after was well presented and welcomed by all. We had a great day out and it was good to see three of Himatangi's new members taking part and playing well. Next weekend we're playing an open men's triples on Sunday 4 March, with room for more entries, as Wayne Cooksley has prepared the back green for play, giving us another 5 rinks to accommodate more teams. Enjoy the company at Bulls Bowling Club - Ph: 3221284.

HUNTERVILLE BOWLS

On Tuesday morning, the Hunterville bowlers crossed their fingers and prayed that the weather would stay clear all day, while their "summer" tournament was played. Teams from Taihape, Marton, Palmerston North and Wanganui, joined Hunterville bowlers to make the tournament a happy day. The sponsor for our summer tournament this year has been Barbara Sharp from Montrose, Scotland. Barbara visits Hunterville each December to spend three months with her daughter Sue (secretary of Hunterville Bowls) and her husband Pete. Barbara returns to her home in Montrose, Scotland this week. Thank you Barbara for sharing your time with us and for your wonderful sponsorship. Winners were: Colin Cherrie, Rayner Stewart and Kent Lambert (Palmerston North) with 4 wins, 23 ends and 44 points. The runner up was Marton - Russell Gillard's team; with 4 wins and 22 ends.



Above: Hunterville Bowls summer tournament winners, from left: Colin Cherrie, Rayner Stewart, Kent Lambert, Barbara Sharp (tournament sponsor) with club president Vitaus Pecekajus.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

The finals of the Manawatu-Wanganui croquet association silver badge tournament was held at Marton on Sunday February 18 and the winners were: A grade; Murray McNae, B grade; Lynda Thompson, C grade; Lyn Johnson. Results for the week were as follows: Monday 19/2/18 association; R McLay 26 v D Winmill 20, G McIntyre/G Thompson 18 v T Martyn/M Costello 15. Golf croquet; M Vallance 10 v L Hughes 9, M Meek 7,7 v C Burne 5,4, M Meek/L Hughes 7 v C Burne/M Vallance 2, M Vallance 7 v L Hughes 3. Wednesday 21/2/18 assn; D Winmill 26 v T Martyn 6, L Thompson 18 v Mary McNae 8. Golf croquet; L Hughes 10 v G Thompson 4, L Johnson 10 v J McDougall 4, L Hughes 11 v S Johnson 10, S Johnson 10 v C Burne 4, C Burne 5 v G Thompson 3, L Johnson 7 v J McDougall 3. Saturday 24/2/18 associaton; D Winmill/L Johnson 26 v T Martyn/G Thompson 10. Golf croquet; S Johnson 10 v L Thompson 7, M Vallance 7, 5 v M Meek/G McIntyre 3,7, S Johnson/M Vallance 3 v M Meek/G McIntyre 7, S Johnson /G McIntyre 5 v M Meek/L Thompson 7,5.

CROQUET MANAWATU-WANGANUI

Golf croquet interclub competition - week 7. Another good week for Feilding, with a big 6-2 win over closest rivals, Rose Gardens. With three weeks to go, Feilding is looking even more like the potential winner. Feilding 6, Rose Gardens 2. Marton 3, Levin 5. Results: Brian Gillard & Margaret Hunt (Levin) bt Lynda Thompson & Lyn Johnson (Marton) 7-6; Selwyn Johnson & Marilyn Vallance (Marton) bt Wally Richards & Noel Ennis (L) 7-1; Gillard & Richards (L) bt Thompson & S Johnson (M) 7-2; Ennis (L) bt Vallance (M) 7-5; Hunt (L) bt L Johnson (M) 7-4; Gillard (L) bt L Thompson (M) 7-6; S Johnson (M) bt Richards (L) 7-5; Vallance & L Johnson (M) bt Ennis & Hunt (L) 7-2. Rangatira 2, Wanganui 6. Points to date: Feilding 39, Rose Gardens 32, Wanganui 29, Marton 25 (+7), Levin 25 (-42), Rangatira 18.

MARTON SARACENS CRICKET

Both Matt Burke Engineering Saracens P1 and Central ITM Saracens P2 had a day off last Saturday due to defaults. This Saturday, the Premier 1 team hosts Tech at Centennial Park and the Premier 2 team travels to Wanganui's Victoria Park to take on United. The P2 match is a 'must win' if Saracens are to qualify for the following Saturday's semi-finals.

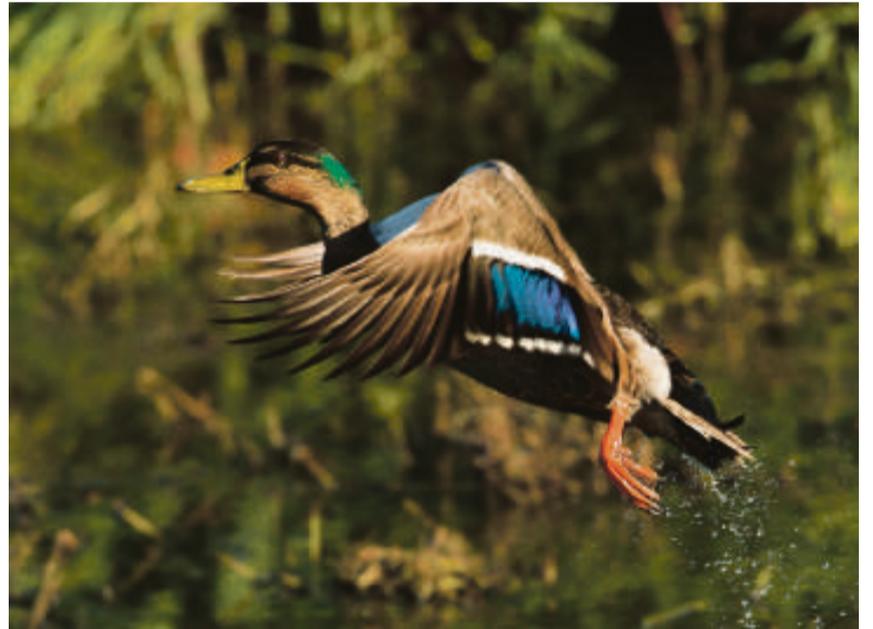
MITRE 10 MEGA FUTURE CHAMPIONS TRUST FUNDING ROUND OPEN

The Mitre 10 Mega Wanganui Future Champions Trust funding round is now open and the Trust is welcoming applications. The Trust provides financial support to Wanganui's talented young sports people who have the ability to compete at the very highest level but may need some extra to achieve their goals. The Trust is encouraging promising athletes who are in need of financial support to consider applying, with the aim to give our talented sporting youth with a "hand up" to reach their full potential at an international level in their chosen sport. The Mitre 10 Mega Future Champions Trust has now been operating for four years and has granted \$37,000 to 34 individual athletes, assisting them in reaching and achieving at internationally acclaimed events like Olympic and Commonwealth Games, world cups and other major events in their chosen sport. The Trust encourages athletes interested in applying, to visit the website www.futurechampionstrust.org to assess the criteria for the fund and to get an application form. Funding rounds are held twice yearly - at the end of March and September - with the latest round providing grants to: Liam Back - cross country, selected to compete at the NZ Secondary Schools World Cross Country Champs being held in Paris, France in April 2018. Jordan Cohen - hockey, identified to attend the U18 NZ hockey squad selection training in New Plymouth, NZ; Genna Maples - athletics, selected as part of the NZ secondary schools' track and field team to compete at the Australian Athletics nationals held in Australia in December 2017; Tara Raj - golf, competing in women's

open and U19 NZ tournaments in NZ & Australia; Fergus Smith - golf, selected to attend the University in Iowa, USA, to assist with and enhance his golfing career. All levels of support are appreciated and interested businesses are encouraged to contact The Trust through its website www.futurechampionstrust.org, or phone Philippa Baker-Hogan on 027 272 795.

'Biggest ever' duck banding tally bodes well for game bird season

Current Fish & Game banding activities indicate duckshooters won't be short of targets when the new game bird season opens on Saturday May 5. Every summer, Eastern Fish & Game officers band greys and mallards at sites in the Bay of Plenty, along the East Coast and in the Reporoa area, near Taupo, to work out population trends and help plan hunting limits. Senior Fish & Game officer Matthew McDougall says, "We caught more ducks than we ever have - 200 more than we previously have in any one year - with more than 1800 birds trapped and banded so far and trapping not yet finished." Mr McDougall says banding operations are now in their twenty second year and this figure is the biggest tally to date. While numbers are still being crunched, he says the early indications are of a reasonable number of juveniles - important because the young birds make up a large part of a hunter's bag. The juveniles are typically harvested at twice the rate of fully grown adults on opening weekend. Of the individual banding sites, the Bay of Plenty had produced the largest numbers of birds, Mr McDougall says. "But there were reasonable numbers of ducks in Gisborne and on the East Coast," he adds. The birds were generally in "good condition." Mr McDougall says that the results fit with indications over the past two years of game bird populations starting to turn around. "We are just holding our breath somewhat over the possible impact of botulism on the populations; after outbreaks in the warm, humid weather," he says. F & G staff have also surveyed other species and found that paradise shelduck populations appear to be stable, while black swan numbers continue to remain high in the Bay of Plenty. The banding programme will be followed up by aerial counts; carried out before the game bird season opens on May 5. Fish & Game eastern region is again considering a six week mallard season, with an eight bird limit. Mr McDougall is urging hunters to remember to send in their duck band information. "We hope to again offer some desirable prizes as a nice incentive to folk to provide this crucial data - more on that closer to the season", he says.



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