

Memorial garden to honour Christchurch victims

A new garden was planted in Marton Park last weekend, to honour the victims of the Christchurch terror attack.

The planting was the initiative of Charley Ward-Berry, a member of the new Rangitikei Youth Council.

"It just felt like we should do something, because we're such a connected country," Charley says. "Even though it happened a long way off, we still feel the sadness."

With support from RDC's Parks and Reserves team leader Athol Sanson, a single kowhai tree and 50 Cape Reinga lilies were selected for the new garden area, near the Oxford St entrance to the park.

"There are 50 plants for the 50 people who died and the tree stands strong in the middle," Charley says. The tree was planted by Charley, Rangitikei mayoress Beth Watson, her grand daughter Rosa Tukiri and Marton RSA president Alan Buckendahl. The reingenga lilies were planted by a team including RDC staff, councillors, youth council members and community members.

Athol Sanson says it was appropriate the mayoress was involved in the planting. "There are 15 memorial trees around Marton Park, all planted by mayoresses," he says. "The first was planted in 1894 and it's important to continue that."

District councillor Lynne Sheridan thanked the youth council for its initiative. "It's important for us to have a tangible display of how we feel and this is a great way to achieve that," she said.

Story and photo Belinda Howard.



Planting the 50 Cape Reinga lilies was a team effort in the new Christchurch memorial garden at Marton Park.

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The team at Go Ahead says, "We know it's hard, with that ever growing and changing mullett but give it a go! Congratulations to Marton's biggest teenager (Graeme) for all his hairdressing achievements."

Come on Marton - have a go!
You can drop entries into Go Ahead Hair Design by 4pm May 24.

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Many march at ANZAC Day in Marton



A very big crowd gathered in Marton to march in the ANZAC Day dawn parade and attend the service that followed. Marton Pipe Band led the parade and later played at the Marton RSA cemetery at Mt View.

Wreaths were laid and a prayer and sermon delivered by Salvation Army Captains Barbara and Peter Dawson. Barry Williams played The Last Post. Rangitikei College head boy Xavier Death read the roll of honour.

A mist rolled in to enliven the dawn, as the service ended and many joined the RSA for a cuppa and chat. Ohakea airbase commander Group Captain Shaun Sexton spoke to the assembly, along with Marton RSA president Alan Buckendahl and Australian pilot Captain Danniell Lyon who is based at Ohakea and a member of Marton RSA.

Animals honoured at Bess memorial ANZAC service

Right: Horse Heknows and rider Michele Swan were among many horses and riders who attended the Bess Memorial service on Anzac Day.

There is a gathering at the Bess private memorial near Bulls, each ANZAC Day. It has become the default memorial to all NZ animals that served during World War 1.

More than 10,000 horses were deployed with NZ troops when the 1914 -18 war broke out. The horses endured great suffering; wounds, thirst, hunger, weariness. Only four came home. Among them was a 4 year old thoroughbred named Bess.



Disability assistance dogs Lola (left) and Nina (right) at the Bess War Horse Memorial with trainers Sandy De Kock and Merenia Donne. The dogs help people with a range of issues, including veterans with PTSD. Photos Belnda Howard.

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RDC changes wards before election

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Rangitikei District Council has made a major change to its ward structure from five to three wards. Wards are the representation areas which make up the council's catchment and from which councillors are elected. All local authorities are required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to review representation arrangements at least every six years.

Prior to this year's local body elections in October, Rangitikei councillors reviewed the ward structure and made changes to the number of wards and their boundaries. Rangitikei will now be comprised of Northern, Central, and Southern Wards. Taihape (slightly expanded becomes the Northern Ward), Hunterville and Marton combine to be the Central Ward. Bulls and Turakina combine to make the new Southern Ward

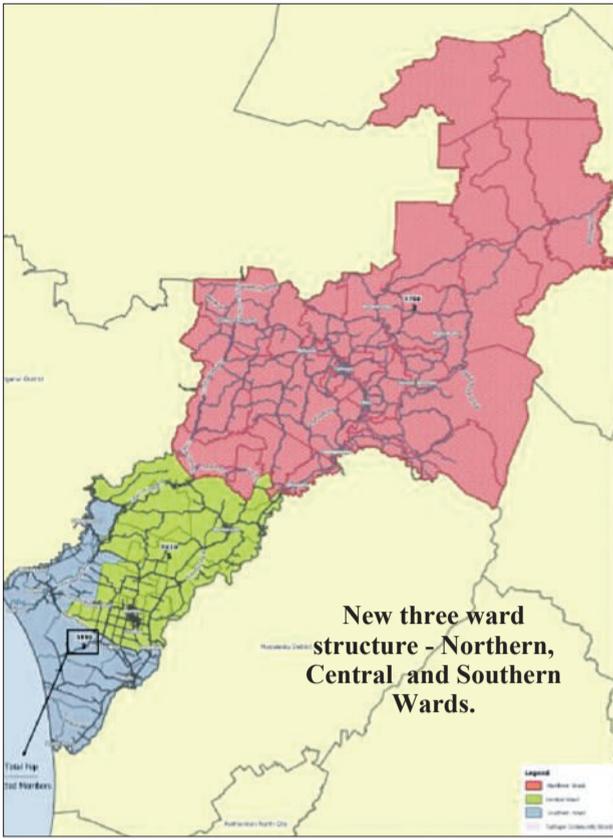
The number of elected councillors remains the same at 11 - with three councillors elected by the electors of the Northern ward; five councillors elected by the electors of Central Ward and three councillors elected by the electors of the Southern Ward

The Ratana and Taihape Community Boards will remain the same - each with four elected members - along with (for Ratana) one member appointed from the Southern Ward and (for Taihape) two members from the Northern Ward.

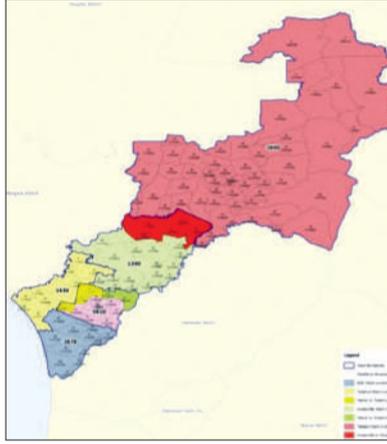
Maps of the wards will be available on the RDC website and made widely available in the leadup to the local body elections. The Local Electoral Act 2001 review looked at the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors and, if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards. Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards and, if so, membership arrangements for those boards. The boundaries of the wards and communities must align with the current statistical boundaries as determined by Statistics New Zealand.

The process to change current ward structure must be approved by the Local Government Commission (LGC). There were four appeals to the LGC against the Rangitikei District Council's final proposal but, after hearing the appeals, LGC upheld RDC's proposal. The appeals centred around ensuring that smaller communities were adequately and fairly represented in the new ward structure.

However, it was determined by LGC that the new ward structure would be unlikely to disadvantage smaller rural communities, particularly given that the community board at Ratana and the community committees at Turakina and Hunterville would continue. Marton and Bulls Community Committees will also continue.



New three ward structure - Northern, Central and Southern Wards.



Former five ward structure.

Arcadian Singers Taihape - first concert of the year - St David's Church, Sunday May 5 at 2pm.

St Andrew's Annual Garage Sale - 11 May, 9am - St Andrew's Hall, Broadway, Marton.

Marton Players Theatre - Caroline Easter and the Cinnamon Girls on Saturday 11 May. Playing from their new indie-pop album Lucky. Tickets are \$20 at www.eventfinda.co.nz, or door sales might be available on the night.

Marton RSA - On Saturday 18 May - presents Vicki Lee singing From the Era of Dame Vera Lynn. Tickets are \$25 from Marton Print in High St, Ph 06 327 7411.

Marton Rotary Senior Citizens Outing - Sunday 12 May and the assembly point is the Friendship Club Hall; leaving at 1pm. David Smith 327 6513, or Gaylene Jones 327 6166, to ensure a place or to be picked up.

NZ DEFENCE FORCE TRAINING EXERCISE

The NZ Defence Force and a United States Army aviation regiment will conduct a joint exercise in Auckland and Waiouru from 8-23 May, 2019.

The exercise will involve a large number of military personnel, including special forces from both countries, as well as aircraft. Its purpose is to practise counter-terrorism integration techniques between the two countries.

Elements of it will be carried out in central Auckland, Whenuapai, Kaipara, Papakura and Waiouru. It will involve day and night flying, as well as live firing, within the Kaipara Air Weapons Range.

The NZDF and US armies have trained together regularly for many years. The exercise has been planned since 2018 and is not in response to the recent events in Christchurch.

Members of the public may see personnel conducting military activities from helicopters in exercise areas.

There is no need for the public to be concerned if they see military action in Auckland over this period. The NZDF would like to thank the public in advance for their cooperation during the exercise.

The memory of a brave Whanganui girl has been celebrated through a generous donation to Whanganui Hospital.

Gabby Devine, who suffered from a rare type of bone cancer and spent a year of intensive chemotherapy, radiation and major surgery, founded the Starlit Hope charity in 2013 with the simple aim of putting a smile on the faces of children and their families in similar situations.

She featured on TVNZ's Good Sorts for the kindness she showed to others while bravely coping with her own health struggles.

Gabby was just 13 when she died in 2015, but her vision has seen the charity grow and Whanganui kids and their families have been the beneficiaries.

Last week, Starlit Hope donated \$4000 worth of food and petrol vouchers to be distributed to those in need by the local hospital.

The money was part of the record \$10,000 raised by the popular Paul's Road concert in March. The annual day-long music event - started in 2008 -- is a regular fundraiser for Gabby's charity. Organiser Kerry O'Sullivan - also a singer with one of the bands, Whisky Mama - said more than 500 people had attended the concert, held at the Paul's Rd property of Dean and Marian Butler.

"We had great weather, and bands from Auckland and Palmerston as well as local bands," she said.

"Gabby was my niece's child and she always talked about the importance of sharing a smile and showing kindness. It means a lot to help continue the work she started."

WDHB clinical nurse manager Trish Silk said the vouchers would be given to deserving families who had children in hospital.

Starlit Hope has already given \$2000 to each of three families with sick children, using the proceeds from the concert.

HEALTH SCENE



Paul's Rd property owner Dean Butler presents the vouchers to clinical nurse manager Trish Silk (centre) accompanied by, from left, Fred Loveridge, musician and one of the festival organisers; Kerry O'Sullivan; Marian Butler and Whanganui District Health Board chief executive Russell Simpson.

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Marton Friendship Club

Morris St, hall open 12.30pm – bring lunch. Friday 26 April, start time 1.30pm. Last week, a lively afternoon. AGM went well with committee re-elected and members can look forward to another successful year. Entertainment from 2pm was John White and band – always top music. A bracket from the 50s – Side by Side, Don't Worry About Me and more. Anne with Please Help me I'm Falling, Robyn with My Dixie Darling and her popular chook song, then John back with Tavern in the Town. All of their tunes are known by our members so they relate and sing along. Last, but not least, was a bit of linedancing. With Ann George's help, many got up to dance. Another good afternoon - the men served afternoon tea. Come along and have fun with us; visitors always welcome. Entertainer this Friday is Robyn Curtis. Don't miss Robyn; another good singer and musician. See you there.

Marton Contract Bridge Club

Tues 23 April. Richards Construction Ltd Drawn pairs (R1): N/S J Meads & J Bellamore 54.86, S Marshall & P Sullivan and K Poppe & J Ellery 50.69. E/W J Baddeley & M Bartels 64.58, J McPherson & C Watson 46.53, W Jones & J Bligh 45.14. Thur 25 April. Henry Gaisford Rosebowl (R2): N/S W Jones & H Bostock 57.08, S Marshall & J Bellamore 52.92, K Poppe & M Bartels 51.67. E/W H Rowe & G Kirton and J Baddeley & P Davidson 55.83, S Gruys & N Poppe 51.67.

1st Marton Scout Group

Being a part and helping our community is what being a youth member in the 1st Marton Scout Group is all about. We had a great number of Keas, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and leaders attend the ANZAC Dawn Parade, remembering those who fought and lost their lives for us.

Our committee members worked hard, behind the scenes, to ensure the refreshments after the parade were ready on time, they also served and washed everything up, and then, with the help of our youth members, the Marton Memorial Hall was tidied and cleaned. Sadly, this was the last time Donna Phasey will be organising the refreshments, as after five years on the committee, the time has now come, for her to say farewell to us. She has been a big asset to us and we shall all miss her. Cubs and Scouts were also in attendance at the afternoon remembrance service at the cenotaph.

You may have also seen us at Marton New World on Saturday, selling raffle tickets as well as conducting a sausage sizzle. We raised \$384.50.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our fundraiser. Without you, our community and your donations, financially it would be hard to continue our group.

Forest & Bird

The branch held a successful AGM in April, with all officers re-elected unopposed and, with one or two changes, a full committee was agreed upon. We thank Graeme Smith and Kate Williams for their leadership during the past year. This meeting was followed by a lively and interesting talk by Barbara & Dave Smissen about their time as volunteers for Zelandia, Wellington and for Doc in the Nelson Lakes district.

Barbara & Dave particularly appreciated the attitude of The Zelandia Trust Board, which treated them as responsible people, able to complete necessary tasks. As they lived near the Reservoir area, they became involved with hosting, leading and sharing the vision for the development from the very early stages, before the predator proof fencing and pest control were completed. Originally, there were only about three or four breeding pairs of tui in the area, but Zelandia stopped banding and counting tuis when they reached seven hundred and fifty. This is just one example of the success experienced by this long sighted Trust, which has plans for the next four hundred years.

The following weekend a group of members were guided through Greystoke Bush, a private reserve in Jefferson's Line, by Peter Rowe. Everyone was impressed by the size of this bush reserve and the wide variety of plant life there. We thank Peter, Marie Mullins and all the speakers and people who have shared their knowledge of special areas in the past year. You have all contributed to the richness of our experiences.

On Wednesday 8 May, Margaret Woodbridge will talk to us about a visit to China, Tibet and Kathmandu. This meeting will be held at 7.30 pm in the Milne Room, St Andrew's Church, Broadway, Marton. For further details please contact Kate Williams 06 327 8790.



Senior Citizens' Outing Soon

Every year, for a number of years, Marton Rotary Club has taken the elderly folk of Marton and district on outings of interest. This year is no exception and Rotary will be taking Edale residents, Friendship Club members and any other elderly residents on a mystery tour. It will be on Sunday 12 May and the assembly point is the Friendship Club Hall leaving at 1pm. A call to David Smith 327 6513, or Gaylene Jones 327 6166 will ensure a place for you.

Those unable to get to the assembly point themselves can be picked up around 12.30pm, by ringing David or Gaylene. Afternoon tea will be served by members of the Rotary Club at a stop on the way - Sunday 12 May at 1pm.

FROM THE PULPIT



HIGH ALERT

There is no doubt that our World is on 'high alert' ! What with the Christchurch massacre, the killing of 50, followed by the Sri Lankan attacks, killing well over 300 - we live in a pretty scary place that does not encourage us to travel

The early attack was against the Muslim community and the latter slaughter, against the Christian community, so it's very understandable that people would say, "I don't want a bar of religion" and then steer very clear of "that religious stuff."

But there is a big difference in religions - 4.15 billion people includes Islamics, Hindus, secular, agnostic, atheist, etc and in relationship - Christianity - 2.4 billion. They all have their own beliefs in a God but only Christianity has a living one - who sent His only Son to die (historical fact); rise from the dead (also an historical fact) - seen by 500 witnesses. Just imagine you were seen by 500 people, stealing something and they all confirmed it in a court of law There is no chance that you would be found not guilty.

Jesus was seen ascending to heaven, where He now sits, at the right hand of his heavenly Father - praying for our world and he's doing a much better job with heavenly housing than the government is with Kiwi-Build ... that's right. He is preparing an eternal home for those who trust Him on Earth!

Plus... we live on this planet. He promised to be with us; never to leave or forsake those who put their trust in Him - no matter how tough or crazy life gets down here! In the end, it's not about our opinions - it's about the truth that will set us free.

For me personally, I have trusted Jesus Christ in a relationship for most of my life. He has forgiven my sin, given me his peace, power and purpose to live a life the pleases Him.

Yes, I still get it wrong at times, but He is so willing for FORGIVE when that happens. The Bible is full of what I have written above - we have copies that are available free just call in and we'd be more than happy to gift you one. when you experience a relationship with HIM you will never be the same again - i.e. FOREVER!

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Days to go for Rangitikei Youth award nominations

Nominations are now closing for the John Turkington Forestry Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019, with the continued aim of celebrating our districts outstanding youth aged 12- 24. "The winner of each category gets \$500 cash from one of our incredible sponsors," says organiser Nadia Gower, RDC strategic advisor for Rangitahi Youth.

"We are proud to have such talented and exceptional young people in our midst and are seeking the help of the community by encouraging you to nominate a young person or group of young people you know, who fit the following award criteria."

Marton Rotary leadership - for young people who have demonstrated leadership in a project or organisation.

River Valley Eco Warrior - for young people who have created a positive change for local environmental issues.

BJW Motors Change Maker - for young people who have created positive change to foster cultural understanding in their community.

Hautapu Pine Youth In Sport -for young people who have created a positive and inclusive culture, supported other young people or been an exceptional representative of the district in their sport.

The Downs Group Giving Back - for young people whose actions addressed a current need and have had a significant impact on their community.

New World Marton Youth For Youth - for young people whose actions specifically supported other young people in areas such as (but not limited to) the arts, culture, environment or sport.

Fortuna Forest Products Youth Group -for a group of young people who have made a significant contribution to their community in areas such as (but not limited to) the arts, culture, environment or sport.

Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa Youth In Apprenticeship - for young people who have shown dedication, commitment and have achieved success with their apprenticeship.

Fortuna Forest Products Youth In Employment - for young people who have made a significant contribution to their employment, industry sector and/or have demonstrated significant professional growth.

Applications close this Sunday 5 May 2019. The Youth Awards evening to celebrate all nominees and name the category winners, will be held at Marton Memorial Hall 5.30pm Thursday 23 May 2019.

The nomination form can be found at this link: <https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/YouthAward>



Duck hunting season starts this Saturday (Photo Hamish Carnachan).

Deteriorating weather and good duck numbers in the lower North Island are aligned for the opening of the game bird hunting season which starts this Saturday (May 4).

After calm conditions ushering in the last few seasons, hunters will be happy to have some rougher weather stirring the birds up this weekend and hopefully, keeping them on the move, rather than settling in spots out of range.

Wellington Fish & Game manager Phil Teal says the weather outlook is for building nor-west winds, followed by a southerly change, with rain thrown into the mix on Sunday. "As well as unsettled weather, we've recorded high bird numbers in the region; hunters can expect plenty of opportunities to harvest a few birds and take home some healthy free-range food for the family. We had a really good blow on Monday and Tuesday with lots of rain, which will have dispersed the ducks, forcing them off the large water bodies, to the small ponds, sheltered wetlands and even pasture, to feed."

There's been increased interest from hunters this year in the lower North Island which Wellington Fish & Game suspects has resulted from them having noticed more ducks around. Thousands of hunters are expected to be out over opening weekend, hunting on both private property and public land which they are legally entitled to do so long as they follow the regulations and have appropriate permissions from land managers. Mr Teal says a full team of rangers will be out ensuring everyone is following the rules.

"We'd like to thank the NZ Police for their support in having staff accompanying rangers this year."

Wellington Fish & Game is urging hunters to make sure they have their game bird hunting licence, are familiar with the regulations for the season and that they are safe and considerate to other members of the public.

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I also love the flexibility of the keyboard; how flexible it makes your words on the page. A firm favourite for me is the delete key.

How useful would it be in life, to be able to take the time to go back, review and delete? Delete that one sentence too much in an argument; delete that one text that should never have been sent; delete that one criticism that was unfair and hurtful.

We are all guilty of taking things too far, from time to time. Unfortunately, delete only works with the written word... not the spoken. So, this means the onus is on us to ensure that the delete key inside our heads is used before the words are spoken, texted or typed.

Perhaps it's better to use our pause key – our inbuilt cautionary key – our sub-conscious mind, to vet ourselves first. We all have this; it's our best friend and always wants to guide us on the right path.

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We tend to stress the need for ample food and moisture for citrus trees. Often gardeners say they have a citrus tree which they never provide these requirements, yet the tree looks healthy and green, producing ample fruit most of the year.

I have seen such trees and can only assume that their roots have tapped into a good supply of food and moisture, under ground and don't need help from the gardener.

Maybe it's a result of not using any citrus, water soluble fertilisers and soil life is therefore in abundance, making all the humus and food the tree needs.

Water soluble fertilisers kill the soil life; creating the tree's dependence on these chemical foods for its sustenance. A tree that is thus dependent, will often have problems from disease and pests requiring rescue sprays and protection spray programmes.

Citrus trees hate wet feet. It's a killer for them in wet times. I have seen mature trees that have survived years succumb to root rot in a particularly wet winter or if there has

Autumn Gardening Citrus Trees

by Wally Richards



been a change of water runoff, due to alterations on a property.

The ideal planting place for a citrus is in free draining soil where it is very sunny with some protection is offered from prevailing winds.

If you have a wet area where you want to grow a citrus tree then you can do what I have done in the past, plant the tree into plastic rubbish tin that holds about 70 to 100 odd litres. With a sawdrill, drill 50mm holes in the base of the container and on the sides about 12cm and 25 cm from the base.

The number of holes should be 5 in the base (one in the centre and 4 at the cardinal points nearer to the bottom rim). At the 12cm level drill 4 holes in the middle of where the cardinal point holes are at the base.

At the 25 cm level 4 holes that line up to the cardinal base holes. You dig a hole in the desired spot, deep enough to bury your plastic rubbish bin halfway into the soil. The holes you have cut will allow the roots of the tree to grow out into the surrounding soil in time, yet much of the tree's roots will be above the ground level, inside the container, and these roots will not get too wet at any time.

I have had 3 citrus growing like this, in an area that got really wet in the winter and they all did well for many years, till I relocated and took them with me, still in their containers. A big plus for this system is that if you move house you can lift your citrus trees with relative ease and take them with you. The trees will not get as big as ones planted in

open ground, which can also be an advantage for smaller sections. The disadvantage is, trees take a bit longer to produce good size crops.

What food to feed your citrus? I give my established trees a good dose of chook manure in the spring and later in summer, along with a monthly sprinkle of Fruit and Flower Power. Also drenches of MBL and Mycorrhizal to the soil occasionally and spray to the foliage of the same.

An annual sprinkle of Wally's Unlocking Your Soils and Ocean Solids around the root zone for additional elements completes the programme.

You can give them sheep manure pellets and blood and bone as an alternative to the chook manure, applied spring and autumn.

Cover the products with a layer of good compost then water in with the MBL and Mycorrhizal.

A healthy citrus tree should be free of disease problems but if a disease appears, give the tree a couple of sprays of Liquid Copper with Raingard added.

Pests can include borer, scale, aphids, white fly, spider mites and mealy bugs. All these pests are easy to control on Citrus; simply scatter in the root zone Wally's Neem Tree Granules and in about 6 to 8 weeks all the pests will be gone like magic.

Another point with citrus, if there is any chance of your existing trees getting wet feet, then a couple of sprays of Perfekction in the autumn will help prevent losses.

If you have a mulch in the root zone of your citrus, now is the time to rake it away, as it holds water in wet times and

you can lose your tree.

Lime trees are the most difficult to grow in cooler areas so in these areas grow them in a container, above the ground, so they can be moved to a sheltered frost free area in winter and spray foliage with Vaporgard..

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If you purchase citrus that are supposed to be fairly free of pips then don't plant a lemon tree anywhere near them as the cross pollination will make your pip free fruit full of pips.

The lemon tree should be on the other side of the house downwind (prevailing winds) from your other citrus trees.

Citrus trees are often grafted onto root stock to make them more resistant to diseases.

All citrus will grow on their own roots, without grafting as long as they are in free draining areas.

Citrus will grow from cuttings of soft to semi firm wood in summer. Layering is an easier method for propagation, if you have an existing tree.

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RANGITIKEI HISTORY



Bulls doctor Dr Frederick Watson was born in Cheshire England on 21 November 1869. He was top of his year at Cambridge and St George's where he qualified. He was a ship's surgeon on the South American run for two years and emigrated to New Zealand, for health reasons, in 1900.

1904 he married Ethel Margaret Keiller at Raumai farm in Parewanui Rd. They lived in a large house in High St, Bulls from where he ran his Bulls practice.

There were no children from the marriage but Dr Watson had a keen interest and love for children. Many local residents remember

visiting him as a child and if you were lucky, being given a chocolate on leaving.

He bred Jersey cattle, dogs and ducks and his wife, bred Siamese cats. At times Dr Watson was also called on to act as a veterinarian. He retired in 1946 and died on 11 November 1953. Watson St in Bulls is named after him.

Mangaweka ANZAC dawn parade



Mangaweka ANZAC 2019: Mangaweka School children deliver a collective poem on the senselessness of War to the gathering.

Mangaweka ANZAC 2019 - part of the crowd gathered for the Mangaweka Dawn Service. Photographs Michael Cathels.

A slightly reduced number of around 80 or so members of the Mangaweka community and surrounds gathered for their annual Anzac Day dawn parade on Thursday 25 April. The reduced numbers may have been due to concerns following the Christchurch terror attacks, or that people were out of the area, due to the extended holiday the close Easter break created, yet those attending did so with earnest, enjoying calm and mild early morning conditions. The official commemoration began at 6am with an organised march down Broadway, Mangaweka's historic mainstreet, under the command of Warrant Officer Class 1 (WO1) John Sole, of the New Zealand Army. This was led from the front by surviving ex-service personnel, RSA affiliates, members of the Mangaweka Volunteer Fire Service, Council representatives and other attendees marching in tight unison close behind. On reaching the Memorial Gates at the school on Raumaewa Rd, the march was drawn to a halt before being set at ease. The gathering was then welcomed in Te reo and English with a short introductory speech by district councillor Richard Aslett. This was followed by the laying of wreaths, by various local organisations and individuals. Several young students from Mangaweka School then laid a wreath and delivered a collective poem with a sobering

war theme, listened to intently by those attending. This was followed by a speech from local identity Sue Sweet, who read out transcribed records of war, written by her relatives, including Mervyn Herbert Sweet who served and died in WW1. Then WO1 John Sole gave the perspective of current serving personnel, pointing out how retired service personnel were becoming less in number and the need to 'look after' those who had served their country. There was then a religious perspective, with words and prayers delivered by Gordon Collins, before those assembled were brought back to order with the playing of the 'Last Post.' This was followed by a long silence, as many thoughts were gathered. The official gathering was rounded up with the 'ANZAC ode' delivered by Cr Aslett "They shall grow not old, As we, that are left, to grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor, the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, And in the morning... We will remember them. We will remember them. Attendees were then finally invited to either stay on for personal remembrance and prayers at the gates or to head over to the village hall, to enjoy a breakfast with cups of tea and coffee provided by Mangaweka Heritage.

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Banks pushing unwanted credit cards and insurance

Consumer NZ's latest banking survey found one in five bank customers had been offered financial products they didn't request and, in many cases, didn't want. Credit cards, increases in credit card limits, life insurance and personal loans were the most common products promoted to customers. Consumer NZ head of research Jessica Wilson says

the majority of people who got these offers didn't think the product was a good option or suited their needs. "Seven out of 10 consumers who were offered a new credit card or an increase in their card limit didn't think it was a good choice for them." The annual survey also found 16% had felt pressured by bank staff into buying a financial product they didn't need. Ms Wilson says pressure

selling by banks was a major concern, given it could lead to consumers unnecessarily going into debt or being sold a poor-value product. "Banks have attracted a lot of bad press in the past 12 months for their selling practices and we would have expected to see a change in behaviour. However, our survey results don't give us any confidence that's happening."

The survey also found just 47% of consumers thought banks could be trusted, while 68% felt profits in the industry showed banks were charging too much. Customer satisfaction remained unchanged. "Overall, 60% were happy with the service they were getting from their bank, on par with our 2018 survey," Ms Wilson said.

McKelvie Memos
 MP for Rangitikei

New Zealand relies on a robust transport network to move people, goods and services, safely and efficiently. Our state highways provide the main links between our major areas of economic activity and population. They facilitate the effective transport of people and goods but congestion makes it difficult for businesses to operate and it wastes precious time in our lives. Frustrated motorists who endured long waiting times on our regional roads last weekend will have to face the reality that there is no help on the way. The Government has made a deliberate decision to invest nothing into reducing travel times and relieving congestion. National had committed to major investment across NZw regions to fund much needed highway projects - the second generation of our Roads of National Significance. These projects would have dramatically reduced road harm, created jobs, reduced transport costs and fuel consumption and provided economic opportunities. We made a conscious decision to invest in infrastructure now, in order to unlock future economic growth and reduce congestion, rather than waiting until the strain on the network became a handbrake

on progress. Well, the handbrake is on, and those stuck in long lines of traffic in Otaki last weekend can thank the Government for re-evaluating and deciding not to proceed with the Horowhenua Expressway. The Levin bypass has been hugely compromised and there's now no date or time frame to do it. The same goes for Kiwis heading between Tauranga and Hamilton - Transport Minister Phil Twyford stripped funding for the expressway Extension project, which would have delivered a safer and faster commute. The very real fears Bay of Plenty locals have for their safety, when travelling from Tauranga to Katikati have been ignored too and the Minister has downgraded the Expressway National committed to. He's also axed the planned four lane highway from Christchurch to Ashburton, further demonstrating his Government isn't prepared to support regional NZ. NZ has a growing population and we need to be investing in infrastructure to ensure Kiwis can continue to get around the country. The Government's only answer is to reduce speed limits and reduce opportunities to overtake. It's not good enough. National had planned to do so much more and in many cases work would have already begun on roads but the current Government has changed that. Regions are now making do with half measures and compromises that in most cases won't do the job. Across the country we're paying more in fuel taxes. We shouldn't be spending more time stuck in traffic. We should be seeing extensive investment in our regional roads. Strong transport connections are vital for our growing regions and for the safe and efficient transportation of people and goods.

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MARTON GOLF CLUB

Thursday 25th Anzac tournament. It was a great day for the Anzac tournament with nearly 100 people participating, the course was in really tip-top condition and the greens quite slick. Good golf was the order of the day, with many players having great scores. Young Fred McVerry was the top player of the day, having 48 stableford points (well played Fred). He was closely followed by Tom Bliss Bennett with 47 points. Both these players should expect a sizeable cut to their handicaps! Results: men's div 1: S Melis 40, D Arnott 40, R McVerry 39, J Clarke 38, T Arnott 37, T Calkin 37, S Duncan 36. Ladies: J Lambert 40, J Ritchie 40, A Bary 37, C Watson 36, J Devine 36, B Pratt 35, M Hunt 35, S Abraham 35. Div 2 men's: B Beck 40, S Amor 39, B Hausman 38, B Cameron 38, G Marshall 37, C Bary 35, N Butler 35, T Willis 35. Div 3 men's: F McVerry 48, T Bliss Bennett 47, P Singer 42, D Angove 39 L Wake 37, M Tapp 37, D Green 37. Nine hole players: B Shaw 22, M Doncon 18, A Penning 18, L Craig 17, B Crawford 17, T Brandon 17. Non golfers: T Sutton, E Simpson. Twos: J Clarke, S Williams, T Arnott, A Clarke, R McVerry (2) J Calkin, D Arnott, G Calkin, T Bliss Bennett, M Jones, J Westwood. Best gross of the day: S Melis 72. Best stableford of the day: F McVerry 48. Longest drive: ladies' div 1: C Watson. Div 2: L Peina. Men's div 1: J Walker. Div 2: B Hausman. Div 3: P Singer. Nearest the pin: ladies' div 1: J Ritchie. Div 2: J Devine. Men's div 1: R McVerry. Div 2: H Rose. Div 3: T Bliss Bennett. Thanks to our major sponsors; Cook's Bar & Club Hotel.

MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF

Results from Tuesday 23: medal round: 1st division: 1st Jill Yortt 37, 2nd Neil Powell 40, 3rd Louisa Craig c/b 41. 2nd division: 1st Ewen Grant. 3rd division: 1st Judy McConachie, 2nd Mona Barrett, 3rd Adrian Penning. Lucky card: Mike Donlon. Raffle winner: Marion MacPhee. Starters for next week's par round: Mona & Bob Barrett. Cards: Ewen Grant & Adrian Penning. Kitchen: Gillian Campbell. Results from Tuesday 30 par round: 1st division: 1st Tim Brandon square, 2nd Bryan Hamerton square, 3rd Jill Yortt square. 2nd division: 1st Barb Crawford +2, 2nd Roy Powell -2. 3rd division: 1st Janice Hatrick +2, 2nd Marion MacPhee +1, 3rd Margaret Linklater +1 c/b. Lucky card winner: Sheena Marshall. Raffle winner: Linda Brandon. Next week's competition: stableford for Bessie Fullerton Smith trophy, followed by committee meeting. Starters: Mike Morland & Neil Powell. Cards: Sheena Marshall and Barry Florence. Kitchen: Adrian Penning.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

The pennant team was outclassed 8 - 1 by Palmerston North at Hawkestone, with only Denny Thompson in superb form, with an excellent 3/1 win over their top player. The other games were close, with most of the players losing on the 16th, although Matt Booth was a shade unlucky; losing both 16 & 17 to go down 2/1. In the morning foursomes, Taihape couldn't match the skill of their opponents; losing all 3 matches. Taihape drop to 8th spot but have a mathematical chance of avoiding relegation if they beat Levin at Levin, in the final round, or score half a point more than both Hawkestone and Wanganui. The last round is scheduled for 12 May. Back home on ANZAC day, the men defeated the ladies to claim the Logan shield. Leading scores on the day were Gary Cleaver and Barry Randall on 42 points. Cleaver birdied 2, 3 & 14 and also birdied his second ball on the 12th. Randall was rock solid throughout, with numerous pars and some superb putting - draining several tricky 8-foot putts. Duane Dick managed 39, Denis Robertson 38, Marian Cleaver and John Gilbert 37. Two's were recorded by Marian Cleaver (12) Kerry Wells (17) and Gary Cleaver (14) with Duane Dick nailing the longest putt on the last. On Sunday, JJ Walker and Jim Fannin both recorded 39 points, well clear of Nick McGuinn 35 and Barrie Randall 34. Kerry Wells continued his run of 2's; recording them on both 12 & 14. This Sunday, the president's trophy team contests the quarter finals.

RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB

20-4-19 men - stableford: Ted 45, J Lambert 41, M Walshe 40, L Leary 38, B Barrell 36, C Leary 36, S Lambert 36, B Mananui 36. Putts: M George 30. Twos: Ted x2. 24-4-19: women - E Hansen nett. LGU: putting: K Fallaver 69, J McAlley 71, H Bismark 71, M Young 74, L Gordon 74, F Robertson 75. Twos: C Gregory. Putting: C Gregory 28. 9 hole: Hate 'Em: D Gregory 19, R Florence 25, S Russ.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

24 April - stableford: Julian Elliott 44pts, David Rhode 42pts, Karen Yorke & Dave Fitzpatrick 41pts, Pat McCarthy, Pat Pearce & Henry Potaka 40pts. Clive Robinson & Al-lek White 39pts, Jason Bowles, Geoff Ingram & Kelvin Burt 38pts, Dan Scotson, Rex Wilson & Bronwyn Meads 37pts, Kevin Taylor & Lyndon Moore 36pts. Twos: Trevor Schroder, & Ken Boyle

3rd, Julian Elliott - 5th & Lyndon Moore - 12th. Best stableford on 4,5 & 6: Julian Elliott 10pts. Lucky draw: Chris Deighton. Saturday 27 April - Harris Contracting par. Seniors: Henry Potaka +4, Russell Kane & Michelle Mossop +3, Kelvin Burt +1, Hone Morris & Tamati Anaru sq. Juniors: Michael Hill +6, Al-lek White +5, Neil Kirker +3, Kevin Taylor & Pete Young +2, Bryan Northcott & Scott Ewens sq. Twos: Kevin Taylor 3rd, Russell Kane 5th, Henry Potaka, Kelvin Burt & Murray Bruhn 12th.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 9 April. TRC Toyota bogey competition. Ross Little 5+, Les Neumann 4+, Gary Burgess & Rae Karatea 2+, Pat Tyler 1+. Greg James, Lyndon Moore, Dave Penfold & Barry Parlane sq. Nearest pin; Greg James. Twos; Ross Little, Lyndon Moore & Les Neumann No 14. Pat Tyler & Gary Burgess No 16. Saturday 13th Mates Rates Insulation Glad Beaman pairs medal competition. S/men; J Stella nett 63, A Corbett 65, G Franks 69, D Todd & P Scott 70, R McDermott 71, G Cunningham & L Moore 72, G Stanton 73. J/men; G Edwards nett 69, N Skelton & M Pickford 70, D Wright 73, N Rackham 75. Women; S Wells nett 69, D Todd 72, P Charlesworth 76. Twos; P Scott & J Stella #5, A Corbett #11, L Moore #14. Jackpots not struck. Nearest the pin: s/men = not struck. J/men = not struck. Women = P Charlesworth. Taimui challenge; Rex & Dave R lost to Gary & Dave Wright. Next challengers = Diane & Suzanne. Tuesday 16th. Pave Master stableford competition. Gary Burgess 21, Lyndon Moore 20, Joy Stantiall 19, Brian Philps 18, Dave Penfold 18, Les Neumann 18, Rae Karatea 15, Lyndon Churchill 15. Nearest pin; L Churchill. Tuesday 23rd. Medal competition. Dave Rohde 32, Gary Burgess 33, Rae Karatea & Dave Penfold 34, Jan Van Loo 35, Les Neumann & Pat Tyler 36. Nearest pin; Lyndon Moore. Two; Gary Burgess No 14. Saturday 27 April. Central ITM battle of the bridge ANZAC stableford competition. S/men; A Corbett 42, R Ormsby & D Todd 36. J/men; P Tyler 40, D Wright & C Batt 38, M Porter 37, N Rackham 34. Women; S Wells & D Todd 35. Battle result; West (Marton) 32.0 beat East (Feilding) 31.15. Twos; M Carroll #5, D Wright & Di Todd #14, P Tyler #16. Jackpot #7 not struck. Nearest the pin: s/men = A Corbett. J/men: M Pickford. Jackpots not struck and must go next week. Women = Di Todd & jackpot struck on #5. Taimui challenge; Gary & Dave Wright lost to Diane & Suzanne. Next challengers = Toddy & Spike. President's rep team travelled to Rangatira to play their last round robin match, going down 7 to 5. The guys played well enough on the day and this result

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sees them equal in eighth, with a place in the quarter finals pending on the rules committee decision. Sunday 28 April saw Hawkestone host the 5th round of A grade pennants when the team played Wanganui; winning the 4 ball in the morning: 3 to 0. The afternoon singles result was 3 wins each with the

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The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

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Returning Officer

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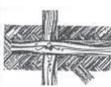
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overall result going 6 – 3 and a first competition win to Hawkestone. Well done guys, on the home game win and all the best for the last round against Foxton at Levin. Other results; Palmerston North beat Taihape 8 & 1, Feilding beat Manawatu 5.5 to 3.5. Coming events; Tuesday golf: 9.30 am tee off. Saturday: black jacket: 1st round teeing off from 11 am. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10. New members: please enquire to "hawkestonegolf@gmail.com" about our membership rates. All welcome. Other inquiries contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

MARTON TARGET SHOOTING CLUB

Marton Target Shooting Club business house results in full. Some teams were missed last time. Winning team members for Jets were Todd Spring, Scott Green, Jono Winchcombe and Erica Berry. First woman - Michelle Downs, 2 Jan Yanko 96.01 and 3 Linda Waddell 94.01. First man - Todd Spring 98.05, 2 Jason Crawford 97.05 and 3 Allan Coleman 97.04. Teams list: first was Jets with 371.11, second was Taihape Engineering 2 363.11 and 3 Crew Cut 361.09. Malt Co. 3 361.06, Foxtrot Uniform November 358.03, Hunterways 355.07, BJW 354.07, Speeds Winners 350.06, Taihape Engineering 1 350.05, Huntley 349.03, Huntley Hotchpotch 345.05, Huntley Late Girls 342.03, Top Guns All Ladies 341.03, WHB Matt Burke 2340.06, Team Barney 338.01, Rural Men 335.05, WHB Matt Burke 132.02, Team Elmo 331.03, New World 1 331.01, MaltEurop 2 329.03, Kleinys 329.02, Huntley Girls 329.01, Nates Mates 328.02, Turakina Valley 327.02, Tutaenui Terrors 1 326.04, Joy Motors 319.05, Triple A-I 319.03, Hogans 1 316.01, RTC 2 311.04, Baby Rustlers 311.01, Allen McNeil 3 308.01, Allen McNeil 2 307.02, New World 3 306.01, Hogans 2 303.01, MaltEurop 1 297.02, Allen McNeil 1 295.03, New World 2 294.02, Top Guns 291.01, RTC 1 283.02, EHW 282.01, Rural Women 268.01, Tutaenui Terrors 2 264.00.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 17 April roll-up results: J.D. Sharon Gordon, Bev Toulmin & Rose Plank with 2 wins. Saturday 20 April roll-up results, skips: 1st Tania George- 2 wins, 14 ends 32 points. 2nd Kevin Mullany - 2 wins, 11 ends 24 points. 3rd Murray Coleman - 1 win, 9 ends 20 points. Twos/leads: 1st Noeline Schollum - 2 wins, 11 ends 26 points. 2nd Wayne Pudney - 1 win, 12 ends 25 points. 3rd Joy White - 1 win, 11 ends 19 points. Saturday 27 April roll-up results, skips: 1st J D - 1.5 wins, 16 ends 23 points. 2nd Ray Harding - 1.5 wins, 14 ends 25 points. 3rd Tania George - 1 win, 13 ends 24 points. Two/leads: 1st Bruce Aplin - 2 wins, 14 ends 24 points. 2nd Ces Allen - 1.5 wins, 16 ends 23 points. 3rd Joy White - 1.5 wins, 14 ends 25 points. Closing day: 28 April began with a short roll-up. Winners were Ray Harding & Wayne Pudney; runners-up, Bev Toulmin & Joan Black. This was followed by prizegiving, results as follows: novice singles - Ray Harding. Junior singles - Ray Harding. Senior singles - Chance Hausman. Vet singles - Kevin Mullany. Women's H/C singles - Shirley Wallace. Men's H/C singles (Mahon Cup) - Mickey Neumann. Men's Gordon pairs - Peter Burberry & J.D. Ladies Gordon pairs - Joan Black & Sharon Gordon. Men's pairs - Aaron Paulger & J.D. Women's pairs - Joanne Simpson & Sharon Gordon. Vet pairs - Andy Creagh & Wayne Pudney. Junior pairs - Ray Harding & Ces Allen. Men's triples - Warren Hausman, Trevor White, Ray Harding. Ladies triples - Joanne Simpson, Jean Coleman, Bev Toulmin. Junior fours - Neil Gardener, Bruce Aplin, Joy White, Graeme Morris. Ladies fours - Joanne Simpson, Jean Coleman, Sharon Gordon, Sharon Pudney. Men's fours - Kevin Mullany, Murray Coleman, Peter Burberry, Bruce Aplin. Most improved player - Joy White. Congratulations to all. Up-and-coming events: Saturday 4 May @ 9 am - club working bee. Please come along, even if only for an hour, to help tidy away a few jobs before winter sets in. Sunday 23 June - AGM, 2 pm @ clubrooms. Please consider nominations for new committee. It's not far away.

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

Another good night of bowls again this week. We played two games of 9 ends, with Ray Harding and Rose Plank, the only team to win both its games. Lyn Phillips won the raffle this week. We welcomed visitor Bev Toulmin and hoped she enjoyed the evening. Next week we will play our club championship triples tournament, with a 7.00pm start. Please get your name in as soon as possible.

RANGITIKEI AREA DISTANCE RIDERS

Rangitikei Area Distance Riders (RADRs) held its last event of the 2018/19 season on Sunday 28 April. The ride proved to be a popular late addition, with 100 riders taking part at a new venue on Trickers Rd, Bulls. The course was varied, with decent sandhills and flats with a range of distances from 8km - 22km. Wins in all classes were well deserved, and riders took good care of their horses, with a very low vet out rate. Winners - intro 8km - Suzanne Dorne; intro junior 8km - Ivy Kenny; short novice 11km - Sue Leathwick; short novice junior 11km - Seianna Cooper; novice 22km - Katie McGregor; exp novice 22km - Dot Horne; novice junior 22km - Milla Rider; intermediate 22km - Sandy Doughty; open 22km - Jess Thomson; enduro 22km - Sandy McCuan. The event concludes a successful fourth season for the Rangitikei club, with 7 events held from November through to April. Events were again well supported, with the largest event hosting 153 riders and the club finding it necessary to cap numbers on several occasions. Membership continues to grow, with the club finishing the season with 222 financial members which was up from previous seasons. The club credits its success to a hard-working committee and ground crews, generous local landowners, sponsors and the support of its riders.



Above: Loretta Sach and Analeigh Merrick. Photo PJ Renshaw.



Below: Juliet Cayzer. Photo PJ Renshaw.

Ngatoa completes successful Toyota Racing Series test

Marton's Kaleb Ngatoa, 17, completed a successful test in a Toyota Racing Series car at Waikato's Hampton Downs Motorsport Park on Tuesday. Off the back of his breakthrough Toyota 86 Championship race win at the same circuit in March, Ngatoa jumped at the opportunity to join official test day for New Zealand's premier motorsport championship. Ngatoa spent the day prior to the test preparing himself in a high-tech simulator, which replicates the exact same car and track combination to a very high degree. The simulator was used to familiarise the increased performance of the car, compared to what he has driven before. "It's just a big wow really," said an ecstatic Ngatoa. "I just went out of the pits and that first lap was just amazing. With the grip from the aero and the slicks, you can carry so much speed around the corners." The biggest difference, for Ngatoa, aside from the sheer speed, was the sensitivity of the car and its mid-corner ability. "The corner speed is unreal. You come down the main straight at 220km/h and you're breaking at the 75m board and I just stops and you're around the corner and straight back on the throttle. The lines are similar, I know where the grip is on this track but I quickly found that if you go off those racing lines, you're going somewhere and it's not on the track! You've got to keep that line and it just pulls you around the corner." Despite intense training in the gym, for most of his racing career, Ngatoa said the cornering forces caught him out early in the day. "The neck was a bit sore in those first few sessions. There is a lot more mid-corner speed, compared to the 86. But I loved every second of it!" Ngatoa now has a clearer picture of where he wants to take his career but will work with his team to make sure they take the right steps. "I'm definitely a single-seater racer at heart The TRS car is honestly amazing, it's definitely where I want to be in the future! My goal is obviously to race in the Toyota Racing Series, so next we've got to go out and start finding the funding to do that."



Above: Kaleb Ngatoa sits on the Toyota FT-50 car he tested at Hampton Downs.

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Fish & Game hopeful of 'first rate' game bird season



Fish and Game NZ predicts some "outstanding" hunting is in store for game bird hunters when the new season opens on May 4 - if the weather plays its part. Some regions in both North and South islands are anticipating their best seasons for some time. Fish & Game communications advisor Richard Cosgrove says that rain that's fallen over large parts of the country in recent weeks, has topped up dam and pond levels, after a hot summer and restored river flows. In the North Island, Wellington region staff are predicting one of the best seasons in years. The region includes the Wairarapa and Manawatu. Further north in Taranaki, there are "strong" mallard populations and paradise shelduck numbers have rebounded. In the Auckland/Waikato region, Fish and Game field staff are also reporting healthy duck numbers. Staff in the region say it's been a great season for mallard breeding. "All that rain that was cursed before Christmas meant a very prolonged breeding season for the ducks in Auckland/Waikato region," Mr Cosgrove says. King Country paradise shelduck populations are healthy; just below the threshold that applies to special shelduck seasons. Richard Cosgrove says that upbeat reports have also come in from the South Island. In the central South Island, staff say the latest duck counts are the second highest recorded, since annual surveys began in 2007. He says, "Wainono Lagoon is the CSI's game bird stronghold and staff undertake individual surveys of this significant hunting ground. Last opening, the hunting at Wainono was touted as the best in a long time but staff expect it will be just as good, if not better this year." In Southland, duck numbers are booming, according to Fish & Game population counts. "The extra rain that the region received in November and December meant that later nesting mallards fared well and had a very productive and successful breeding season," says Mr Cosgrove. "We also have positive reports of duck numbers from our Nelson/Marlborough, North Canterbury and Otago regions, he says. Mr Cosgrove says Fish & Game has made every effort to make every licenceholder aware of how they are impacted by the new firearm laws. "We have already noted", he says, "that there will be no real change for the majority of game bird hunters, as a case was successfully and sensibly made to retain semi-auto and pump shotguns for game bird hunting. Game bird hunters can use these firearms, so long as their internal magazines only hold five shots. We hope that by now, every hunter is completely familiar with the new firearm laws and what they need to do to comply, Mr Cosgrove says. "We have used the channels of newsletters and, online postings in particular, to spell out to our licenceholders, as concisely as possible, details of the new laws. We have also pushed the message that hunters need to be extra sensitive to the public's reactions - so they are super aware of how they transport firearms and how people nearby might react if they hear shots," Mr Cosgrove says. Key links: www.police.govt.nz - click on the yellow link called Firearms Law Reform Information. Firearms changes FAQs - <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms/firearms-changes-faqs>. The seven firearm safety rules: rule 1: Treat every firearm as loaded. Rule 2: Always point firearms in a safe direction. Rule 3: Load a firearm only when ready to fire. Rule 4: Identify your target beyond all doubt. Rule 5: Check your firing zone. Rule 6: store firearms and ammunition safely. Rule 7: Avoid both alcohol and drugs when handling firearms. Further information: communications advisor Richard Cosgrove; mob 021-646 245.



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