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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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## Remnants of old maternity hospital burn

Emergency services were called to Ahuru Street, Marton after multiple 111 reports of a fire at 7.45pm on Saturday but Marton Fire Brigade had it under control by 8pm. Ambulance and police also attended.

Senior Fire Officer Robbie Ngatoa reported, "The fire was in the abandoned and derelict part of the old hospital. It had obviously been used as dumping ground for a while, with old mattresses and rubbish involved. An old boiler room adjacent was untouched."

The former maternity home building was mostly demolished several years ago and the remaining derelict building was surrounded by very long grass. It is owned privately by absentee Wellington owners.

The cause of the fire is suspicious and is being investigated as a possible arson, according to police.

The fire brought back many memories for locals and former locals who've commented on social media about the early days of the hospital. Obviously, many locals were born there. It opened in 1954 and was called the Marton & District Peace Maternity Hospital; with a second wing added in 1959. At its height, it had 12 maternity beds and four general beds.

The land was donated by the Wilson sisters, Jean and Nancy (James Wilson's sisters) and the hospital built by the Wanganui Hospital Board. When it closed, it still belonged to the WDHB. It was used as extra premises by Production Engineering Co in the late 1990s, until it was bought by Gallagher, whose Advantage Group division occupied it until 2000. The land and buildings were later sold privately and the site has remained undeveloped.



The last remains of the former Marton Maternity Hospital were burnt to the ground on Saturday night in a suspected arson. Photo Sandra Barbarich.

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# Summer low river flows and restrictions

Horizons Regional Council says the current low river flows across the region are not unusual for this time of year, but it would be prudent for water take consent holders to monitor river flow information and restrictions on the Horizons' website.

The council says it has a close relationship with the region's rural community via the Manawatu-Wanganui Rural Coordination Group and will work with the group to keep them informed of the developing situation.

Horizons reminds all water take consent holders to comply with the conditions of their consents and to check expiry dates.

Water takes, for uses other than domestic and stock supplies, are generally required to stop, or reduce when the river is below minimum flow. This can also apply to groundwater abstractions that are connected to rivers (riparian takes).

Domestic and stock supplies are essential and can continue below minimum flows, in accordance with consent conditions;

The council advises rural dwellers to check and understand individual resource consent conditions – contact Horizons if you're unclear on what they mean.

Irrigation consultants can give advice on designing and operating irrigation systems to ensure users are in the best position for summer conditions.

Use Horizons' website to help manage abstractions as river flows change over the summer – register for WaterMatters to view telemetered water use data and other information relevant to specific consents. <http://www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/water/water-matters>

A Low Flow Restrictions Summary table can be found on the Horizons website, indicating where restrictions are in place, as well as those nearing restriction levels and the number of consent holders that restrictions may affect: <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/water/low-flow-restrictions-summary>

Members of the public are also asked to adhere to any water restrictions city and district councils put in place.

## Nga Tawa's outstanding NCEA scholarship success



2018 joint Dux Litterarum recipients Bridget Bone and Lydia Whyte

The hard work of Nga Tawa's Year 13 leavers has been rewarded with seven 2018 NCEA scholarships awarded.

Only approximately 3 per cent of Year 13 students are awarded scholarship each year.

2018 joint Dux Litterarum recipients Bridget Bone and Lydia Whyte continued their academic success with Bridget obtaining Scholarship P.E and Health as well as Biology at outstanding level. There were only 33 outstanding Biology scholarships awarded nationwide.

"I knew I had done the work in preparing for the exams. I was pretty excited when it came back outstanding though," Bridget says.

Bridget's scholarship topped off a fantastic academic year. She achieved Excellence endorsement in Level 3 Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physical Education and Physics.

She is studying Health Science at Otago University this year.

Lydia Whyte was awarded scholarship in Classics and Economics, to add to her English and History scholarships from 2017, which she sat as a Year 12 student.

"I missed out on Classics last year by one point which was heart-breaking, so I'm really happy I was able to get both this year."

Lydia is attending Victoria University of Wellington to study a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts, majoring in International Relations.

Scholarship was also awarded to Jaimey Clifton in Biology, Georgia Green for Geography and Florentine Majid in German.

"We're a very proud teaching team," says Nga Tawa principal, Lesley Carter.

"Our Year 13 leavers were a special year group; achieving a 100% NCEA pass rate and 92% University Entrance. Collectively, the girls were recipients of \$136,000 worth of tertiary scholarships. We can't wait to see what they go on to accomplish.

"Nga Tawa is celebrating another year of outstanding NCEA results, with a 100% pass rate (at Levels 2 and 3) and 96.3% at Level 1.

"Most impressive was the number of Excellence endorsements Nga Tawa students received at all levels – 46% achieved Excellence at Level 1; 30% at Level 2 and 29% at Level 3. This was 10% higher (on average) than all NZ decile 8-10 girls' schools," Ms Carter says.

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## UCOL commits to students and regions

UCOL says it is committed to ongoing consultation with Iwi and communities and remains focused on providing certainty to students following indications the government proposes to reform vocational education.

UCOL chair, Ben Vanderkolk, said "the reform process provides us with opportunities for both students and industry and we welcome the opportunity to reach out to, and work closely with industry training organisations. We are engaging in consultation and innovating to ensure we provide ever-greater value to our rohe economy."

UCOL chief executive Dr Lynn remains focused on a bigger, better and brighter future for vocational education in the UCOL rohe and is confident in UCOL's ability to engage in the governments vocational education reform process. "With the focus on life-long learning, UCOL has almost 180,000 potential students available to us and we are committed to meeting the needs of our regions."

"UCOL is not broken, it is performing strongly. While polytechnics have been underfunded for some time, UCOL has improved its educational performance and produced successive surpluses—with the 2018 surplus being more than twice that of 2017.

"We want to see a structure and funding system that truly enables learner-centric organisations," says Dr Lynn. "We want our staff to have quality jobs, with good pay and secure tenure, where they feel valued by the organisation and by the nation. We are looking forward to the Education Minister showing his commitment to life-long learning and retraining by investing in our people."

"The proposal delivered complements UCOL's current focus on centres of vocational excellence, micro credentials, blended learning and flexible learning for adaptive learners. These have been affirmed as an important part of the future of education, training and work."

# Marton Harvest wedding - days to go to enter

With Valentine's Day now behind us, you can keep the romance going by entering Project Marton's competition "Elope to the Country... Win a Marton Harvest Wedding".

Cath Ash from Project Marton says, "We are thrilled to be working with so many businesses, both local and further afield, to bring together a \$30,000 wedding and honeymoon package for one lucky couple; the catch is, they need to be ready to get married on 31 March, at our annual Marton Harvest Festival.

"Harvest celebrations traditionally were a great time to celebrate wellbeing, abundance, a job well done and, of course, a wedding. So, in keeping with tradition, Project Marton is creating a truly magical day of celebration and an exciting (and slightly adventurous) honeymoon.

"The day before the wedding, the couple will arrive in Marton for final fittings, as well as meeting with their beauty and hair therapists and to catch up with photographers. The bride and bridesmaid will be accommodated at Oak Tree Cottage and the groom and best man, at Tailors on Broadway. During their stay, they'll dine courtesy of our local restaurants and cafes.

The wedding will be officiated by Anglican vicar, Rev. Tim Duxfield, with the MC being

the lovable and hilarious Kim Potter of Kiwi Comedy.

"The décor will be gorgeous, with Wild Rose and Jilly Bud florists on task to make the marquee and table settings look divine.

Following the ceremony, we have reception catering by Artisan Kitchen, Good George Brewery are operating a cash bar and live band Winsome Lost will entertain, with all the celebrations taking place in our historic Marton Park.

"In the evening, the couple will be driven out to Maungaraupi Country Estate for their wedding night before setting off on their mountain to sea honeymoon across the district; including activities such as: an equestrian experience at River Valley Lodge, rafting on the Rangitikei River with Tarata Fishaway Lodge, Fishing on the Rangitikei River with Awastone Riverside Haven, claybird shooting with Rangitikei Farmstay and a unique experience staying at the Colonial Tiny Cottage.

The competition details are on [www.MartonNZ.com](http://www.MartonNZ.com) however, the competition closes on 28 February, so there's less than two weeks for final entries to be submitted, leaving enough time to make sure the dresses, the suits and, of course, the rings, fit," Cath says.

## BITS n' PIECES



**Manawatu Overtones** - A capella summer classes - start March 5 - April 2. Tuesdays 7pm-8.30pm. Contact Billie: 0274 953 602.

**Marton Harvest Festival** - Sunday March 31, Marton Park. See the "Elope to the Country - Win a Marton Wedding" competition, closes 5pm February 28 - details on [www.martonnz.com](http://www.martonnz.com)

**Marton Players Theatre** - The first visiting artist at Marton Players this year is Paul Ubana Jones; performing on Saturday March 16. Tickets \$30 from Ray White, Marton. \$35 door sales.

**Taihape Musicians Club** - jam night this Friday 22 February from 7pm. Bring your instrument and a song you'd like to play. All welcome.

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**Rural Women NZ**

Whilst, Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is cautiously optimistic about the government's proposal to improve vocational training in regional New Zealand, it is wary of possible job losses in the rural sector.

"It is encouraging to read the government's acknowledgement of the long-standing mismatch between the current tertiary system and workforce demand," says RWNZ Education portfolio convenor, Sue Higgins. "RWNZ strongly advocates for innovation that introduces more industry-based providers into the education sector. However, we are concerned that amalgamating existing ITPs into the New Zealand Institute of Skills and

Technology could result in job losses in the provinces and we question whether this is in the best interests of rural communities.

"In order for rural women to grow as dynamic leaders, they need the opportunity to develop their expertise and lead the strategic, financial and operational development in a vocational education system that is part of the rural economy. Regional influence may not equate to regional leadership in a centralised education system. While we applaud the Government's vision of an education system geared towards New Zealand's trades and industries, the effect on rural communities must be taken into account. We hope to see Minister Hipkins take the needs of rural communities into consideration," says Mrs. Higgins.

**Marton Friendship Club**

Friday 15 February. Morris Street hall open 12.30pm, programme begins 2pm. Last Friday's band was The Strumpets

from Palmerston North.

The group of 9 dressed in period costumes of the late 1800s. Beautiful long black and grey dresses, with pleated, or flowing skirts of the time. Ukuleles for backing music and very lively songs A-Round the Corner, Buddy Holly's Rave On and many more.

A good afternoon. Band finished with Rock Around The Clock. Raffles won by Frank Lockwood, Anne Ngaau, Billy Paisely and Jean Turner. Painting of the hall has been completed of the hall and roof repairs all finished, so we are safe from the weather for many more years. Thank you to the tradesmen who completed various jobs.

Entertainers this Friday will be musician Gail and Barry from Foxton. Come and enjoy the afternoon. Always a cuppa to close. See you there. Visitors welcome.

# Farmlands Marton lays out the revamped welcome mat



The friendly, helpful staff at the revamped Farmlands Marton store. (L to R); Steve Blundell, Lisa Hart, Brian Marshall, Dave Burne, Steve Wills (manager), Elizabeth Gibson and Pauline Simpson

After recently undergoing a modern shop refit, Farmlands Marton's new store layout provides shoppers with more than ever before.

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# New Justice of the Peace



New Marton Justice of the Peace, Matina Feteia Sefilino was sworn in at the Marton Courthouse on Monday. Martina's pictured above with her family and members of her church community, along with Whanganui JP Association president Laurie Hunt. The newest local JP was sworn in by Judge Matheson. Matina works at Marton Pharmacy and is available for JP services in between work hours.

# Bulls Community Response Plan

During the next 12 months, a focus group will work with Paul Chaffe - Horizons Rangitikei emergency management officer to develop an emergency response plan for Bulls and the wider district.

The group will be made up of volunteers and those already working in the emergency response area. The aim of the focus group is to develop a greater understanding of resources available and how those are best activated.

The plan will be designed to respond to the emergency needs of Bulls and wider district residents and business owners in case of a major emergency. It will use expertise and

knowledge from within the community and include the experience of the 2004 floods.

If you would like more information regarding the plan and how you and possibly your neighbourhood can assist with development of the plan, please email bulls.community@xtra.co.nz

On Sunday 24 March, Bulls & Districts Community Trust will host a neighbourhood party at the Bulls Domain where those interested in the focus group and emergency response for Bulls, will be able find out more about the commitment required and the variety of roles and responsibilities that need to be filled.

## RANGITIKEI HISTORY

An historic photo from a Rangitikei museum features each week.



Mangaweka Museum provided this historic photo from its files. It is an early photo of the Kawhatau Bridge in the north of the Rangitikei District which is due for replacement this year. It's the only example of a cantilever road bridge in New Zealand and has not only provided access for the Kawhatau Valley and Rangiwahia settlers for the past 115 years, but has served as an ideal platform to view the unique river landscape for which Rangitikei is famous. Like other museums in the district, Mangaweka Museum is run by volunteers.

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# Try Rotary Exchange programme

What have these young adults got in common?



**Brennan Fleagle, USA 2013-14**   **Caroline Sundbye, Sweden 2015-16**   **Sonja Sieborger, Germany 2017-18**   **Tori Guy, Taihape 2018**   **Daisy Power, Bulls, 2019.**

They are all Rotary International Youth Exchange students. Brennan, Caroline and Sonja spent a year in Marton at Rangitikei College. The Rotary Club of Marton and four different families hosted them. Tori went on her exchange to France and Daisy is currently in Sweden (where it is very cold!) Richard Wishnowsky, who is in charge of the exchange programme for Marton Rotary s says, "I often say to parents, the baby that you have nurtured to young adulthood will return a different person. That 'new' person will be self-assured (not shy), confident (not afraid), mature (no longer a baby) and self-reliant (not dependent)." Rotary International Youth

exchange is a life changing experience. A new language is learned, a different culture, different food and a new way of life. Exchange students will see much of the country in which they are hosted. Above all, they will make lifelong friends with their host families and with Rotary Exchange students from all over the world.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Rotary International Youth Exchange is the best programme available for young adults aged 16 to 18. There is no other programme that provides the opportunities, the knowledge of international affairs and world peace and personal safety that is provided

by Rotary," he says

If you would like further information on this exciting programme, please contact Richard Wishnowsky, [rwishnowsky@gmail.com](mailto:rwishnowsky@gmail.com) Richard is a member of the Rotary Club of Marton and is also on the District 9940 Rotary Youth Exchange committee. Applications for departures in 2020 close on 12 April 2019.

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Graham Christensen (pictured left) told stories of days as a stock agent at the recent opening of his Classic NZ Farming paintings exhibition at Mangaweka 'Yellow Church' Gallery. About 20 works are on display; depicting farm buildings, sheepdogs, stockmen, shearers, and rural scenes. With around a quarter of the works already sold, prospective buyers better be quick - the exhibition closes mid-April.



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# Selecting right trees

Bryce Robb; director/head arborist of Beaver Tree Service

There are a number of things to consider when selecting what trees to plant on a site.

A decision in haste can lead to decades of regret, so it is best to consider

your options early on in the process.

My advice is to consider what you want to achieve by planting the tree. Do you want to create; shelter,

privacy, shade, food for birds... or even to create a softening effect on a landscape around a house or building? Once this question is answered, you can decide what type of tree to plant. In doing so, you also need to consider the future and try to visualise the tree in its mature form.

You also need to consider what impact planting a large tree close to your neighbour's boundary might have. Large trees don't just block light but they also have large root systems which can cause havoc with driveways and drains. A tree's growth rate, height and canopy spread may also have a bearing on your choice. When a tree outgrows its space in a backyard, it will need to be reduced in size.

Last but not least, when considering which tree to plant, think deciduous or evergreen? Deciduous trees lose their leaves in autumn and are bare throughout winter. Evergreen trees retain their leaves year-round. If you are trying to create privacy, from one area of your garden to another, or potentially block out a neighbour's home, then you may be wanting year-round cover. So, remember - invest time wisely and plan carefully for the future.

## Federated Farmers and Gallagher forge business relationship

Long-standing contributor to NZ agriculture, Gallagher Ltd is forming a new business partnership with Federated Farmers.

Feds say it recognises Gallagher as a leader in its field, having more than 80 years' experience as a leading technology company in the animal management, security and fuel systems industries. Feds and Gallagher's shared values in providing solutions for rural communities has sparked the new relationship.

Gallagher marketing manager Darrell Jones says the partnership aims to find ways to better align innovative solutions with what's happening on farm.

"We want to give Federated Farmers members support in assisting with compliance and legislation.

"So, we see great value in Federated Farmers providing us with sector insights around on-farm legislative updates and changes to help us with this. "We believe in the power of technology-based solutions to transform the lives of farmers across NZ."

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# Marton Lions Club Man's Shed Tour in March

The second Marton Lions Club Man's Shed Tour is coming up on Saturday March 16. Organiser Murray Richardson says, "The first Man's Shed Tour, held two years ago received such a good response that the Lions Club decided to do hold the event again." He says there are 14 sheds this year, including four new sheds.

The list includes John Garrett - 1915 Hupmobile. Ian Stevens - small machinery. Tony Locke - shearing gear collection. Darryl Sharland - milking goats. Francis Wilson - antique bottle collection, Dave Adam - car collection in old Chenille building. Paul Czepanski - engine collection. Malcom Dellow - helicopters. Brendon

Deere - antique aircraft - Biggin Hill Hangar Ohakea. Graeme Skou - Mack truck fleet and machinery. Dave & Barbara Simssen - ceramics and watercolours. Stuart Mitchell - DC Creations; repurposed furniture art. Ray Cooper will display a woodwork stall at the Marton Memorial Hall where visitors to the Man's Shed Tour can register and pay

on the day. The tour, on Saturday 16 March, runs from 9.30am to 3pm. You can choose sheds you want to see for \$30 and all funds raised will go to the Palmerston North Helicopter.

**For enquiries phone Murray Richardson: 06 327 8503, after hours.**

## John Garrett veteran cars

John Garrett has been tinkering in his Marton shed for 20 years. The result is a nearly fully restored 1915 Hupmobile car.

John found the derelict car at the Manawatu Vintage Car Club and set out to restore it.

He says, "I basically brought home two trailer loads of rusty metal." With plenty of research and a lot of care and attention, it slowly morphed into a beautiful blue and black machine. He says it took a long time to figure out the intricacies of the parts and what would go where. He sourced parts from Timaru, Christchurch, Blenheim and the USA but many he had to make himself.

"I had the view that I didn't know I couldn't do it; so I gave it a go."

John has been very successful - including completing the upholstery. The engine was rebuilt in Palmerston North and the windscreen glass inserted by Marton's Harvey & Calkin Glass. The old vehicle cruises at about 70 to 75km. Mr Garrett was trying to finish the car by 2015, for its centenary but he says you "can't put a date on it."

There is still some tinkering to go. His 1915 Hup is the only one of that year in NZ although there are other Hupmobiles.

John says McKenzie's garage in Marton had a similar Hupmobile as their company car.

John retired from Horizons Regional Council where he worked in soil conservation. Engineering parts for a veteran car was a retirement hobby.

He says he was brought up on a farm, so making things was second nature. He has also rebuilt his father's 1928 Chevrolet - a car his father bought new. John inherited the farm and the car in 1969 and he says his dad had worn the Chevy out. John and his wife Marion can often be seen touring in dad's old car and it has appeared in many Marton Christmas parades.

John says his wife likes touring in his veteran cars, but she's not so keen on the mechanical side.

He's lost track of the hours spent in his shed. "On Saturday I got the drive shaft to join the diff, so now I have to build an exhaust," he says. For those who speak his language and understand his passion, you can take a look on Saturday March 16; during the Man's Shed Tour hosted by the Marton Lions Club.

**Story and photo Liz Rayner.**




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**Marton Golf Club**

Twilight Wed 13 Feb. Our twilight season has ended for this summer. A big thank to Jenny Ritchie for all her organisation and to all those golfers who supported this event. The prizes for the best 6 scores over the season were: golfers stableford - Stu Amor, nongolfers medal - Charles Duncan. Other results: golfers stableford: Bruce Leighton, Matt Roberts 25, Stu Amor 21, Bruce White 18. Non-golfers: Dennis Tucker 51, James Webb 51, Henry White 54. Nearest the pin: 3rd Bruce Leighton, 17th Henry White. Longest drive: 1st Dennis Tucker, 10th Adam Wigglesworth. Twos: Bruce Leighton, Stu Duncan. Lucky draw: Mark Gilmour. Sat Feb 16: a good field played for the qualifying round of the club championships, along with junior golfers being coached and green fee players, so another busy day on the course. There were some smart scores, with Greg McIver's nett 64 winning him the Graham Marshall Decorating voucher from Campbell Bary, also with nett 64. Other results: Desi Singer 67, Shirley Ballard, Shay Melis, Graham McLay, 68, Craig Skou, Graham Marshall 69, Bryan Cameron, Tony Mischewski, Jacob Hughes, Mike Jones 70, Alan Stewart, Anne Fleming, Colin Williams 71, Rom McDermott, Les Wake, Richard Ellery, Steve Muir, Jarrod Calkin 72. Twos: 3rd- Colin Williams, Bruce Craig; 17th - Rodger Yorke, Jacob Hughes. Jackpot not struck. 3FBH: Tom Bliss-Bennett, Rob Peters, Dave Angove. Sat Feb 23: duty - Graham Marshall. Bar: Shirley Ballard & Desi Singer. Stableford: 1st round club championships. Adobe shootout, round 2; Sun Feb 24: duty - Jarrod Calkin.



Above: Marton Golf Club ladies opening day 6x6x6 winners; Diane Chapman (left) & Cheryl Rhodes.

**Rangitikei Golf Club**

Wednesday 13 February - stableford: Clive Robinson 46pts, Neville Berendt 45pts, Ann Robinson & Henry Potaka 44pts, Geoff Ingram & Alan Wix 42pts, Matt Brown, Karen Yorke & Brian Francis 41pts, Lynne McDonald, Michell Mossop, Pete Field, Jason Bowles & Julian Elliott 40pts, Ian MacKay, Joseph Tapper, Pat Pearce & Bob Pittaway 39pts. Twos: Pete Field 12th, Lynne McDonald & Matt Brown on 16th. Best stableford on holes were (10, 13 & 16) too many. Lucky draw: Ron Harris. 8 iron tournament - 15 February sponsored by Jill Hall. Stableford: best lady - Sera Raj (Wanganui) 39pts by lot. Best man - Shay Mellis (Marton) 39pts. Woman: Heather Craig, (Rangitikei) 39pts by lot, Cindy Braddick (Eketahuna) & Cynthia Luckham (Linton Camp) -38pts. Everyone received a prize and golfers were from 13 different clubs, with 52 in the field. Twos: Cynthia Luckham - 3rd. Nearest pins: 3rd - Cynthia Luckham (Linton Camp), 5th - Tara Raj (Wanganui) 12th - Jono Cotton (Rangitikei). Best 2nd shot on 6th, par 4 - Jill Hall. Saturday 16 February - Gold Plus Feilding - stableford: seniors (NZ Army players joined in Saturday club competition): Graeme Stephens 48pts, Peter Thompson 42pts, Ron Harris 41 pts, Murray Bruhn 40pts, Nui Moce, Kenny Boyle, & Kelvin Burt 38pts, J.J Mac & Geoff Ingram 37pts, Lynne McDonald, Rob Giles & Adam -NZ Army, 36pts. Juniors: Steve Boyens 44pts, Vince Cameron 42pts, Alan Wix 39pts, Noel Crocker & Nepia Andrews 38pts, Michelle Mossop 37pts, Ian MacKay & Peri Wehi 36pts. Twos: Kenny Boyle & Alan Wix 5th, Steve Boyens 12th & Geoff Ingram 16th.

**Rangitira Golf Club**

Opening day 9/2/19: McNaught Cup nett: 1st Nic & Barry 67, 2nd Chalky & Judith 68, 3rd Sheldon & Joan 69.5, 4th Richard & Nita 70. Men nett: D Livingston 67, W Guiniven 69, B Dickinson 68, B Barrell 70, R Wilson 70. Twos: W Guiniven. Women's opening day 13/2/19, teams nett: 1st, C Gregory, N McCoard, Jill Adkins, D King 55, 2nd J McAlley, K Byford, H Bismark 56. Twos: J Griffiths. 9 hole opening day 13/2/19; hidden partner; 1 equal nett 67: Virginia & Tony, Gaylene & Marjorie, Neil & Don.

**Hawkestone Golf Club**

Tuesday 12 Feb: Mitre 10 Mega bogey competition. Brian Philps 7+, Ross Little 6+. Gary Burgess 5+, Barry Parlane 5+, Joy Stantiall 4+, Les Neumann 4+, Jan Van Loo 1+. Two;

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**Public Notice of Consultation on ANNUAL PLAN 2019-20**

As part of the Special Consultative Procedure outlined in the Local Government Act 2002, Horizons Regional Council gives notice that it will be releasing a Consultation Document and Supporting Information for consulting with the community on proposals for the **Annual Plan 2019-20**.

**Consultation starts on Monday 25 February 2019**  
**Submissions close at 5.00pm on Monday 25 March 2019**

**You can find out about the Annual Plan proposals** by looking at the Consultation Document and Supporting Information, available at:

- <http://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz>
- Regional House (11 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North) and Regional House (181 Guyton Street, Whanganui)
- any Horizons Regional Council service centre, or
- **Freephone 0508 800 800**

**You can give feedback on the Annual Plan proposals by:**

- completing the submission form at the back of the Consultation Document or those provided at Horizons Regional Council service centres and sending it to: **Freepost 217922**, Annual Plan 2019-20, Horizons Regional Council, Private Bag 11025, Manawatū Mail Centre, Palmerston North 4442
- completing the submission form on our website <http://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz>
- emailing us at [haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz)
- ringing us on freephone **0508 800 800**
- write a letter and send it to: Freepost 217922, Annual Plan 2019-20, Horizons Regional Council, Private Bag 11025, Manawatū Mail Centre, Palmerston North 4442.

Please include your address and phone number so we can advise you of any decisions made by Horizons Regional Council that may be relevant to your submission. In order to meet statutory deadlines, Council will not be able to accept late submissions for this Annual Plan.

Please note we are not holding hearings this year. If you wish to talk to your submission, please state this on your submission and we will contact you to organise public speaking rights to Council's Strategy & Policy Committee meeting on 9 April 2019.

**Final Plan & Proposals**

At its meeting on 28 May 2019, Horizons Regional Council will adopt the Annual Plan 2019-20, and set its rates for the years 2019-20. Publication of the final Annual Plan 2019-20 will follow.

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**Notice of Consultations**

**Speed Limit Bylaw 2019**

Rangitikei District Council is inviting submissions on amendments proposed for the Speed Limit Bylaw 2009. The amendment reduces the speed along Hendersons Line, Marton, from 100km/h to 70km/h (for 650 metres from Pukepapa Road).

**Submissions:**

Council is interested in knowing the community's views on this proposal and invites written submissions in relation to the draft bylaw. If you want to make a submission, please get it back to one of the locations below by 12pm (noon) Thursday 21 March 2019. Alternatively you may lodge a submission electronically at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz).

The **Submission Hearing** will be held on 28 March 2019, in the Council Chambers at the Marton Office, 46 High Street, Marton.

**Summary of Information**

A Summary of Information and submission form for each of the draft bylaws can be obtained from the locations listed below, by request on 0800 422 522, or by downloading from [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)

**Statement of Proposal**

The full Statement of Proposal (including a copy of the relevant draft bylaw) may be inspected at any of the locations listed below. Copies may be provided by request on 0800 422 522, or by downloading from [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)

Marton Office	46 High Street, Marton
Marton Library	31 High Street, Marton
Bulls Library	73 High Street, Bulls
Taihape Library	90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape

Further enquiries in respect of this proposal may be directed to Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager, on 06 327 0099

**Ross McNeil**  
 Chief Executive



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This fund helps subsidise rural travel for junior teams aged between 5-19 years, to enable them to participate in local sporting competitions in the Rangitikei District area.

**Important note:**

Applications are only able to be completed **online**, and can be accessed from our website:

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Anyone needing assistance with their application can arrange help by:

Visiting the Council's offices:

46 High Street, Marton

92 Hautapu Street, Taihape

Phoning the Council: 0800 422 522

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 Thursday 28 February  
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**Apologies - wrong date given in last week's paper.**  
**Robin Rankin, Secretary**



**Notice of Meetings**

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings for **March 2019**

**Local Government Commission –Representation Review Hearings**

Friday 1 March at 10.30 am

**Assets/Infrastructure Committee**

Thursday 21 March at 9.30 am

**Policy/Planning Committee**

Thursday 21 March at 1.00 pm

**Finance/Performance Committee**

Thursday 28 March at 9.30 am

**Council**

Thursday 28 March at 1.00pm

**Adoption of CD for 2019/20. Annual plan for consultation**

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

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

All meetings, unless otherwise specified, will be held in the Council Chamber, 46 High Street, Marton.

Any queries, please phone 06 327 0099 or 0800 422 522

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Les Neumann # 16. Nearest pin: Ross Little. Saturday 16 Feb: Allied Pickfords round 1, Glad Beaman pairs & Gracie Cup medal competitions. S/men; R McDermott & G Cunningham nett 59's, G Franks 64, G Bond 66, D Todd 70. J/men; G Edwards nett 60, B Hantz 62, P Weeks & P Scott 67, M Porter & P Maitland 71. Women; P Charlesworth nett 65, S Wells 68, L Pickford 72. Twos; G Cunningham #5, P Scott #14, S Wells #16. Jackpot #0 not struck. Nearest the pin s/men = Glenn Cunningham. J/men = Mike Porter. Women = Diane Todd. Congratulations to a pretty chuffed Graham Bond who scored a hole in one, on the 109 metre par 3 hole # 14, using a sand wedge. Well done Bondy and hope you enjoyed your night of glory. Coming events: Tuesday golf 9.30 am tee off. Saturday February 23 - Mates Rates Insulation gross & stableford open tournament: teeing off from 10am. Registrations and enquiries to Grant. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10. New members, please inquire about our membership rates. All welcome. Enquiries contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

#### Taihape Pennants Outclassed

The first round of the newly introduced 6 man 2019 A grade pennants got underway at the very tidy Palmerston North Golf Club. The Taihape team was convincingly beat ½ to 8 ½ by a rejuvenated Manawatu team. In the morning's foursomes, Duane Dick and David Pollard lost 4/3, Denny Thompson and Matthew Thomas lost 6/4 and Alan Thomas and Richie Troon lost 5/4. After lunch, Taihape's lower order showed some fight late in their singles matches, in an attempt to make amends and avoid a clean sweep. Pollard and Troon struggled with the tight fairways and went down 6/4 each; Alan Thomas lost 5/4, while Duane Dick dug deep to halve for the only result of the day. Both Denny Thompson and Matthew Thomas fought back from poor starts to halve the last for 1 down apiece. Taihape will be looking for improved performances in their next round at Manawatu Golf Club, against Wanganui, in two weeks' time. Back home, Merv Tapp and Gary Cleaver recorded the best scores of the day with +5. Plus 4 was a popular score for Marian Cleaver, Kevin O'Brien and Barrie Randall. Briany Bristol celebrated his allowance birthday on +1; also on +1 was fellow senior John Gilbert. David McGuinn and Gary Thomas were both square at the end of play. This Sunday is the McGinniss trophy medal round and the final Shergold qualifying. The Taihape president's trophy team also hosts Rangitikei for their second outing of the year.

#### Marton Saracens Cricket

Matt Burke Engineering Marton Saracens kept their slim hopes of qualifying for next month's semi-finals alive, with a 26 run victory over Wanganui Wicket Warriors on Saturday. Playing at Centennial Park, Saracens won the toss and batted first. Captain Andrew Spence was out lbw for 1, with the total at 4. Allan Pond was dismissed for 6, with the score at 35 and Phil Galpin joined Thomas Westwood at the crease. This pair batted sensibly and set the base for a solid Saracens total. When Westwood was out for 27, Matt Roberts joined Galpin and proceeded to hit the visiting attack to all parts of the ground. Roberts was next out, for a 58 that included 12 boundaries. Wickets then fell regularly, until Aaron Smith showed some late resistance with an entertaining 27 that included 2 sixes and 3 fours. He was out from the first ball of the 39th over when Saracens had scored 197. Galpin made 46, Mike Jacobs 1 while Liam McAleese recorded his 4th duck, from 4 turns at bat this season - this time, run-out while 'admiring' his classy cover drive, instead of ensuring he made his ground! Lachie Burke and Todd Sutton both scored 0 and Murray Candy was 1 not out. Warriors attacked throughout their reply, taking toll of some loose home team bowling and keeping well ahead of the required run rate. They lost wickets at regular intervals, however and were dismissed in the 28th over for 171. McAleese took 3 for 44 from his 8 overs, Smith 3 for 38 from 6, Galpin 2 for 46 from his 6 overs and Sutton was the 'unluckiest' bowler - taking 1 for 42, from 8 overs but having 4 catches put down. Westwood, Spence (2) and Sutton took catches and Roberts effected an excellent run out. Roberts was adjudged Hogan Plumbing player of the day for Saracens and Pond earned the 'dick of the day' award for trying to send the team to Wanganui for the match! This Saturday, Matt Burke Engineering Saracens play Wanganui United at Victoria Park.

#### Marton Axeman's Club

Corrected results ...mixed up last week. Woodchopping results - 9 February. Mcllwaine Mitre 10 - 21 points: 1 L Buchanan, 2 M Trow (Ngatea), 3 Angus Grant (Turakina), 4 S Bellamy (Stratford). BJW Motors Ltd - 250mm standing: 1 L Buchannan, 2 G Irwin (Whangamomona), 3 I Grant (Turakina), 4 G Rasmussen (Otaki).

#### Bulls Bowling Club

The prestigious Jack Howard open singles trophy was on the line last weekend. As players fell by the wayside, it was down to the last four. For a senior aged player, Pat Dady still gives them a run for their money; taking down the eventual winner on the way through. Merf Harley, a younger player in age and experience, is showing he's picking things up quickly. Runner-up was Craig Pedley, who was defeated by our victor Edgar Jones 21-9. Well done that man. Several comments were made about how well the green is playing - the losers did not agree. In the Wednesday night community bowls tournament, I see the Fierys and the WannaB teams are showing out and Jeremy's Crew is valiantly holding onto last place. Down to Himatangi Beach BC next weekend.

#### Marton Croquet Club

Monday 11/2/19: association croquet: Tom Martyn and Gordon Thompson 26 def 18 Graeme McIntyre and Claire, David Winmill and Brenda Isaacs 26 def 14 Murray McNae and Lyn Johnson. Golf croquet: Annette Winmill 7 def 4 Helen Williams and Jeanette McDougall, Marilyn Vallance 7 def 2 Annette and Eila Ogden. Wednesday 13/2/19: GC: Linda Hughes and Beverley Beamish 7 def 4 Helen Williams and Jeanette McDougall. AC: Selwyn Johnson and Annette Winmill 10 def 6 Gordon Thompson. Thursday 14/2/19 interclub golf croquet - Feilding defeated Marton by 5 games to 3. Saturday 16/2/19: AC: Murray McNae 22 def 16 Liz McLay, David Winmill 22 def 6 Robert McLay, Tom Martyn and Lynn Johnson 13 def 7 Graeme McIntyre and Lyn Johnson, Annette Winmill 6 def 3 Lynda Thompson. GC: Marilyn Vallance 7 def 5 Brenda Isaacs, Marilyn and Jeanette McDougall 7 def 3 Mary Meek and Maria Beamish. GC championship games: Linda Hughes 7 def 5 Brenda Isaacs, Marilyn Vallance 7 def 1 Brenda Isaacs.

#### Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui

Golf croquet interclub results, week 9. With one week and an outstanding match to be played, there seems little, or no doubt, that Feilding will win this season's competition. Marton 3, Feilding 5. Individual results: Mike Bell & Shirley Birchall (F) bt Murray McNae & Lyn Johnson (M) 7-6; Gordon Thompson & Linda Hughes (M) bt Dennis Wishnowski & Owen Birchall (F) 7-5; Bell & Wishnowski (F) bt McNae & Thompson (M) 7-5; Hughes (M) bt O.Birchall (F) 7-6; S.Birchall (F) bt Johnson (M) 7-2; McNae (M) bt Bell (F) 7-5; Wishnowski (F) bt Thompson (M) 7-4; O&S.Birchall (F) bt Hughes & Johnson (M) 7-5. Rangatira 2, Levin 6. Wanganui 3, Rose Gardens 5. Points to date (Rangatira and Rose Gardens have played eight rounds, the others nine): Feilding 51 (+84), Levin 45 (+49), Wanganui 33 (-10), Rose Gardens 32 (+10), Rangatira 25 (-51), Marton 22 (-82).

# Consultation open on proposed changes to blue cod regulations

Fisheries New Zealand invites people to have their say on a number of proposed changes to the blue cod fishing regulations. These changes were identified as a priority through the development of the national blue cod strategy, which was endorsed by the Minister of Fisheries, Hon Stuart Nash, in December last year.

Manager of inshore fisheries, Steve Halley says it's important that anyone with an interest in the fishery has a chance to have their say on the proposed changes.

"The strategy has been built on concerns about the depletion of local blue cod fisheries raised with us, via public meetings and online surveys, during 2018. Now we want people's feedback on the first of the proposed rule changes driven by the strategy," Mr Halley says.

"The changes have been developed in partnership with iwi and a technical advisory group; to ensure that the blue cod fishery is sustainable for future generations.

"Recommended changes that will apply only to recreational fishers include lowering daily bag limits in the South Island, introducing a two-day accumulation limit, requiring blue cod to be landed in a measurable state and standardising the minimum legal size of landed blue cod to 33cm nationwide.

"We are also seeking feedback on introducing a minimum cod pot mesh size of 54mm for both recreational and commercial fishers.

"A 'traffic light' system that assigns different recreational daily bag limits to areas in the South Island, according to the health of blue cod populations, has also been proposed. This approach has been informed by science surveys and feedback that we received during the early engagement processes held to develop the national blue cod strategy.

"Blue cod is a unique, iconic New Zealand species that is important to tangata whenua, commercial fishers, recreational fishers and environmental groups. We look forward to receiving feedback on these proposed changes and continuing to work together to improve this important shared fishery.

"Consultation closes at 5pm on 26 March 2019 and a final decision on any regulatory changes will be publicised through a number of media channels later this year.

"As always, we encourage people to fish sustainably whether, rules are changed or not. "Consider fishing for a feed, not to fill the freezer." says Mr Halley.

The consultation document and details on how to have your say can be found on the Fisheries New Zealand website: [www.fisheries.govt.nz/bluecod](http://www.fisheries.govt.nz/bluecod)

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