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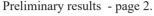
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October 17, 2019

Six new Rangitikei councillors

Six new faces will sit around the Rangitikei council table for the next triennium, joining five incumbents who ran successfully in the 2019 election which was based on a new three ward structure. They join Mayor Andy Watson who was elected unopposed.

Mayor Watson expressed his thanks to departing councillors, saying they had given amazing service and the council was losing a lot of institutional knowledge with their departure. The mayor thinks the election has delivered a great council and he is thrilled with the calibre of the new councillors. He's also pleased with the diversity of the councillors. "We've got a good gender balance and two iwi representatives, as well as a good balance of rural and urban councillors," he said.





Mayor Andy Watson

Top row: RDC incumbents re-elected.

Bottom row: newly elected RDC ward councillors.



Cath Ash - Central



Dave Wilson - Central



Nigel Belsham - Central



Jane Dunn - Southern



Angus Gordon - Northern



Richard Lambert - Central



Fi Dalgety - Central



Brian Carter - Southern



Waru Panapa - Southern



Gill Duncan - Northern



Tracey Hiroa - Northern







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Rangitikei District Council preliminary election results.

Northern Ward - two new councillors and one incumbent elected.

Gill Duncan 730 **Angus Gordon 657 Tracey Hiroa 555**

Owen Bonnor 551 Informal 1 Blank voting papers 7

Central Ward - two new councillors and three incumbents elected.

Nigel Belsham 1835 Dave Wilson 1672 Cath Ash 1441 Fiona Dalgety (Fi) 1288 Richard Lambert 1228

Peter Woolston 816 Coral Raukawa - Manuel 708 Bryan Hamerton 664 Sandra Field 604 Informal 4 Blank voting papers 13

Ratana Community Board – 4 members required. Charlie Mete 168 Jemal Nepia 164 Charlie Rourangi 134 Waru Panapa (withdrawn as potentially elected for **Ward) 130**

Taihape Community Board - 4 members

Lequan Meihana 95.

All four standing were elected unopposed - Ann Abernethy, Emma Abernethy, Michelle Fannin and Gail Larsen.

In Rangititkei 43.13% voted - 49.81% in the Central Ward, Northern 43.35%, Southern 43.85%.



Southern Ward – one incumbent and2 new councillors elected.

Brian Carter 619 Jane Dunn 584 Waru Panapa 511

Bronwyn Meads 472 Paul Sharland 447 Informal 1 Blank voting papers 25

Property

Preliminary Horizons results



Horizons electoral officer Craig Grant says these results are preliminary Horizons results. "While these results are not final, they provide a snapshot of the 97 percent of the votes counted so far," says Mr Grant.

"At this point in time, Horizons will have six returning councillors: Bruce Gordon (Manawatū-Rangitikei), Rachel Keedwell, Jono Naylor, and Wiremu Te Awe Awe (Palmerston North), and David Cotton and Nicola Patrick who were elected unopposed (Whanganui); as well as six new councillors: Sam Ferguson and Emma Clarke (Horowhenua), John Turkington (Manawatū-Rangitikei), Fiona Gordon (Palmerston North), Weston Kirton (Ruapehu), Allan Benbow (Tararua).

"The next results made available will be the final results, which will be declared and then posted on the elections page of our website between 19-25 October 2019. At this stage the Manawatu- Rangitikei results are as follows:

MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL (trading as Horizons Regional Council)

857

85

MANAWATŪ-RANGITIKEI CONSTITUENCY (two members)

97% of votes counted

Blank votes

Informal votes

John TURKINGTON 5,788 **Bruce GORDON** 5,668 **Gordon McKELLAR** 5,103 Soraya PEKE-MASON 3,502 Teresa SCHULZ 2,829 **Leslie PILLOW** 819



John Turkington newly elected

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AT THE COUNCIL



Rangitikei District Council's final meeting of the triennium could have been a sedate affair but the level of business they were asked to deal with made it akin to slowly pulling teeth as a few tough issues arose in succession.

hey included a Haylock Park sale objection letter, putting a public access toilet in the Marton Memorial Hall and a time limit for submissions on government policy on Freshwater and government policy on Highly Productive Land.

Six of the councillors at the meeting were standing down and presented valedictory speeches at the end of the meeting. They were Soraya Peke-Mason, Lynne Sheridan, Dean McManaway, Richard Aslett, Ruth Rainey and Graeme Platt.

Outgoing councillor not giving up on Haylock Park

Council received a letter from former Bulls councillor Gerald Clark objecting decision by council to sell the 85% of the Haylock Park land in Bulls.

Cr Graeme Platt, from Bulls, advised the RDC meeting that he had sought legal advice from an external lawyer about any conflict of interest he might have before commenting on the letter and alerted the mayor that he would speak further. The mayor decided to seek further advice on whether it was appropriate for Cr Platt to speak.

Eventually, the mayor allowed him to speak as he had no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

Cr Platt indicated that the Council management and the mayor had received legal advice about the sale but had never made it available to council. So, he concluded it didn't exist. Cr Platt moved: that the reasons for the original document to sell Haylock Park be overturned. If it was seconded by Cr Lynne Sheridan.

Cr Platt said, "The council should begin a process to revoke the decision to sell Haylock Park for a series of reasons, being that several clauses of the Local Government Act were not complied with, in his opinion and according to his legal advice." And he said there was a lack of consultation with Bulls people.

The motion was lost when 6 councillors voted for the motion and six against. The mayor did not vote.

Acting CE Michael Hodder, told the meeting that it was clear the whole park was for sale (originally) and subdivision a possibility. He indicated that the proposal was in Long Term Plan consultation and in the Annual Plan consultation and included in consultation about the new Bulls Community Centre - which included public meetings and plans, detailing the project, posted up in Bulls. He also said he had seen the council's legal advice.

Cr Platt said his legal advice said the park sale is an extremely complex issue, as it was not Dr Haylock's land but Dr Haylock gave money to buy it – different to if he had bought it and given it. So, it was not covered under the endowment property legislation. Cr Platt's solictors couldn't find case law where that step had been missed but had given him their opinion. Cr Platt said, when it comes to legal advice – "you show me yours and I'll show you mine."

Cr Sheridan said, "As the seconder, she felt council has let the Bulls community down."

Bulls councillor Jane Dunn said, "There are obviously faults on both sides. Council put out the wrong map in the tender process and we did not go back and look at it afterwards. The Bulls people need better information." She moved and council was in favour of, a resolution that RDC supply more detailed information about the decision to Bulls households. Other councillors drew attention to the fact that the issue was not brought up by Cr Platt during the lengthy consultation process.

Cr Platt indicated that he intended to ask for the matter to go before the Auditor General which could take at least six months. It was Graeme Platt's last meeting as he was an outgoing councillor.

Close deadline

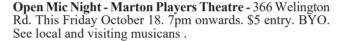
Government policy on Freshwater and on Highly Productive Land came up for submissions at final meetings of all councils for the triennium just ended – with a deadline of October 30. The tight deadline meant council had to decide the content of a submission to government on both issues which will have big effects on local farmers.

The Freshwater proposals include fencing waterways through farmland. Ruth Rainey said the tenor of the policy is good but there are real issues for farmers. Soraya Peke -Mason, Dean McManaway and Angus Gordon all voiced concern about the tight deadline and the unfairness on farmers, who had already fenced waterways, being asked to spend more money moving the boundary to 5m instead of 2m. Cr Gordon also talked about no compensation for loss of land being included in the policy and no clue offered about who would look after the resulting unusable land in future. Most councilors said council's submission needed to indicate a strongly worded response to reflect farmers' concerns.

Cr McManaway said the Highly Productive Land Use policy council was also asked to submit on, highlighted the need for RDC to look into possible 2 hectare subdivisions to increase the rating base, as other council's have done.

Both submissions, once formulated, would be circulated to councllors before they were sent.

BITS n' PIECES



Spring Plant Fair – Saturday 19 October, 9am-12.30pm Cash only. St Stephen's Church Hall, Maunder St, Marton. For more info, phone 06 327 8398.

Santoft Forest and Beach Half Marathon - 10km and 5km run - October 26 from Scott's Ferry. 700 entries so far. For more information go to www. santoftforestandbeach.co.nz or Facebook - santoftforestandbeach or phone Gerry Le Roux 027 510 5177.

Bulls Rose & Flower Show - Saturday 9 November in the Bulls Town Hall, 12.30-3.30pm. Gold coin entry. Cafe and stalls in supper room open at 10am.

Open Mic Night - Taihape Musicians Club, 7pm Saturday 9 November. \$5 door entry, cash bar, supper included. If you would like to book a spot on stage, please contact 021-02029-007 or taihapemusic@gmail.com

Marton Market Day - Saturday November 23 - Broadway and Follett St closed off for stalls and retailers, 9am - 3pm.

Gardens Galore garden tour- Sunday 24 November. Hunterville School brings you a self-driven tour of 10 beautiful gardens in the Hunterville/Rangitikei area. Superb shopping and gourmet pre-ordered lunches. Info and ticket registration at www.gardensgalore.co.nz

BITS n' PIECES

Mangaweka Fakes & Forgeries 2019 - Saturday 30 November. A big day out in Mangaweka. Massive book fair in Mangaweka Fire Station. Market stalls in Mangaweka Museum grounds, Yellow Church Gallery and Richard Fuller street gallery.

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Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday 19 October at 1.30pm at Rangitikei College. There will be our usual block of the month, fabric strip swap, show and tell and access to our extensive library. Our guest speaker is Dianne Southey who will bring some stock along for purchase. A reminder to those members who put their names down for the mystery bus trip next month that the \$60 needs to be paid at this meeting or online beforehand. The meeting will conclude with afternoon tea and a chance to meet friends, old and new. New members are always welcome. Come along and see if it is something that you would like to do.

Marton Friendship Club

Friday 11 October – our afternoons begin at 12.30pm with entertainers arriving for 2pm. Many coming with their lunch. As the days get warmer, more members come along. Raffles won by Jean Turner, Valma (a visitor from Wanganui), Tari Ruscoe and Gillian (from the entertainers). We are all getting ready to put the xmas raffle together again, how the year has flow! Gillian and Alan were our entertainers. They both have wonderful voices. Alan is a real crooner and can mime so many of the old stars like Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, even Elvis. Gillian dances around the stage as she sings. Soft and lively background music goes beautifully with all their songs. Some were - Singing In The Rain, Little Old Wine Drinker Me and Pretty Blue Eyes. A great relaxing afternoon followed by afternoon tea. Entertainment this Friday will be For Folks Sake. Many instruments and a wide range of tunes. Come and hear them. Visitors always welcome. See you there.



Exhibition Feilding and District Art Society

Feilding and Districts Art Society hosts Sacred Songs of the Heart, at its gallery in Manchester St. It's open to the public from Monday 14 October - 10am to 4 pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 2pm Saturdays.

The exhibition features painter Michelle Edmondson and journal maker (Junk Journals) Teresa Winterburn.

Sacred Songs of the Heart is, a journey of letting - freeing up the creativeness - the inner most thoughts.

In Michelle and in Teresa's journeys, tucked away, in either a painting or a journal, are little pockets of encouragement, the tiny things we yearn for that make our day, a small word of encouragement can mean so much to someone.

The gallery is on the western side of Manchester Square.

Rangitikei Country Music Club

What a tremendous day! Fun was had by everyone at our recent club day. The audience was on fine form participating at every opportunity, singing along was a lovely sound. It was nice to have June and Evan and Evelene and Stan call in from Paraparaumu and spend the afternoon with us.

Ian's fine rendition of Bicycle Morning had people up singing and dancing.

This coming club day October 20, Wainuiomata Club is coming up for a visit They arrive about 11am and bringing their lunch, so if you want to join them, come along. The day's proceedings will start earlier - approximately 12 noon. This will allow us to get through all the singers. To our people in the kitchen, raffles, door - everyone who helps in any way - thank you.

Club days are 1st and 3rd Sundays at the clubroom, 421 Wellington Rd, Marton. For information, ph Glynis 327 6626 or Marlene 327 7135.

Taihape Museum wants local feedback



Taihape Museum is currently surveying Taihape & District residents, to obtain feedback about interest (see form below). Angela Oliver, Taihape Museum secretary says,"Our mission statement is "working with the community to preserve and promote the heritage of Taihape and surrounding districts' and this is what we want to do!

"The survey closing date is 30 November, 2019. Each completed survey goes into a draw for a \$50 New World voucher - to make it fun, to give something back, and let's be honest, to encourage residents to complete the survey. Although there is a relatively small band of volunteers running the Museum, in relation to the population, our wish is to provide a service that the community wants and therefore supports."

The museum stores the past history of the town and district but it is for future generations to see and reflect on. With any luck, as well, this survey might attract a few more volunteers. We are very much into micro-volunteering - even an hour every now and then is valued," she says.

TAIHAPE - WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Go into a DRAW for a \$50 New World voucher. Just add your name and phone number to your completed survey.

One entry per person. Closing Saturday 30 November 2019.

Have you visited Taihape Museum in the past year? YES NO

Are you aware of the range of displays and resources available for your use at Taihape Museum? YES NO

Have you ever used these resources to find out more about Taihape's past or your family's history? YES NO

The Museum is run completely by volunteers. If not already a Museum volunteer, would you be interested in volunteering your time and skills – it doesn't have to be a big commitment (we can explain)?

YES I'D LOVE TO NO NOT NOW What do you want from Taihape Museum?

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Marton Golf Club's new cart shed

A new 12 bay golf shed is nearing completion at the Marton Golf Club. The bays in the shed are being leased to members to house their golf carts.

Club president Mike Jones says, "An early injection of funds, along with further generous donations of money, products, food, time and effort from many members and the community, allowed this facility to be built as planned. "Dave McDougall, from our 9 Hole group, researched ideas and organised much of the early planning. Dave and Barry Florence, also a 9 Holer, supervised the project throughout, making sure a high standard was attained. Our course superintendent Shay Melis and greenkeeper Jayden Hunter were always on hand to assist."

A 'shed shout' and sausage sizzle were held to thank all those who helped with planning and construction and then Dr Mike Paki from the Turakina Hapu Charitable Trust, which leases the land to Marton Golf Club, gave the building a formal blessing.

Many positive comments about the facility and the way it operates, have been made by visitors to the club and from those leasing the bays.

Individual cart owners now have a secure, safe and handy place to leave their carts after playing their golf.

The club still has carts for members and casual golfers to hire

Local businesses who willingly helped with labour and products were: Rob Peters Builders, Richards Construction Ltd, Rayner Building, Gordon McPhee, Brian Hausman, Rainaway Spouting, Rangitikei Aggregates, Hogan Plumbing, P & C Skou Ltd, Central ITM.



Marton Golf Club president Mike Jones (left) with Dr Mike Paki from the Turakina Hapu Charitable Trust.



The 12 bays in the new club shed are being leased to members to house their golf carts at the course.

Neighbourhood Burglary Report

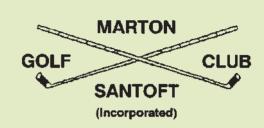
Statistical information provided iby Neighbourhood Support Whanganui from 7 October to 13 October 2019.

There were four rural burglaries reported - Rangatira Rd and Taraketi Rd in Hunterville and Cuba St and Broadway in

Fourteen burglaries were reported in Whanganui as well as three ex car - Argyle St, Victoria Ave and Somme Parade.

There have been a few burglaries from sheds.

People are advised to ensure that shed doors and vehicles are closed and locked to prevent easy access for burglars.



Twilight Golf at Marton Golf Club

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Taihape Motorcycle Riders Help St John





Bikers are invited to enjoy a scenic ride by joining a River to River fundraiser.

Taihape Motorcycle Riders are making a call for all riders from far and wide to join them in November for a scenic, backroad ride throughout the Taihape area. All monies raised will go to the Taihape St John ambulance building fund.

One of the organisers, Harry Lazarus, says his group of riders are not a club.

"We are virtually a bunch of like-minded guys who have been riding together for about three years. We have ridden with White Ribbon, Ride Against Teenage Suicide (RATS) and recently a Coromandel to Auckland ride. We also do kids rides on Gumboot Days."

The route for the ride is well planned, with safety paramount, which includes restricting the ride to sealed roads and having marshals in place.

"We are going to showcase our rivers and mountains via off-destination roads. It is a chance to take in and appreciate our beautiful scenery," Harry says.

The ride is for "anybody and everybody" on Saturday, November 9. Register (cost - \$25 includes a badge) from 8am to 9.45am at Bridgestone Tyres on the corner of Mataroa Rd and Linnet St, Taihape.

Pre-registrations for earlybirds will be taken by Sandy Speir at the Taihape Fire Station on Friday from 6pm.

St John volunteers will have packed lunches available for riders to buy and Hangi meals for dinner will be sold at \$10 each on the day. After the ride there will be spot prizes, a lolly

scramble for the children and six trophies will be awarded.

"We would like to see family groups join the riders and have a fun time. So help the cause and register whether you are riding or not."

An after ride function at the Gretna Hotel begins at 7.30pm. There will be a band and karaoke. Entry is a gold coin.

"All motels and backpackers are offering discounts to registered riders, free tent sites and bike lockups will be available - so please spread the word and let's make this a big one." Harry said that there are many people 'behind the scenes' who are all giving to the cause. "We thank them sincerely for their sponsorship, hard work and dedication."

All money raised will go to St John to help build a new ambulance station in Taihape.

Looking after your neighbourhood



The new Taihape Neighbourhood Support Inc committee – elected at its inaugural Annual General Meeting on 8 October in the Taihape Council Chamber. From left rear: Justin Moore (Police appointee), Win Houghton, Michael Andrews (chair), Frances McKeown. Seated are Ann Abernethy and Elizabeth Mortland (secretary/treasurer).

Taihape Neighbourhood Support (TNS) was established on 20 August 2012 and is affiliated to Neighbourhood Support New Zealand. The aim of the group is to make Taihape homes, streets, neighbourhoods and communities safer and more caring places in which to live and enable people to share information, ideas and insights.

Neighbourhood Support works closely with police and other organisations in the community to reduce crime, improve safety and prepare to deal with emergencies and natural disasters. Membership is free! Several 'Street Groups' have been established where there is interest and their numbers are growing.

Contact: tnselizabeth@gmail.com for further information.



Group Of Taihape Schoolchildren About 1913 -photographed outside Turnbull's Blacksmith Shop, Huia St.

Taihape Museum holds the photo and has even got most of the names:

Sadie Kirkpatrick, Kathleen Adlam, Willie Brown, Reggie Timbs, ? McCormick, Charlie Jaggard, Jack McLennan, Charlie Brown, Hector Bray, George Shanley, Ivy Dennis, Bessie Cole, Margery Sexton, Joyce Fraser, Bertie Cole, Dick Jaggard, Ruby Turnbull, Eric McCormick, ? Blockley, Essie Fleet, ? Fleet, Bon McLennan.

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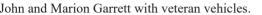
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Scenes from Marton 150 year naming celebrations

Photos Liz Rayner













Paul Czepanski and Gillan Futcher at the St Martin Lutheran stall



Former mayor John Vickers - St Stephen's stall.



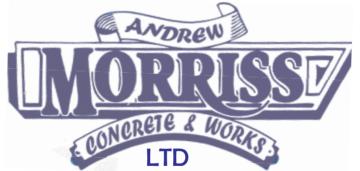
Cath Ash with the 150 year cake.



MC Geoff Follett with organiser Maureen Velvin



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Permanent modification of firearms

an option for owners

Some prohibited firearms can be modified to be non-prohibited.

Police are encouraging those that have a firearm they want to legally hold onto, to get it modified now before the amnesty finishes 20 December.

Police talked to an approved gunsmith to find out more about the process and how people are going about it. Darren, who is based in Whangarei, is a licensed firearms dealer and gunsmith. He's used to working with metals – most of his working life has been spent as an aerospace engineer specialising in the manufacture of aircraft components, space payloads and satellites. The sort of person you'd trust with a firearm that is a family heirloom.

The sort of people who have approached him to have their firearm modified have included families who have had their grandfathers firearm passed down to them and it has great sentimental value to them. Another example is a farmer who wants to keep his firearm - it's his working tool. In both cases, they don't want to see the firearm destroyed. Modification permanently reduces the magazine capacity so that the firearm is no longer a prohibited firearm and allows them to keep it.

In just a couple of weeks, Darren has had more than 40 people enquiring about modifications, and most are interested in modifying their bolt action, pump action, lever action or semi-automatic .22 calibre to be non-prohibited.

The process involved is simple. Firstly notify online on the Police website to get a reference number and then contact an approved gunsmith (details listed on Police website: police.govt. nz). If you don't have web access, call Police on 0800 311 311 and they can assist you.

In Darren's case, when a customer contacts him he'll arrange a time to meet and safely receive the firearm for modification. The average modification takes him around a week to do, and then he arranges for the owner to collect the newly modified firearm. The owner will receive a certification of work complete. And in most cases there's no cost to the customer. Darren notifies Police of the work carried out on an owner's firearm and invoices Police directly, up to \$300 per firearm.

The reactions that Darren has had from owners so far, is that they're really glad they have this option, as they really want to keep the firearm. And Darren points out that there is minimal visual modification to the firearm – in most cases it is hardly noticeable because it's internal. "This is very important if it is a collector's piece or of significant value because it doesn't look different – it's not horribly mutilated, "he says.

Lastly, the advice that Darren gives to firearms owners, unsure about taking this route is to talk to your gunsmith — there's no obligation to go ahead but it's good to understand your options. Alternatively, prohibited firearms can be handed in at a local collection event or to an approved dealer.

There are 32 approved gunsmiths located around the country able to carry out modifications. For contact details and further information about the process,

please see the Police website: police.govt.nz



Examples of firearms that can be modified

AT THE COUNCIL RANGITIKET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Toilets in Memorial Hall

Public toilets for the proposed new playground upgrade next to the Marton Memorial Hall brought up the stringent nature of the local building consents process at the last RDC meeting - something many local building owners already know or have come up against.

A report from RDC Assets Manager Gaylene Prince, left councillors shocked, that if they attempt any upgrade to the existing toilets and make them accessible to the public, they would have to ask for a fire and accessibility report to be completed. This would mean a full report for the entire building and highlight the need for accessible toilets, sprinkler system, a lift to the upstairs hall and possibly many other requirements, before building consent could be issued, thus creating a potential money pit.

Staff we were asked if council building inspectors could give a report and the answer was no. They were told the hall has a WOF for use but has never had major work done which required any code update, since it was built in the 1950s - so the hall is still regulated under the building code of that time. Any building alteration trigger the latest building code requirements.

Councillors moved to ask staff to prepare a more detailed report on the costs of a public toilet in the Marton Memorial Hall.

Cr Ruth Rainey asked where children go to the toilet now. The reply was unsanitary in nature.



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LAWNS - YOU EITHER LOVE THEM OR HATE THEM

Lawns are either the bane of your life, or you are consumed by a love for an immaculate sward of green?

I have known lawn perfectionists who trim the grasses on their hands and knees, with a pair of scissors

A good looking lawn is a pleasure to behold and you will likely have noticed that, after mowing your lawn, the garden looks much nicer, as does your home. I've seen some great gardens which have been let down by a poor lawn.

There is a trend away from having big lawns, replaced by concrete, tiles, bark gardens and raised gardens. I think the days of having a big lawn where you can get out with your kids and show them how great you are playing rugby or cricket, have just about gone. Even having a lawn for the kids to play on is becoming a past practice as the kids are on their own screens not on your turf.

Having 10 square metres of nice lawn, so you can use your rideon lawn mower every so often, is more to the point for some. (Push mower for Greenies).

Lawns are one of the more difficult plants to grow, as they require more attention than any other plant. Not only do you have to get the right type of grass seed for certain areas for them to do well (shade/sun/dry/wet) there is a constant war going on between the grasses and other plants and mosses.

How high you mow the lawn will make a big difference to the lawn. Mow too low and it is called scalping. It weakens the grasses and opens up soil to allow weed seeds to establish. The ideal height of the grasses should be about 60mm tall and you should not cut more that one third off the blades. So when the lawn grows to 90mm, you cut off 30mm.

Grass loves to be cut and performs well, thickening up into multi-blades when cut correctly. The thickening up gives a carpet like look to the lawn and makes it difficult for weeds to take hold.

I have seen some well cared for lawns going to rack and ruin when the owners are no longer capable of mowing and they contract a mowing person to do their lawns. Unless the mowing contractor knows a bit about lawns, the tendency is to mow too low, which allows weeds to establish, which means the lawn becomes unsightly much quicker and needs more frequent mowing to keep looking reasonable (creative business practice).

Weeds grow faster than grasses in most cases.

Not only that, another problem arises. If the mowing person mows a lot of lawns and many of these lawns will have weeds. Generally contactors do not clean their mowers, between lawns, it can result in the introduction of weed seeds into your lawn. If you have no need for a big lawn then simply do away with it. Bring it down to a small nice lawn that is easy to maintain and save yourself a lot of work.

In my case, I moved to a house, from previously living above a warehouse in PN (where outside it was mostly concrete) to Marton where there is a reasonable sized front lawn (10 to 15 mins mowing) and a large back lawn (which takes over half an hour to mow) with a catcher on double that time.

So the plan is to reduce part of the back lawn area down, plant fruit trees in the lawn, mow it low and then kill off the grasses and weeds with applications of ammonium sulphamate prior to laying weedmat and covering that with bark. Nice for the trees and a lot less mowing. Then we'll put some concrete pads down to put raised gardens on (a must for the padsas there are some big trees along the back and their roots trail out a long way).



Another pad for one of my small glasshouses (6x4) and another one for my hen house so I can relocate that also. Then the back lawn should be under 10 minutes mowing which means I can kill off the existing and cultivate a new nice lawn.

For those with existing lawns that they want to improve, there are several things you can do during spring and autumn.

Thatch builds up on the soil surface which makes the lawn spongy to walk on. It is also a problem for the grasses with fungus disease and, as the thatch catches and holds moisture, feeder roots tend to come up into the thatch, where they are burnt off when it is dry, leading to brown patches. There are two ways to solve this; use a scarifier to rip out the thatch which is good to do if you want to over-sow more lawn seed. Otherwise, spray the lawn with Wallys Thatch Buster which will, in the right conditions eat up an inch of thatch in a month. Easy and the broken down thatch becomes food for the grasses.

Moss in lawns can be controlled with Wallys Moss & Liverwort Control by mixing with water at 50mils per litre and jetting it into the moss with your sprayer adjusted to make a jet. Wormcasts in lawn upset some people and the way to stop this is to acidify the soil using the likes of iron sulphate drenches so the earthworms leave the lawn, to go to your gardens where it is a better pH and friendlier to them.

For those who want really healthy grasses and a great lawn, spray the lawn monthly with a combination of Perkfection, Magic Botanic Liquid and Mycorrcin.

The type of lawn fertiliser you use is very important. Normal lawn fertiliser is a fast food that gives the lawn a boost of growth due to it's nitrogen then fizzes likely causing more harm than good. If you dont use a catcher then you recycle the clippings back in to feed the grasses and then you need to apply Thatch Buster once or twice a year, to control the thatch. An inexpensive fertiliser to use is BioBoost available from Farmlands and PGG Wrightson outlets. 25kg slow release natural fertiliser that costs about \$30 a bag. I have just acquired an organic lawn fertiliser that some golf clubs and bowling clubs have been using on their greens with great grass improvement qualities. It's not cheap but it is designed for the gardener who wants the best lawns going. Wallys Super Lawn Food I will call it. I am told that the Remuera Golf Club won an Environmental Award last year with this organic grass fertiliser. It's used at 20 to 30 grams per square metre, applied 3 monthly, at the beginning of spring, summer and autumn.

Not long now to Labour Weekend so a busy time for gardeners. One comment I have to share with you from a older farmer who said, 'In times past, a farmer that had 100 dairy cows was a rich man and had a big healthy family.' Yes, likely about a 100 or so acres of farm, no pollution of water ways, no overstocking, no vet bills - just good management and

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Whanganui initiative sparked by a tragedy, is changing lives

The benefits of being in good physical shape before having surgery was the focus of a public display and inter-action at Whanganui Hospital on Wednesday.

It was National Anaesthesia Day and staff at the hospital marked it by promoting the Fit For Surgery, Fit For Life programme which has been running for a year and had a profound effect on people's lives

The programme is the brainchild of Marco Meijer, who heads the nine-strong anaesthetics department at the hospital. The project that has gained national attention.

It was prompted by difficult personal experience when, some years ago, a particularly obese patient of Meijer's died after having surgery.

"I had a patient I anaesthetised, who died in the ward, two days after surgery and that really made me decide, deep down, we really need to do something about this problem," he said.

"Then I saw the data of how badly overweight people were doing during and post-operation. There was just no good solution out there, so I thought: Let's try something new."

Highlighting the importance of not being overweight inevitably raises the serious health risks of being too heavy and of not being "fit for surgery".

Weight is the primary target of the programme, with the aim being to get patients down to a body mass index of less than 40. "If your body mass index is above 40, the risks accumulate with complications and technical issues," Meijer said. These complications include finding a vein to insert an IV line to administer anaesthetic; needing different tables and equipment for particularly heavy people; thick necks affecting airways; heart and lung problems that can impact on breathing under anaesthesia;



Fit For Surgery, Fit For Life came from and idea sparked in anaesthesiologist Marco Meijer.

and obstructive sleep apnoea, a condition in which people stop breathing while asleep. "In surgery, there can be difficulties getting through layers of fat, which means the patient is in surgery longer, which is an added risk, while being overweight is associated with diabetes which makes wound infections more likely, and overweight patients are more prone to blood clotting,"

"Post-operation it can be problematic to give pain medication as that can affect breathing."

said Meijer.

The Fit For Surgery, Fit For Life programme has been developed with in-put from patients and dieticians and is supported by Sport Whanganui, a vital componenet, making use of services available in the community.

More than 80 people are currently working on reducing their weight and getting into a healthier lifestyle and 26 people have reached their BMI target and are ready for surgery. And there are a number who have completed surgery and are now receiving the follow-up service which helps them keep their weight down and continue the good habits they have picked up. This support runs for 12 months post-operation.

Meijer is heartened by the success stories of those who have dramatically changed their lifestyles.

He, and other staff will be sharing that inspiration with the public on October 16 when their display will be in the main hospital entrance and they will be happy to chat with people and explain how getting fit for surgery can make you fit for life.

Rotary Club testing public blood pressure



Rotary Club of Marton teamed up with medics to provide free blood pressure checks on Saturday 5 October.

High blood pressure is a hidden but potentially serious health risk which can be managed if detected.

Well over a hundred people were checked at Marton New World with a number being recommended to pay their doctor a visit. This could prove to be a lifesaving move and one these volunteers were happy to be part of.

The check in Marton was one of many carried out nationally that day. Rotary clubs are involved in assisting with organising the testing, which is now an annual event. Pictured from left: Humphrey Calkin, Richard Wishnowsky, Debbie Calkin, Ray Sisley, Gaylene Jones, Gillian Campbell, St John medics, Lisa and Debbie and Bey White from Tauranga.





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Michael Hodder **Acting Chief Executive**

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Agenda: Confirmation of 2018 minutes **Election of Officers and Committee General Business**

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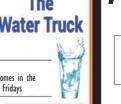


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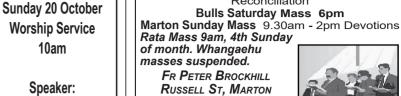
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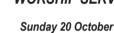
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Rainey 77, M Brennan 77, M McAlley 77, K Fallaver 78, M Walshe 78, L Worsfold 78. D Worsfold memorial winner: K Byford 37 points. 9/10/19 9 hole par: T Doorey square, N Travers -1, D Gregory -1.

Marton Golf

11/10/2019: A Bates 42, G Calkin 39, B Cameron 38, B Craig 36, S Muir 36, I Batcheler 36, P Connolly 32, A Duncan 32, B McGinniss 32, G Dornan, D Pearson 32, D Tarrant 31 D Clark 31. Crunchie: G Velvin. ITM tourament 11/10/2019 ladies' division: D singer 39, J Ritchie 38, C Rhodes 34, G Jones 32, S Ballard, 32. Men's division 1: S Oliver 46, G McIvor 37, A Duncan 36, H McDonald 35, S Mwlis 34, B McGinniss 33. Division 2: J Adkins 39, T Mischweski 38, R Yorke 38, A Amor 37, R Ellery 37, H Bremner 36,C Judd 36. Division 3: G Calkin 38, B Poppe 35, A Stewart 35, P Connolly 34, B Craig 32 P Simpson 32. Non golfers (Callaway system) nett scores: G Whitenberg 65, T James 66, H White 67, Ć Boera 67, Ľ Mc Aleese 68, D Byrne 69, G Kennedy 69. 9 holes: B Florence 22, A Penning 19, B Willis 18, D McDougall 18. Nearest pin: ladies: 0-18 J Hall 19 + nil. Men's: 0-2 H McDonald, 13-24 R Ellery 2 + P Rayner. Non golfer: M Roberts. Long drives ladies: J Ritchie, C Ellery. Men: T Mischweski, T Westwood. Non golfer: T James. Two's: J Hall, T Mischweski L Keinschmidt, S Amor, P Rayner. Sat 12/10/2019: L Belsham 48, P Hutchison 41, R Ellery 40, C Fullerton Smith 39, D Clark 38, B Cameron 38, B Pratt 38, S Muir 38, G Marshall 36, T Mischweski 36, S Duncan 36, S Ballard 35, D Oliver 35. 3 FBH: L Wake, A Bates, K Field: Two's: B Pratt, C Watson, (2) P Singer, D Fullerton Smith, D Clark. Coming events: Saturday 19: ladies shootout. Men's Adobe Motel shootout final - tee off 8.30am. Shootout players please contact D Arnott if not available. Normal Saturday players tee off number 10 at 11am. Duty: T Hammond. Bar: G Calkin & other. Sunday 20 duty: J Calkin.

Marton Ladies' Golf

Results from Wednesday ladies' golf: silver: 1st C Rhodes, 2nd R Williams 3rd J Ritchie. Bronze 1: 1st C Skou, 2nd S Marshall, 3rd = M Simpson, A Bary and G Burne. Bronze 2: 1st E Clark, 2nd S Ballard, 3rd = D Chapman and D Singer. Putting was won by: C Rhodes - 27 putts. It was also the club captain vs president match. This year, the presidential team won. Thanks to Allie and Jenny for the lovely prizes.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

Taihape sent a respectable contingent of members to the 27 hole men's Apiti foursomes. The rejuvenated pairing of Duane Dick & Kerry Wells came home strong, winning the event with 97.75 net. Merv Tapp & Alan Thomas came second with 98.25 net. The club also acknowledges the other teams for supporting Danny Mickleson & Kevin O'Brien, James Fannin & Richie Troon, Peter Valentine & John Gilbert, as well as David Pollard & George Olsen. Playing back in the local haggle was John Fenemor with an imposing 42 points. John Booth & Gary Thomas made second equal, with 37 points each. John McKinnon & Marian Cleaver followed closely behind the winners. This Sunday, the first Potaka stableford competition is scheduled, which is played in conjunction with the inaugural Collerton Cup fixture. Players wishing to contest the Collerton Cup are requested to nominate their partner before their first round played. The competition is played this year by combining your and your partner's best 2 rounds over the 3 Potaka stableford rounds. Collerton Cup entries can be made to the club captain, or by writing the pairing on the haggle sheet before commencement of play. Also, the 2020 Danny Mickleson sponsored shootout qualification begins. Duty manager this Sunday is the VP John Gilbert. The combined Potaka and Collerton competitions got underway in fine fashion with Kerry Wells breaking out from the field. Wells shot an impressive 76 off the stick, which included a two on the 14th, for a commanding 43 points, which also pencils his name in to the top position of the shootout qualification. David McGuinn's hard toil over the winter started to pay dividends, with more consistent ball striking - shooting 40 points, as well as finishing with an eagle on the par five 18th. Lesley Hardwidge and Nick McGuinn both made 39 points. Merv Tapp and George Olsen were tied for 5th position, each with 37 points. Kevin O'Brien and Gary Thomas made 36 points apiece. James Fannin and Barrie Randall were on 35 each. The longest putt on the 18th was secured by Alan Thomas, who received the scorched almonds prize. This Sunday is the second (out of three) consecutive rounds of the combined Potaka and Collerton competitions. Team entries into the Collerton Cup are still available, with two rounds remaining. Duty manager this Sunday is the elusive Briany Bristol

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 8 October - 9 hole golf Rome Hair Salon stableford: Les Neumann 19, Rae Karatea & Greg James 18, Dave Rohde, Gary Burgess & Barry Parlane 17, Norm Rackham 16. Nearest the pin: Grant Forbes. Saturday 12 October - Kelly Footwear 9 hidden holes stableford: s/men: R Ormsby 22, G Franks 21, D Rohde & G Cunningham 19, G Bond 17. J\men: B Thorby 18, M Porter 17, D Wright & G Edwards 15. Women: S Wells 18, P Charlesworth 16. Feilding Scrap Metal two's: R Ormsby #2, G Bond #7, G Forbes #14. Jackpot #16 not struck. Month to date nearest the pins: s/men: D Worsfold. J/men: D Todd. Women: S Wells. September month end nearest the pin jackpots: s/men: L Moore. J/men: by lot M Porter. Women: P Charlesworth. Sunday 13 October Mates Rates Insulation club champs finals: senior men: H McDonald. Intermediate men: D Worsfold. Junior A men: N Kaa. Junior B men: M Carroll. Intermediate women: S Wells. Coming events: Tuesday 9 hole golf - 9.30am tee off. Saturday 19 - club day, teeing off from 11am & 9 hole golf - 1pm tee off. 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 enquiries contact: Grant 0210 572 931.

Marton Bowling Club

Wed 9 Oct roll-up results: two teams of men played, as the ladies were playing Gordon pairs. 1st Hausy(s), Dave H, Dave G, Terry - 2 wins, 13 ends 20 points. 2nd Andy Creagh(s), Laurie Bismark, Paul White, Tom Porter - 1 win, 11 ends 17 points. Ladies' Gordon pairs results: 1st Sharon Pudney - 4 wins. 2nd Joy White - 3 wins. 3rd Bev Toulmin - 2.5 wins. Congratulations ladies, well played! Sat 12 Oct roll-up results: skips: 1st Murray Coleman - 2 wins, 14 ends 20 points. 2nd Peter C - 1.5 wins, 13 ends 18 points. 3rd JD - 1 win, 13 ends 25 points. Twos/leads: 1st Wayne Pudney - 2 wins, 15 ends 20 points. 2nd Noeline Schollum - 2 wins, 12 ends 21 points. 3rd Sharon Gordon - 1.5 wins, 12 ends 24 points. A warm welcome back to Terry who played very well on Saturday. A reminder about coaching every Friday @ 3.30pm, wet or fine (if wet, inside session on technique/tactics). Kevin will be filling in until Enid returns. Up-and-coming events: 19/20 Oct men's fours @ 9am. Wed 30 Oct ladies' club fours @ 9am. Wed 13 Nov ladies' club triples @ 9am. Wed 20 Nov ladies' club singles @ 9am. Mon 25 Nov ladies' Simonsen Cup, Aramoho @ 9am.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Monday 23/9/19. Association croquet: David Winmill 19 def 7 Robert McLay, Tom Marton and Gordon Thompson 16 def 12 Murray McNae and Lyn Johnson, David Harrison 16 def 4 Lynda Thompson, Selwyn Johnson 12 def 3 Eila Ogden. Golf croquet: Maria Beamish and Linda Hughes 7, 3 drew 4, 6 Marilyn Vallance and Mary Meek. 28/9/19. AC: Murray McNae 15 drew 15 David Harrison, Graeme McIntyre and Selwyn Johnson 14 def 12 Tom Marton and Gordon Thompson. G C: Lynda Thompson 7,7,5 def 5,5,7 Lyn Johnson and Val Hoaijama. 30/9/19 AC: Robert McLay and Lyn Johnson 16 def 6 Lynda Thompson and Graeme McIntyre, Gordon Thompson 6 def 5 David Harrison. 7/10/19. AC: Tim Marton and Murray McNae drew 24 all. Lvn and Selwyn Johnson 20 def 18 Mary McNae, GC: Linda and Val Hoaijama 7.6 drew 3, 7 Marilyn Vallance and Maria Beamish. Saturday 12/10/19. AC: John (visitor, Orewa) 26 def 25 Murray McNae, David Winmill and Lyn Johnson 17 def 13 Robert McLay and Lynda Thompson, Graeme McIntyre and Mary McNae 23 def 12 Tom Martyn and Selwyn Johnson. GC: Mary Meek and Marilyn Vallance 7 def 2 David Harrison and Val Hoaijama, Pixie (visitor, Orewa) 7 def 2 Maria Beamish and Ruth Harrison. Marilyn Vallance 4 def 2 Lynda Thompson.

Georgia Nugent-O'Leary off to Olympics

Marton 's Georgia Nugent O'Leary has between selected to the NZ Olympic rowing team for Tokyo 2020. Georgia was one of only two girls outside the world champs squad to be selected for the Olympic squad. It is an amazing comeback after Georgia suffered concussion three years ago. Georgia is a member of the Aramoho Whanganui Rowing Club and rowed for Lincoln University and Central RPC. She is also one of three Nga Tawa old girls named in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic rowing squad. Sisters Kerri and Jackie Gowler won rowing world champ gold medals recently and gained Olympic qualification for Tokyo 2020 and now Georgia has been added to the squad.



Left: Georgia Nugent-O'Leary and Sammy Murphy of Aramoho/ Wanganui celebrate after winning the women's U22 1X final during the New Zealand Rowing Championships at Lake Ruataniwha in February. Photo Zimbio.com

Overwhelming Response For New Local Running Event



in our community.

Organisers of the new Santoft Forest and Beach Half Marathon, 10km and 5km run are absolutely thrilled with the response they have had from the local community, as well as the running community.

"The large number of entries we have so far received, is reflective of the amount of local support we have from our community to make this event happen" says Kym Skerman who is helping with the organisation of the event to be held on October 26 from Scott's Ferry

The event has 700 entries at this stage and that's likely to rise come race day. This is quite extraordinary for a new event and shows that there is demand for active participation events

The Santoft half marathon is being run as a fundraiser by South Makirikiri School, in conjunction with event organisers Gerry and Wouna Le Roux. "We are raising funds to astro-turf our tennis courts and create a safer all-weather playing surface that is useable year round" states Mr Allan the school's principal.

"The event is very unique in that we have been kindly given access to the Santoft Forest by Ernslaw One and the Raumai Range by Ohakea. These are both permitted and restricted areas at all other times. The other unique factor is the combination of forest and beach running for the 21km event. There are not many other events in the country that offer this mix of terrain. The 10km and 5km course will however both be contained within the forest" says Gerry

Kym Skerman says the event has had very generous support from several local businesses, which seems to be a benefit of the small but involved community. "We are extremely grateful to the businesses that have put their hands up to get behind our event and help us reach our fundraising goal" states Kym.

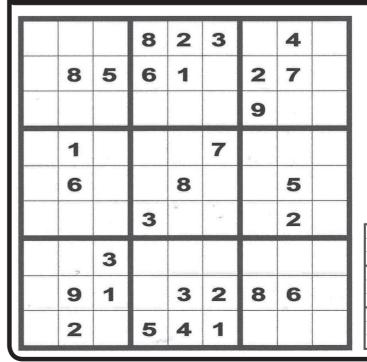
The local businesses supporting the event include; Allan McNeil Accountants from Feilding as the major sponsor, Arnott and Arnott Builders, Metro Building Services and Fraser Auret Racing, as silver sponsors and NZ Real Estate and Central Glass and Aluminium as bronze sponsors. The event also has support from the Rangitikei District Council.

As the school is very family focussed, the team of marathon organisers is emphasising this theme and creating a family festival feel which will include live music, a bouncy castle and kids 1km beach dash, as well as food and coffee for sale.

"With the response we have had this year, it is highly likely this will become a regular annual fixture in the event calendar" says Kym.

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26 Pukepapa Road, Marton **SPACIOUS WITH 4 BEDROOMS**

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