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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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## Trans Tasman equestrian exchange

Nga Tawa Diocesan School hosted some of Australia's best secondary school horse riders last week, when New England Girls' School (NEGS) arrived for a reciprocal Australia - New Zealand exchange.

Earlier in August, a Nga Tawa contingent flew to Australia to compete against NEGS in Armidale, New South Wales. It was the first ever international competition for Nga Tawa but the NEGs team has competed in Malaysia.

The teams consisted of four dressage riders and four showjumpers. Each school hosted the other for a week and the riders went head-to-head in the showjumping and dressage arenas. The visiting team rode on borrowed mounts.

After a day's competition on Saturday, the New England Girls' School team came out on top. They also won the Australian leg.

Nga Tawa Director of Equestrian Libby Rayner says, "The exchange between schools was a huge success. We built a good relationship and have ideas to build on. NEGS won both encounters. Their team was more experienced but our Nga Tawa team will learn from the experience and be ready the next time they compete."

The Nga Tawa exchange received extensive media coverage in Australia, with Libby Rayner appearing in TV interviews.



Nga Tawa team member Meg Rogers from Palmerston North riding in the horse 1.10m class.



NEGS students, from left: Amy Fisher (Melbourne), Matilda Hall (NSW) and Katie Morrow (Queensland) at Nga Tawa for the equestrian competition. The girls commented on how green NZ was and how much they had enjoyed the Nga Tawa hospitality, along with making NZ equestrian friends after two exchanges.

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# Taihape Baby Animal Fair a big hit

Gill Duncan, organiser of the Taihape Baby Animal Fair was delighted with the number of people who entered and attended the event, held in the Taihape Museum grounds on Saturday as part of the Taihape 'Spring Fling.'

Gill is from a rural background and came up with the idea, as many schools are not having pet day anymore. "Taihape is a rural stronghold and animals are at the heart of our industry, so it's a great way to celebrate our country culture" she says.

The idea of holding it at the museum was a group idea, including the Taihape Community Development Trust and Museum volunteers. "Every child that entered an animal won a prize, so everyone was a winner.

Stand out crowd favourites included 2.5 year old Bianca Bond, who won the Look a Like competition with her lamb Black Foot (both dressed as Little Red Riding Hood) and the two young Deighton girls, who their own a homemade lemonade stall, also won top prizes for their lop-eared rabbits as well. Skyla-Breeze Stoney won best looking standard rabbit with eleven month old Honey.

Frankie the Donkey also became a star alongside Taihape Vets. Other guests included "Versatile Equines and Farmyard Friends" with Nicky and Piper the ponies, and Bonnie the sheep. Tarata Fishways brought three show standard dachshunds, Silky chickens and two goats.

Volunteers from TAS blew up balloons, put up bunting, signs and helped set up and clean up. Also, two Elders; young missionaries from Idaho, in NZ for two years, helped all day. Binu Manosh a local Indian lady from Kerala, who's village was badly affected by the recent floods, came to raise funds with authentic Indian food, which sold-out almost immediately. Steve Cross did the sounds for free.

The 'Spring Fling' is a week of activities, culminating in a Community BBQ fundraiser for the Cancer Society at the Outback tomorrow, Friday, 4 - 7pm. (bouncy castle, fun gumboot throwing, alcohol free).

More details at [www.taihape.co.nz](http://www.taihape.co.nz)



Crowds at the baby lamb feeding. Right: A trio of baby dachshunds at the fair.

Photos and story Richard Aslett.



## Trio thrill Taihape audience

Taihape Musicians Club's guest act offered an unforgettable show of professionalism, with a masterful and varied performance at its concert on Saturday night by Palmerston North based band 'The Tama K Trio.'

Hitting the stage at 8pm, as the venue was just filling up, showed the visiting band's professionalism. Starting with a largely laid-back acoustic guitar lead set, the band eased both themselves and the growing crowd into their early performance. The following sets saw a build in momentum, offering more danceable soul and funk infused covers and people gravitated to the dance floor.

Tama K Trio was fronted by well-respected musician Tama Korewha; providing powerful lead vocals and guitar and backed by an equally well seasoned rhythm section of bass and drums. The highlight was the final set, lasting about an hour, when Tama finally took enthusiastically

to his electric guitar. This showed what an excellent and truly competent player he is. Starting with a masterful version of Prince's 'Purple Rain' including the full lead guitar solo, Tama had the crowd totally in awe. Audience requests for "some Hendrix" saw a classy version of Little Wing - expertly delivered to a now full dancefloor, followed by an unrehearsed version of Tennessee Whisky flawlessly executed. "There was everything here, in what was a very polished performance and worth every cent of the \$10 entrance fee," says Christine Mackintosh, club president. "Next up - get ready for the 70's themed disco and live music night, on 1 December."



The Tama K Trio at Taihape Musicians Club.



Frankie the Donkey at Saturday's Baby Animal Fair in Taihape.

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# Rangitikei College goes fees-free for Y9s



**Something to smile about: no school fees for Year 9 Rangitikei College students starting in 2019. Rangitikei College photo.**

Rangitikei College in Marton is taking the initiative to help put the 'free' back into New Zealand's free education system. Our district's major college is not afraid to break the mould when it comes to supporting its students and families, having just announced it will go fees-free for all Year 9 students in 2019.

Although a handful of primary schools in the region opted for a fees-free regime in 2018, local secondary schools have been slower to offer it. Rangitikei College is now leading the way, scrapping all aspects of its school fees for next year's first-year students.

"We're very conscious of the burden school and sports fees place on our families," says college principal, Tony Booker. "As a school, we've been looking at ways to relieve this stress and decided that removing all fees was the best place to start."

From next year, families of all Year 9 students will not have to pay any voluntary school donations, or special subject costs or sports fees. "The different components of a school's fees can really add up – sometimes up to hundreds of dollars a year if your child is playing a sport" said Booker. "We're really keen to help remove any barriers that are stopping our students trying out, or playing, a sport they love. We've a part to play too in inspiring our kids to 'get moving'. Often playing a sport can be just too far out of financial reach for many families."

The school is really trying to make a difference in the family budgets of its community said Booker. "Although families will still have uniform costs to cover, digital devices are not compulsory at this school, and the Rangitikei College Trust already covers all Year 9 stationery costs. We hope that by adding in our plan to scrap all school fees, prospective parents will feel a little more positive about the looming new school year. And that we can get more young people engaged in a sporting activity without worrying about the cost."

Although scrapping fees will have a financial implication for the school, this can be managed said Booker. Starting by removing fees for just Year 9 students will allow the College to manage the impact. "I expect the conversation around the need to remove all school fees to continue and we hope to lead the way on this, as we start to see the benefits to our students and families kick in. We want our school life to be as welcoming and as easy to join into as we can make it."

## Students off to Denmark



**Rangitikei College students going to Denmark in October. From left: Sarahlee Patu Catherine Torrie, Liam Tysoe, Tadhg O'Gorman, Xavier Andrews.**

In the icy grips of a NZ winter, it's timely to remember an old Scandinavian saying: "Det finnes ikke darlig vaer, bare darlig klaer" which, translated in English means 'There is no bad weather, only bad clothes.'

Layering is all important, as staff and seven students of Rangitikei College will discover when they head off on their overseas Denmark trip.

Led by the College's Design and Visual Communication teacher Deborah Jorgensen, the main purpose of the trip will be for the group to experience key examples of architecture and design. The country is renowned for modern and postmodern design and, visiting in October, the buildings will be displayed beautifully against a background of fall colours of Denmark in Autumn.

The cost per person is \$3000. The trip has involved many months of careful preparation and vigorous fundraising by way of raffles, food sales, a Danish mid-winter Christmas dinner and the recent successful casino evening.

Anyone wanting to support the group to reach their goal or require further information, can contact Mrs Jorgensen at the College on 06 327 7024.

Mrs Jorgesen says, "This is an exciting opportunity for our students to visit a country that prides itself on happiness, equality and environmental consciousness – the very measures that are equally important for New Zealanders. The country will be gorgeous, with its bustling streets and shimmering lights, as the group will be visiting during its Halloween season."

## Join in if you give a dam

You will need to wear your boots if you want to come along to an Open Day being held at the Marton B & C dam sites as a part of Conservation Week 2018 on Saturday 15 September.

It will take place between 9am and noon and is under the supervision of the Rangitikei District Council parks team.

The team is inviting the community to see the Marton Water Reservoir B and C situated at the northern end of Tutaenui Rd, over the bridge on Galpins Rd.

You could get involved in planting a tree too although you might need to bring a spade as well as your boots.

There will be a barbecue and plans for the future of the site will be on display.

Contact Ben 0275345698, if you want to know more.



### Fatality following Whangaehu crash

On Sunday a 23 year old man died following a two vehicle crash on SH3 at Whangaehu, at around 12.30pm.

The driver of the second vehicle was transported to Whanganui Hospital with moderate injuries.

At the time the road was closed for several hours. Diversions were in place, which added significant time to journeys. Motorists were diverted along Warrengeat Rd and No 2 Line, north of the scene, and along Turakina Valley Rd to the south. A woman travelling to Bulls says she did about 90km extra, detouring through Fordell to an intersection that lead to Hunterville and Marton. Police asked her to use the Hunterville bound road through Turakina Valley.

Marton police attended the accident.

### Bulls fatality

A pedestrian died following a collision with a vehicle in Bulls early morning. The incident occurred between Brandon Hall Rd and Parewanui Rd about 4.15am. The pedestrian died at the scene.

The Serious Crash Unit is investigating both accidents.

## BITS n' PIECES



**Tutaenui Rural Women** will be celebrating 125 years of women's suffrage with a potluck brunch in the Tutaenui Hall on Sunday 9 September at 10am. Gold coin entry.

**Peace at last** - a concert for Armistice - join the celebrations marking the end of World War One at a Combined Choirs concert in Wanganui on 29 Sept held at Wanganui Central Baptist Church in Wicksteed St at 2pm. Door sales: adults \$20, seniors and students \$15 (cash only).

**Mangaweka And District School 125th Reunion** - includes Lower Kawhatau, Pourangaki, Potaka Rd, Manui, Makokine, and Mangaweka Convent. First weekend of March 2019. Are you be interested in attending? If so, please email your details to the following email address so we can keep you informed of developments. Email:mangaweka125@gmail.co - or postal address is: PO Box 14, Mangaweka 4746. Also, register on Facebook - Mangaweka Community, Rangitikei.

**1st Marton Scout Group** - Annual Garage Sale fundraiser. Saturday 27 October, 2018. Memorial Hall, Wellington Rd, Marton. Doors open 8.30am. If you have any good quality items please email: martonscouts@gmail.com, or donate them at the scout hall on Thursdays between 5.30 - 9pm. Sorry no electrical items, books, TVs, videos.

**Rugby gathering** - former Marton Oldboys Rugby Football Club 1968 Wanganui Rangitikei combined championship winners are gathering in Marton on Friday October 12 and invite former club and opposition rugby players to join them. The 1968 team will also meet at Cook's Gardens on the Saturday to watch the Wanganui rep game followed by dinner in Marton. Rugby players who are interested in attending the Friday night gathering, contact David Calkin 06 327 8685 or Bob Burrell 06 388 0434.

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**CLUB SCENE**



**Marton Friendship Club**

You will find us in Morris St and our programme begins at 2pm every Friday. Last week, raffles were won by Jean Turner, Ruka Edwards, Jennifer Hawkins, Robert Rogers and Dawn Evans. On Thursday, many members are travelling to Levin Senior Citizens Club to honour their 61st birthday. This week, we were entertained by Mike and Sue Naylor from Wanganui. Mike performed many songs from 1930 onwards and Sue did her usual magic tricks- pulling hankies out of a hat – all joined up, even though they were put in one at a time and she also told lots of jokes. This week, we will have Gillian and Alan from Wanganui - a very talented couple and well worth listening to. Good backing music.

Committee meeting 12.30pm. Members welcome to come early with your lunch. Men are on afternoon tea duty this week, Sept 7. Come along and enjoy the day. Visitors always welcome.

**Turakina WI**

August meeting. Lewanna McLean hosted the Monday August 27 meeting when members and two visitors enjoyed a potluck lunch prior to formalities. With business attended to, discussions took place as to what members would like to do in the months left till the end of the year. October is our birthday month and all were keen to go out to lunch; venue to be confirmed next meeting. A council meeting is also in October and Turakina is on trading table duty. In early November, interested members will be attending the performance of the Russian Ballet being held at the Wanganui Opera House. The next meeting will be back at the Turakina Tennis Club - September 24, 1pm - with the usual potluck lunch at 12 noon. Competition results; handcraft – drawstring toilet bag, 1st Pat Perry, 2nd Joan Marshall. Garden gem – 1st Jacqui Gillam, 2nd J Marshall, 3rd Lewanna McLean. Cooking – 4 bubble squares. 1st = L McLean/J Marshall, 2nd = J Gillam/P Perry, 3rd = G Manning/Marion McAlpine.

**Forest & Bird Update**

We were pleased to welcome Lucy Ferguson, freshwater coordinator for Horizons. Lucy emphasised that Horizons works to ensure they have the right tree, or plant, in the right place. Riparian planting is being supported, to ensure the quality of our streams and rivers, with particular attention being paid to spawning areas. This has required careful monitoring and not all rivers have been covered yet. Native fish are very determined and their ability to return to spawning areas is amazing, including being capable of climbing waterfalls, if the conditions are right. It was great to hear that our regional council is aware of the need to care for this form of native life and developing practical ways of doing so.

On Wednesday 12 September, Chris and Andy Corser will talk to us about A Walk in the Dolomites; at 7.30pm in the Milne Room, St Andrew's Church, Broadway, Marton. This is a change from the advertised meeting programme, as the development of the wild base recovery complex is behind schedule. We will visit it as soon as it is completed. This meeting will be the last of our winter programme to be held in Marton, as in October we will be hosted by the Taihape members of our branch, in Taihape. If you've intended to come along and join one of our meetings, this will be your last opportunity for 2018. A light supper follows our meeting.

**Marton Music Society**



The annual Marton Youth Concert was held recently in the Marton Friendship Hall with a great variety of polished performances; ranging from dance to piano, violin and guitar solos, as well as vocals. A rock n' roll dance performed to the tune Rock Around The Clock, was enjoyed by all and Leah Bronn performed solos on guitar, violin and piano.

The hard work and dedication of the young musicians of Marton gave an afternoon of excellent performances that was much enjoyed by the large audience.

Marton Youth Concert performers, pictured above from left: Josh Keenan, Tsinjin Tahau, Josh Bergen -Bronson, Andrew George, Sophia Arthur, Josiah Arthur, Josh Richmond-Deacon, Cynthia Kawana-Matehe, Cole Anderson, Leah Bronn, Sarah Hunt and (in front) Kayla and Brontie Arthur and Sammy-Jo Rea. Absent from photo: Petera Kamareira.

**Marton Contract Bridge Club**

Results Tue 28/08, Cooks Bar pairs (R1): N/S J Bellamore & P Sullivan 65.0, J Meads & K Poppe 55.83, H Rowe & J Vickers 50.42. E/W S Marshall & F Bertram 58.75, J McPherson & D Cains 53.75, J Sabine & J Bligh 53.33. Thur 30/08 Property Brokers chocolate fish pairs (R3):N/S J Meads & M Bartels 60.0, S Marshall & H Rowe 59.0, W Willis & C Skou 47.5. E/W M Gordon & G Burne and F Bertram & J McPherson 55.5, S Thackery & P Davidson 54.5. Winners of Property Brokers chocolate fish pairs: S Marshall & H Rowe.

**Marton Lions Club**

Last week, Marton Lions Club visited and was entertained by the Hunterville Lions Club. The bus trip in itself was enjoyable, with the opportunity to catch up on our activities in Marton. We were welcomed in Hunterville at one of their very historic hotels, built around the 1880's.

The meal was a highlight, along with the camaraderie and we enjoyed taking part in the monthly meeting, with many highlights of what the Hunterville Lions do for their community. Our publicity officer took numerous photos and we all got fined for not wearing a tie. Our president acknowledged and thanked our neighbours for their hospitality. The journey home to Marton was without any notable events, as it was well past our bedtimes.

Thanks to the organisers of this trip and to our neighbours, the Hunterville Lions Club.

**Happy Tours**

On Thursday 16 August, we had an excellent afternoon at Valhalla Cinema. Our movie of choice was Finding Your Feet, a well casted English romantic comedy and it was certainly a good watch. After the movie we were treated to a lovely afternoon tea and thanks must go to June and Bruce Ward for organising a wonderful outing. Also, thanks to those who donated the prizes for the raffles; they were well received and were won by Barbara B and Neil. Our next outing will be on Thursday 20 September; to Murrayfield Museum and Cafe in Levin. What a great place this is to visit, with its cafe, museum, model village and petting zoo. A fun day to be had for sure.

Bus departs from Memorial Hall @ 10 am.

**FROM THE PULPIT**



Pope Francis has publicly acknowledged the failures of the Roman Catholic Church in dealing with sexual abuse by priests - attacking a "culture of death" and deferential "clericalism" that helps perpetuate evil.

An unprecedented letter from His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God was issued, after almost a week of mounting pressure, following the publication of an excoriating report into abuse by priests in Pennsylvania.

According to a Vatican official, it is the first time a pope has written to all the world's 1.2 billion Catholics about sexual abuse. But some survivors complained the letter lacked concrete proposals and was "too little, too late".

The letter, published in seven languages, opens with an acknowledgement of suffering endured by children and abuse of power. Francis admits the church has failed to "act in a timely manner" and promises zero tolerance and sanctions. "We have realised that these wounds never disappear and that they require us, forcefully, to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death," he said.

He added: "It is essential that we, as a church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others."

The letter did not propose any specific measures, or sanctions, against bishops who have been found to cover up abuse, or have failed to report it to police, or other authorities.

Bernard O'Donnell - Taihape

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# Peace At Last concert for armistice

You are invited to join the celebrations marking the end of World War 1 at a Combined Choirs concert in Wanganui on 29 Sept held at Wanganui Central Baptist Church in Wicksteed St at 2pm.

Choirs from the Whanganui and Rangitikei area will join together for an afternoon featuring songs and readings from the war and about peace. Choirs are the Wanganui Male Choir, the Lyric Singers, Schola Sacra, Wanganui Community Choir, Arcadian Singers (Taihape) and the Rangitikei Anglican Parish Choir.

Each choir will present its own items and there will also be an opportunity for everyone to sing along to famous WWI songs such as It's A Long, Long Way To Tipperary, Pack Up Your Troubles, Roses of Picardy and the stirring I Vow To Thee, My Country.

There is also a distinctly New Zealand flavour to the concert, which includes some of our most famous New Zealand songs. These were collected and arranged for the WWI Maori soldiers' songbook, including Po Atarau (Now Is The Hour), Pokarekare Ana, and E Pari Ra.

Modern NZ songs will also feature, from the popular style of folk musician Marian Burns' Beautiful Soldier to items by well-known NZ composer Chris Marshall to poetry by Fairburn, and local composer Alan Cruise-Johnston.

Three young instrumentalists will also feature; Wanganui's Gregory Xavier on violin, Marton's Richard Munt on snare drum and Joe Inman (PN) performing a historic cornet solo. A Powerpoint show of historic scenes from the war and Armistice commemorations will run throughout the concert, complemented by celebratory decorations.

Admission is at the door: Adults \$20, seniors and students \$15 (cash only).



## HEALTH SCENE

This month is Breathe Better September, which the Whanganui District Health Board is getting behind to raise awareness of respiratory conditions in Aotearoa.

A range of Breathe Better resources - including asthma, better breathing and healthy home checklists - will be made available from GP practices across the Whanganui district, and will also be shared online during the month.

The national campaign encourages people to show their support for better breathing and healthy lungs - and to start thinking about how they can improve their respiratory health.

More than 700,000 people have a respiratory condition, which is the third leading cause of death nationwide at a cost of \$6 billion each year. In Whanganui, there were 1444 respiratory hospitalisations in 2015 alone.

Meanwhile, more than 521,000 New Zealanders take medication for asthma, making it the most common respiratory condition in the country - with a cost of more than \$858 million each year.

By far the highest number of people being admitted to hospital with asthma nationwide are Māori, Pacific peoples and people living in the most deprived areas. Māori are 3.4 times and Pacific peoples 3.9 times more likely to be hospitalised than non-Māori, while people living in the most deprived areas are 3.7 times more likely to be hospitalised than those in the least deprived areas.

Breathe Better September is being led by the NZ Asthma and Respiratory Foundation, and challenges people to improve their fitness and breathing, while helping to create awareness, and fundraising, for New Zealanders living with respiratory conditions.

Last year, participants raised money through self-imposed challenges including walking, biking, meditation and healthy eating.

To get involved and set your own challenge, visit: [www.breathebetterseptember.co.nz/better-breathing-challenge](http://www.breathebetterseptember.co.nz/better-breathing-challenge)

### Did you know:

In 2015 there were a total of 1444 respiratory hospitalisations at Whanganui DHB.

In 2015 there were a total of 164 asthma hospitalisations at Whanganui DHB.

Between 2008-2013, a total of 360 people died due to respiratory disease at Whanganui DHB.

Between 2008-2013, a total of 6 people died due to asthma at Whanganui DHB.

## Breathe Better this September and improve your lung health

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### It's OK to Forget

I forget things sometimes. You know that walk into a room to get something, forget what it was and then go out again, get distracted.. and do something else anyway. Then, you're in the car 10km down the road and suddenly remember what it was! Or what about forgetting the name of a restaurant that you've been to heaps, or even worse... a friend. Oh dear, I think we all do it and, when my clients mention similar situations to me, I smile and just say... "It's a sign of a busy mind".

And yes, we do have busy minds... and busy lives. Most of us would like to slow it down a wee bit. How often do you hear people say, "Where has this year gone? or "We are almost to Christmas again!"

All we can do is take a breath, because the structure of life today is to fill every moment and then some.... to get it all done and then squash some more in.

Breathe dear people! Yes... it will soon be Christmas, or spring, or the next thing in the diary... or on the calendar... and you may forget a few things along the way. But please try to remember to schedule something so valuable that you will never forget it - time with the special people in your life.

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## Bulls business has plenty to offer Rangitikei. Read about this week's featured business...

# NEW DENTAL SURGERY FOR BULLS

Whanganui's 'Dentist on Glasgow' is excited to be opening a new surgery in Bulls. It will be called 'Bulls Dental'. Owners Vasu and Karuna Atluri felt there was a real need for people in the Bulls area to have local dental treatment available.

'Bulls Dental' will be operating out of the same building as 'Physio @ Bulls', at 13 Criterion Street. The new dental surgery will open on Friday 14 September and will then operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays, (from the following week)...for starters. However, if demand exceeds



Vasu Atluri, Bulls new dental surgeon

the two days each week they will look at opening on a third day.

Vasu will be the dentist who works out of Bulls, along with one of his associates. That person may vary - again dependent on need.

Vasu, Karuna and their family have been living in Whanganui for 10 years now and have owned 'Dentist on Glasgow' for eight and a half of those years.

Anyone wanting to book an appointment, or talk with one of the friendly staff at Bulls Dental, can call them on 06 927 0938.

The phones will be manned Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.



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# RANGITIKEI RURAL

## Fonterra nominations open

Nominations for the 2018 Fonterra Shareholders' Council and Directors' remuneration committee election are open. They close at midday on Thursday, 20 September. This year, elections are being held for Shareholder Councillors in 10 wards including Ward 16 - Central Districts West. They are also in Northern Northland, Waipa, Central Taranaki, Tasman, Marlborough, Waikato West, Northern BOP, Central Canterbury and Western Southland. The council consists of 25 councillors - all Fonterra farmers, elected across 25 wards throughout New Zealand. Nomination papers and candidate handbooks will be available by phoning the Election Helpline on freephone 0800 666 034 or emailing [iro@electionz.com](mailto:iro@electionz.com). Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer, Warwick Lampp of [electionz.com](http://electionz.com), by 12 noon on Thursday, 20 September.

# One month until new animal welfare regulations

New regulations to strengthen our animal welfare system will come into effect on 1 October 2018. Ministry for Primary Industries Director for Animal Health and Welfare, Dr Chris Rodwell, says the 45 new regulations cover a range of species and activities from stock transport and farm husbandry procedures, to companion and working animals like dogs and horses. "With under a month to go, until these new regulations come into effect, we want to encourage people, who are responsible for any type of animal, to check they are up to date in how they are looking after them," says Dr Rodwell. "Our team has been working with industry and sector groups to raise awareness of the regulations and ensure people understand and can meet their responsibilities. "Most New Zealanders already care for their animals well, so if you're already doing the right thing, you won't see a lot of change. "The majority of the regulations reflect existing standards but there are a few that do set new rules and requirements, such as prohibiting the tail docking of cows and dogs. "Even if you already think you are doing the right thing, it's best to check and make sure you are." One of the main changes is that the new regulations will make it easier for MPI and the SPCA to take action against animal mistreatment. "These regulations will allow us to better respond to lower levels of offending and target specific behaviours that need to change. "For example, if people allow their animal's horns to become ingrown, they can be fined \$500. We will continue to prosecute the worst offenders under the Animal Welfare Act." In developing the regulations, current science, good practice and the views of submitters were taken into consideration. For more information on the regulations and to check if you're doing it right, head to: [www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs)



## Hunterville students support Daffodil Day



Hunterville School pupils held a Lego competition and a mufti day on Friday and altogether raised over \$230, which headboy, Euan, along with Isaac, handed over to Joan Bull, who goes to the school every year as the Cancer Society collector.

This the second year that Isaac Kingston and his family have run a Lego Creation competition at Hunterville School, and this year, Lego NZ came on board at the Kingston family request, donating ten very cool sets of Lego. Four girls and four boys were awarded smaller highly commended Lego prizes and the boy and girl winners received a big Lego Boat set each. The overall winners were Mackenzie Carman and Izaiah Morris. Mackenzie Carmen says, "For this competition at school I decided to make a hospital room, with a girl who is having chemotherapy, because the Daffodil Day Lego Competition is about people with cancer and helping them. I spent five hours one day and two hours the next day working on this model. I was away at a dance competition when the winners of the Lego competition were announced at our school assembly on Friday. Luckily, Miss Grey texted mum and she told me I had won! I really, really like the prize - it's a big Lego boat set." Her winning entry is pictured left. Izaiah Morris says, "I was going to make a regular train for this Lego competition, but then I decided to build an unusual train engine with a trailer behind and a creative shape! I think it was a really good idea for us kids to help raise money for Cancer research and caring for people with cancer. I also really, really love the prize that was donated by Lego NZ."



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## McKelvie Memos

MP for Rangitikei



The Wanganui and Rangitikei districts have a rich history in racing, producing many renowned horses and successful people involved in the industry including breeders, trainers, owners and riders.

Sunday night's New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards in Auckland were a testament to this. Twenty-five awards were presented, and our region was well represented.

Isaac Lupton was named Jumps Jockey of the Year, for the third time. Trainer Raymond Connors' horse Wise Men Say won the Jumper of the Year title; Christopher Grace was nominated for Breeder of the Year, while Aroha Duncan and the late Jim Speedy's horse, Upper Cut, trained by Mark

Oulaghan, was nominated in the Horse of the Year category.

Earlier this month, Hunterville trainer Ken Duncan's horse, Shamal, ridden by Buddy Lammas, took out the 144th running of the Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Grand National Steeplechase (5600m) at Riccarton. Lammas, partnered Shamal to victory in the Manawatu Steeplechase (4000m) at Trentham last month too.

The O'Leary brothers - Dan, Humphrey, Michael and Shaun and their wives have also enjoyed success in their racing enterprise, most recently with their horse Who Shot Thebarman, which has lined up in the prestigious Melbourne Cup four times. Only a couple of weeks ago the champion horse won the Stayer of the Year award at Racing's Night of Champions in Sydney.

Kevin Myers continues to enjoy a long and successful career out of his Turakina training base and is one of New Zealand's most successful trainers, with over 1,150 wins. He is well regarded for his prowess in both jumps and flat racing.

I can claim a long-standing interest in the industry too, having previously served as president of the Rangitikei Racing Club as well as my grandfather and great grandfather before me. I am also National's spokesperson for Racing.

The announcement of \$30 million of contingency funding from the Provincial Growth Fund, which has been earmarked for the racing industry to build up to three all-weather tracks, is being welcomed by many involved. According to New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing chief executive Bernard Saundry, the industry lost nearly \$3 million in the last year - due to abandoned races. Synthetic tracks would go a long way to providing certainty for trainers, owners and jockeys.

Meanwhile, the whole governance structure of the racing industry is currently under review by Australian horse owner John Messara who will provide recommendations to the government on its future direction. His report, which is to be released today, will undoubtedly acknowledge the significant contribution of the industry to the New Zealand economy, while at the same time detailing comprehensive venue reports based on feedback from around the country.

The racing industry employs more than 50,000 people, either directly or indirectly and has an economic impact exceeding \$1.6 billion a year. I am delighted to be in a role where I am able to take an active interest in the future development of an industry that has a proud history and a promising future in the Whanganui and Rangitikei districts.



Ken Duncan with Shamal, winner of this year's Grand National. Photo supplied.

## Rural school bus service review needed

Rural Women NZ is calling for a review of the school bus eligibility criteria, particularly in the rural areas. "The safest way for children to get to school in rural New Zealand is by bus. However, the current eligibility criteria for the service means that children are being put in dangerous situations," says education portfolio convenor and board member, Sue Higgins. "If children live within two kilometres of a rural school, they are not eligible for the local bus service, where there is one, and are forced to walk or cycle on roads with no shoulder, often used by logging trucks, stock trucks and milk tankers, making it treacherous for our children.

"RWNZ understands that parents are responsible for ensuring their children go to school. However, the rural bus is vital for farming families who have a busy working life and distance, for those who live further away, to contend with.

"A review of the criteria applied to children's eligibility for their local rural school bus service is needed - school by school.

"It's time the Government showed leadership on keeping our rural children safe on their journey to and from school," says Mrs Higgins.

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# RANGITIKEI LINE BULLETIN

## Milestone Reached - Bulls Community Centre Project

Last week's Council meeting marked a significant milestone for the Bulls Community Centre project. The Council made the decision to proceed with the construction of the new Centre. This is great news for the Bulls community and the wider District, as well as for the elected members and staff who have been working on this project for the last few years. W&W Construction 2010 Ltd, from Whanganui, have been selected as the preferred contractor. Work will now proceed with finalising the contract for the project. It is hoped that the contractor could be on site in about four weeks. The build time is estimated at 15 months, so this would mean the new Centre could be open in December 2019.

## Subdivision of 37 Kensington Road, Marton

Following expressions of interest for this site the Council has agreed to negotiate a sale price with GK Skou Transport in Marton.

## Marton-Bulls wastewater upgrade

Last week's Council meeting agreed that establishing a land-based disposal system for the combined Marton and Bulls wastewater flows is Council's preferred position. This means the process to purchase appropriate land disposal areas will start, as will the pipeline design. There will also be further engagement with Iwi and the Bulls/Marton communities before the resource consent application is lodged with Horizons Regional Council before the end of

October 2018. Funding is included in the recently adopted 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

## Funding for additional Hunterville toilets

Council received the welcome news from the Minister of Tourism confirming \$75,000 has been allocated for toilets and rubbish facilities at Queen's Park, Hunterville. This is a popular stop-over point for travellers. The funding is expected to cover Enviro toilets, a rubbish compactor and a water bottle refill station.

## Mangaweka Village toilets

Council has negotiated a licence to occupy the northern part of the land owned by Papa Cliff Café. It is expected that the completed toilet facilities will be open before the Christmas period.

## Taihape Memorial Park

As requested at the community meeting in Taihape on 3 August 2018, Council is currently investigating the cost of a full renovation of the grandstand (including the facilities beneath it) as well as strengthening.

## Road safety improvements

Improved signage has been installed at either end of the hill on Kakariki Road. Signs indicating the reduced speed limit on Dixon Way (and the short sections of Otaihape Road and Mangaone Valley Roads which link Dixon Way with SH-1) are now in place.

## Representation Review

Council is required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to undertake a representation review once every six years. This review considers the number of Councillors, the extent to which the District is divided into wards, and the number and coverage of Community Boards. So this review is important for ensuring effective and fair representation of the District's communities. The proposed changes are:

- Reducing the number of wards from 5 to 3.
- Bringing the boundary of the Northern ward south.
- Combining the Marton and Hunterville communities into one ward.
- Combining the Bulls and Western communities into one ward

Submissions close on 17 September. Full details are on Council's website - [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz). Following consideration of submissions to this initial proposal, Council will issue a final proposal (which may be identical to or different from the initial proposal). If there are appeals or objections to that, they are considered by the Local Government Commission (not the Council) who would make the final decision.

## Community Initiatives Fund

The current funding round is now open for applications. This Council funded scheme is open to all initiatives and opportunities which have potential to benefit the District's communities. The maximum amount granted per application is \$2,500. Applications close on 13 September 2018.



**Marton Golf Club**

Thursday 30.08.2018: D.Angove, P.Connolly, A.Duncan 38, T.McVerry, B.Beck 37, C.Murphy, S.Muir, P.Simpson 36, D.Clark 34, B.McGinniss 33, T.Hammond 33, R.Yorke 31, M.Jones 30. Crunchie: S.Rotham. Saturday Sept 1: the great scoring continues with this week's winner of the medal competition and the PB & Craig Skou voucher being Aron Bremner with a nett 61. He also won the Bessie Fullerton-Smith salver for the best nett score of the first championship qualifying round. Other results: Shay Melis 66, Phil Simpson 69, Trevor Ballentyne, Graham Marshall 71, GV Calkin 72, Darin Arnott, Campbell Bary 73. Twos: 12th Shay Melis, Ron Win, 17th Pat O'Connor. Jackpot struck: 4 balls. Sat Sept 8: Duty - D Arnott. Bar - M Peina & S Duncan. Sun Sept 9: Huntley School Day. Course closed.

**Rangitikei Golf Club**

Wednesday 29 August: stableford. For those that believe the weather forecast - don't! As we had a very warm and even, sunny day. Kelvin Burt 43pts, Joe Yorke, Lyndon Moore & Neil Atkins 40pts, Michelle Mossop & Ash Reed 39pts, Lynne McDonald & Joseph Tapper 38pts, Dan Scotson & Peter Young 37pts, Julian Elliott & Bryan Northcott 36pts. Twos: Matt Brown & Lyndon Moore - 3rd Kelvin Burt - 3rd, 12th & 16th [go Kelvin]. Lucky draw: Noel Crocker. Best stableford on 4,5 & 6: Michelle Mossop 10pts. Saturday September 1: Allan McNeill stableford. Seniors: Peter Thompson 38pts, Rob Giles & Tim Wales 37pts, Murray Bruhn & Ken Boyle 35pts. Juniors: Derek Philipps 39pts, Peter Young & Manny Dreliozis 38pts, Lynne McDonald, Mike Ansell & Stew De Burgh 36pts, Joseph Tapper & Bryan Northcott 34pts. Twos: Manny Dreliozis & Peter Young 3rd, Jay Jay Boylan 12th, Tim Wales & Stew DeBurgh 16th. Riverside Mug; North of River vs. South - won by South 32.69.

**Marton Ladies 18 hole golf**

Wednesday August 29. Stableford, Jeanette Beilby trophy, Frae Ona Cup. Division 1; C Skou 37, G Burne 37, A Bary 36. Division 2; S Abraham 36, M Hunt 35, P McVerry 33. Sponsored balls; B Bielby, R Williams, S Ballard. Twos; A Bary 6th The Kevin Jensen Sponsored Hole. C Skou 17th. Lucky draw; M Poppe. Jeanette Beilby. Trophy won by B Bielby. Wednesday September 12. Remember earlier tee off time of 9.15am (buttons in 9am) - stableford; Frae Ona Cup. Starters; C Ellery, R Morrison. Cards - B Bielby. Duty - C Ellery.

**Hawkestone Golf Club**

Tuesday 28th, Mitre 10 Mega stableford. Dave Penfold 19, Ross Little 17, Joy Stantiall 16, Gary Burgess 15, Greg James 15, Brian Philips 14, Barry Parlane 13. Nearest pin; Greg James. Saturday 1st Allied Pickfords club champs, quarter finals medal. S/men; G Franks nett 67, G Bond 71, G Forbes 76. J/men; A Corbett nett 67, J Hill 68, D Wright, M Pickford & D Rohde 69, N Skelton 71. Women; L Tipu, P Charlesworth, S Wells. Two jackpot not struck. Month to date nearest the pins s/men, j/men and women not struck and must go next week. Taimui challenge: Bondy & Pete lost to Grant & Spike. Next challengers: Joby & Larni. Coming events: Tuesday golf: 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 8th, left vs right; 11am tee off. Sunday 9th; Bush Cup final: 11am tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members 1st year pay only \$250. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

**Taihape Golf Club**

The first of three Potaka stableford rounds got underway on the second day of spring. Chris George was the top performer, coming in with 9 pars, in his round of 83 off the stick, for 41 points. Barry Randall lost out to Briany Bristol in his semi-final of the junior B club champs but played exceptionally well for his 39 points, which lifted Randall to 14th in the shootout ladder. John Gilbert & Nick McGuinn both had 38 points. Danny Mickleson and Duane Dick both made 37 points. Handicap performances of 36 points were had by James Fannin and Gary Cleaver. Cleaver also progressed past James Mickleson to the semi-finals of the intermediate club champs. This Sunday, Taihape is hosting Waimarino and Rangatira for the Cascade Cup with an 11.30am tee off. Each club selects its form 8 players for the interclub challenge. The best 6 of 8 scores count for the club's aggregate stableford. The team to represent Taihape is Barry Randall, Kevin O'Brien, Merv Tapp, Chris George, Alan Thomas, Gary Thomas, James Fannin, & Danny Mickleson.

**St Francis Indoor Bowls**

This week, we played three games of pairs. Only one team managed to win all three games - Kevin Mullany and Ashlee Eden. The raffle was won this week by Neil Gardner. Next week, we will have another normal night of bowls. See you all there.

**Marton 9 Hole Golf**

A few hardy souls dodged the rain to play a medal round, Tuesday 4th. 1st division: 1st Brian Willis 32 c/b, 2nd Murray Crawford. 2nd division: 1st Sam Atkinson 36, 2nd Mike Moreland 37. 3rd division: Tom Trotter 38. Lucky card went to Richard Peirce and raffle to Brian Hamerton. Next week is stableford, with starters: Dave McDougall & Brian Short. Cards: Ewen Grant & Barry Florence. Kitchen: Linda Brandon.

**Target Shooting Marton**

A good turnout of members for this week's shoot. Gary Cuff and Tony Bayler kept the pressure on by shooting a fine 100 each, Dave Gledhill shot a very good 98 on his first card and Guy Forster Pratt had a good second card with a 97. We wish our "D" team good luck, as they head to Palmerston North, for a shoot off against the Colyton club this Thursday evening and to Kayla Gledhill, who shoots off for the top individual "B" grader in the Manawatu association. Gary Cuff 99.06 100.06 199.12 Tony Bayler 97.04 100.06 197.10 Peter Lissington 96.05 98.05 194.10 Fred de Burgh 96.03 97.05 193.08 Don Hamilton 96.04 97.03 193.07 Jake Wright 96.03 97.03 193.06 Dave Gledhill 98.04 93.01 191.05 Kayla Gledhill 95.03 96.01 191.04 Samantha Gledhill 94.04 96.04 190.08 Wayne Hunt 95.03 95.02 190.05 Guy Forster Pratt 91.02 97.02 188.04 Neville Rhodes 94.02 93.02 187.04 Brenda Cuff 93.02 90.03 183.05 Alan McCubbine 94.03 89.01 183.04 Graeme Sixtus 92.03 90.01 182.04 Luke Sowry 93.01 88.04 181.05 Allan Wright 89.01 92.01 181.02 Kevin Moody 90.01 83.01 173.02 Jacob Harris 82.00 80.00 162.00.

**Cricket**

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**Raffle Results**

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**Rangitikei Squash**

Club championships were held at the Rangitikei Squash Club recently. Results: open - Jake Tasker and Di Tasker. Veterans: Dan Fairburn and Di Tasker. Juniors: Duncan Peacock and Kim Gust.

B grade: Matt Roberts. C grade: Matt Roberts and Emma Dowman. D grade: Todd Sutton and Kim Gust. E grade: Dave Kitching and Kim Gust. F grade: Xavier Death and Jess Lowe.

**Bulls Junior Rugby Club**



On Sunday, August 12, the Bulls Junior Rugby Club held the annual 10-a-side tournament at the Bulls Domain.

50 teams, representing clubs from Rangitikei, Manawatu, Horowhenua, Whanganui and Taranaki took part, with 700 kids entered into grades ranging from Under 7 to Under 11. The day started off with an amazing ball delivery by an A109 helicopter - generously provided to us by 3SQN, Ohakea, RNZAF.

In true Bulls fashion, the frosty morning eventually turned into scorching sun and we definitely saw the best talent the central north island has to offer. Kaierau, from Whanganui, was the top team in Under 7's - a fast paced ripper team. From the Manawatu, Marist were the winners of the Under 8's grade. Kia Toa took the Under 9's and Te Kawau were the champions for Under 11's. Tukapa, having travelled the furthest all the way from New Plymouth, made the travel worthwhile - taking out the Under 10's grade. The Rangitikei District Council Fair Play trophy was awarded to the Ruapehu Under 11s, for demonstrating true team spirit on the day.

The Bulls Junior Rugby Club thanks all families and friends for supporting the tournament. It was such a fantastic day for children and families. A big thank you to our tournament's major sponsor, the Rangitikei District Council. We also want to thank McDonalds Bulls and Manawatu Rugby for providing us with some great spot prizes for players and, of course, to the Māori Wardens for assisting on the day. We look forward to hosting the tournament again next year.

*Sport continued on pg 11...*

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Personal Acknowledgement

**Kathaleen Tasker**

We, the family of the late Kathaleen Tasker (Kathy), wish to acknowledge all the wonderful and generous people for the loving support, both during her illness, and recent passing.

All the visits, messages, flowers, cards, koha and food received were sincerely appreciated and enabled our sad loss to be more bearable. Special thanks to all those who travelled far and wide, and to the amazing Marton community - you have done us proud. Kathy would have been impressed and very humbled.

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**Rangitikei Maori Wardens Trust**

Annual General Meeting Sunday September 16 10am 1/393 Wellington Road, Marton

**Agenda:**  
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Chairman's Report  
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**Bulls Netball Club**

What an amazing 2018 season we've had. We started off, mostly a bunch of mums, getting together on a Monday afternoon, for a fun game of Netball. We soon realised we actually had some good local talent and, instead of travelling to other towns to train with several clubs, why not become a local club and enter a team into the Netball Manawatu competition. So, that's exactly what we did. Through the two rounds we had some great wins, difficult losses and frustrating draws. Through sheer hard work and determination, we ended up making the semi-finals. In the semis we played Massey and won 35-21. Then came the final, playing the top seeded Feilding. We struggled the first 3 quarters and, going into the 4th quarter, were 7 goals down. We then had a resurgence which rattled the opposition. At full time the score was 27-27, so we had to go into extra time. The win was to be decided by the first team to have a 2 goal advantage. It was a tense period of overtime, and we were victorious 29-27. A big thank you to our coach Keita Quader, who dedicated a lot of time and to RNZAF Ohakea for allowing us to use the gymnasium to train every week. If you're keen to play netball next year, we'll definitely have two teams, one social and one competitive - so join our FB page, Bulls Netball Club, to keep up to date!

**Tim Price Wins Burghley**

Tim Price rode the round of his life, to win the Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials in the UK this week. The 39-year-old continued his masterclass effort, with a clear round, aboard Ringwood Sky Boy in the showjumping; to finish on 27.3 penalty points. Five-time Burghley winner Andrew Nicholson put all the pressure in the world on the top four, with his clear round, aboard the very promising Swallow Springs, in their first 4\* (experienced international) start, but it wasn't quite enough to add to his trophy cabinet and he finished in third place on 32.1 with Oliver Townend (GBR) aboard 2017 champ Ballaghmor Class second, on 31.9.

Price was also 10th on Bango. Just eight of the remaining 39 combinations managed to go clear and inside time in the showjumping and two of those belonged to Price, who has been in the top five at Burghley, for the past three years, with Ringwood Sky Boy.

It is his second 4\* victory - the current world number four ranked rider won Luhmuhlen in Germany aboard Wesko in 2014 - but he has been on the podium in prestigious 4\* events at Badminton, Burghley, Kentucky and Pau. It was New Zealand's 14th Burghley crown and 30th 4\* title, and it is the third 4\* trophy to head to the Price household this season with wife Jonelle winning Badminton and Luhmuhlen.

"I am just so so thrilled," said Price, who described Ringwood Sky Boy as "such a trier - He has always been putting his best hoof forward with everything. I'm really just trying to stay up with the misses! She is a great driving force for both of us - we are lucky to have each other. I am sure we will look back on this in years to come - 2018 has been a very special year."

To win meant "absolutely everything" to the Rio Olympian who also paid tribute to Ringwood Sky Boy's long-standing owner Verenna Allen. "Burghley is the place you want to come to and put your best foot forward. You have got to bring your best game - from a riding point of view, this is where you want to be your best. This is very special - I will always carry it with me."

Jonelle was also very proud of their efforts. "Tim is world class - there is no shadow of a doubt," she said. "They are truly deserving winners. This year is remarkable - I wouldn't have said it was possible at the start of the year but dreams do come true. You have to enjoy these things when they happen - you don't know what is around the corner."

Sir Mark Todd added four faults to his tally, to finish in 18th place on 49.6, rounding off a weekend that didn't quite go his way. "He jumped a really nice round," he said of NZB Campino. "Unfortunately we had just one down. It has been a bit like that all week with him - nearly but not quite in all three phases."

Caroline Powell and On the Brash were 31st and Dan Jocelyn, aboard Dasset Cool Touch, 32nd. Burghley debutante Ginny Thompson decided Star Nouveau had done enough, with such a "beautiful and comfortable" cross country on Sunday and withdrew her from the final phase.

"She was not quite herself and, in her best interest, I decided to withdraw her from Sunday's final phase," said Thompson. "I am just so thrilled - she has given me an experience of a lifetime."

Nicholson also chose not to bring Jet Set IV back for the showjumping and Todd was eliminated during Sunday's cross country, aboard Kiltubrid Rhapsody.

- Star Nouveau - owned by Elaine Butterworth, Anthony Quirk and Ginny Thompson.
- Jet Set IV - owned by Libby Sellar.
- Swallow Springs - owned by Paul and Diana Ridgeon.
- NZB Campino - owned by New Zealand Bloodstock and Sir Mark Todd.
- Kiltubrid Rhapsody - owned by Niki Ryan and Dr Elizabeth Donald.
- Ringwood Sky Boy - owned by Verenna Allen and Tim Price.
- Bango - owned by The Numero Uno Syndicate.
- On the Brash - owned by Sarah Tobey and Sue Smiley.
- Dasset Cool Touch - owned by Therese Miller and Dan Jocelyn.

# Matthews build a go kart

A need for speed and an interest in design prompted two Rangitikei College students to plan the construction of a go kart that's set to race this weekend. Year 11 and 12 students, Matthew Johnston and Matthew Ehlers have produced a custom built kart that's involved many hours and lots of support.

The project commenced last year, in term three, under the guidance and support of the college's Design and Visual Communication teacher - Deborah Jorgensen.

Weltec Porirua provided workshop and tutor time and thanks go to Graham Carson and Phil Mudgway from the engineering department for their time and expertise. Now, the kart only needs a seatbelt and battery box for the light and horn - with the final touch being a spray paint in the school colours.

The machine will be completed in time for next Saturdays' Wellington Regional Race Day at Whitireia Campus in Porirua, and the students hope to be successful enough to compete in the EVelocity Nationals at Christchurch on Saturday November 24.

Matthew Johnston says he's learnt from this experience that 'you can do anything that you put your mind to.'



Matthew Ehlers (front) and Matthew Johnston building a go kart

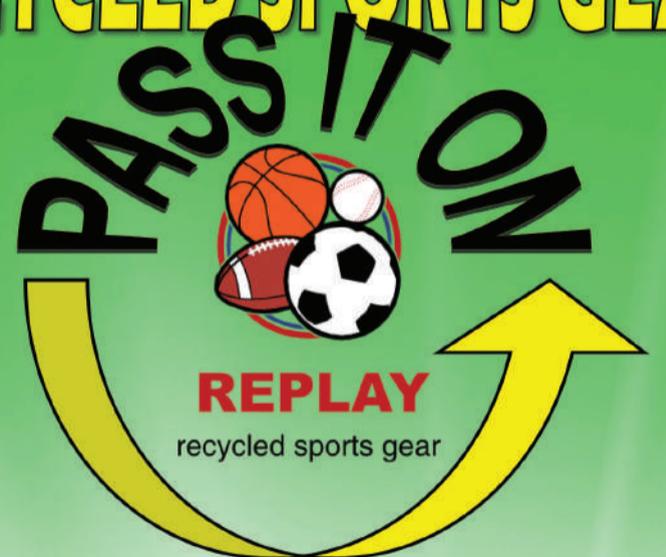
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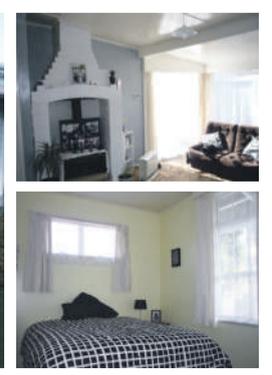


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