



## Education professionals vote on strike

Learning Support specialists employed directly by the Ministry of Education, began a secret, online vote on Wednesday, over whether to strike for a day on Tuesday August 21. Affected specialists include psychologists, speech language therapists, early intervention teachers and other professionals who provide specialist, itinerant support to the increasing number of children with the highest learning needs in schools and ECE centres. Last week, NZEI members voted almost unanimously to move to a secret ballot. Online voting closes next Monday at 6pm. NZEI Te Riu Roa national executive member Byron Sanders is on the negotiation team and said members felt insulted and demoralised when an offer was finally tabled. "Our members' caseloads are overwhelming. We need something tangible from the Ministry to reduce our workload and an improved pay offer," he said. The Ministry has offered a 2% pay increase, on the day of ratification and a further 2% on September 1, 2019. The M.Ed employs about 850 Learning Support specialists.

## Off to help Child Rescue in Cambodia

School holidays might be a time for teenagers to chill out, play games, catch up with family and maybe even catch up on school work but four local secondary students will spend their next holiday learning a new culture, language and broadening their horizons by visiting Cambodia. Rangitikei College maths teacher, Anthony John, has organised the overseas excursion, leaving September 27 and returning October 15. Along with the Marton students, there are three teenagers from Palmerston North and a parent making the trip. The main purpose of the expedition, for the group of nine, is to assist an organisation called Child Rescue NZ. For some students, this will be their first time overseas, or even on a plane. The group is still fundraising, so if you have any work, or project that you need help with and can contribute to the fund, please contact Rangitikei College on 06 327 7024. Child Rescue NZ is a branch of Destiny Rescue International, a recognised Christian non-profit organisation, dedicated to rescuing children trapped in the sex trade. As part of the trip, Mr John and his team are fundraising to help build toilets and showers for the Grace Centre, a make-shift orphanage for boys in Kampong Cham. The local students will also do a mural and help with a farm project for Child Rescue. Mr John has been to Cambodia several times and he wants to share his experiences with the students, as well as assisting worthwhile organisations.



Rangitikei College group off on humanitarian mission in Cambodia during their next school holidays.

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# Wear-A-Bull Arts coming soon

Creativity is alive and well in the district and further afield - reflected by the entries flowing in for the Bulls Wear-A-Bulls Arts Show on September 1.

There are four adult sections and four children's sections. It's not too late to get your creations in yet, as entries close on Wednesday August 15- at the latest. Contact the Bulls Information Centre 06 322 0055 for details.

So far, entries are in from Marton, Bulls and Feilding so make sure you support these local entries by purchasing a ticket to see the show.

Tickets are available from Bulls Information Centre, Marton Library and for premier seating tickets, contact Jan Harris at the Bulls Information Centre 06 322 0055.

The Wear-A-Bulls arts show has been a fixture on the Bulls calendar for over a decade and always surprises and intrigues audiences with the cleverness of the entries.

# Digging deep in community garden



Marton's Property Brokers team planted 12 new trees at the Marton Community Garden to replace trees vandalised last year. From left: Tony Hewitt, John Hewitt, Mary Barnes, Tracey Harris, Linda Harris, Wendy Wagner.

After several of the Marton Community Garden fruit trees were vandalised late last year, Property Brokers manager Wendy Wagner stepped in and asked how they could help.

This week the local Property Brokers agents generously planted several fruit trees at the gardens to replace those that were vandalised including four mandarins, three figs, a prune plum, a nashi and three pear trees. These fruit trees will provide an abundance of fruit for the community, once mature.

Project Marton co-ordinator Cath Ash says, "We are so incredibly grateful to the team at Property Brokers Marton for their contribution to the entire Marton township."

The community garden is maintained by volunteers and is free for the entire community to access seven days a week. Regular working bees will be held on the first Saturday of each month, starting in September, to keep the garden producing food for everyone.

Cath says, "If you can spare a few hours, the team meets between 10am and 12pm at 18 Humphrey St and no experience is required. Just bring a hat and gardening gloves and tools if you have them. The community garden is child friendly and tea and coffee are provided at the working bees as well as at the regular coffee mornings held every Friday between 10 -11.30am. If you have any questions or enquiries, please call the Project Marton Team on 06 327 7633.

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## HEALTH SCENE + Students to Benefit from Charitable Eye Screening Programme

Under a charitable initiative, more than 400 children from selected Rangitikei and Manawatu schools will be screened for undiagnosed eye conditions this month.

Essilor Vision Foundation, a NZ registered charity, hopes to screen more than 3000 decile one and two primary and intermediate aged school students throughout the country, this year.

Around 4000 children were vision screened over the last two years with almost a third of them found to have a range of eyesight conditions. This raises concerns among experts that there could be thousands more struggling to see clearly.

The charity's work continues this month at James Cook School, along with five in Manawatu. Yesterday, the Foundation and volunteers from Palmerston North optometry practices, Visique Naylor Palmer and Visique Eyespy, began conducting screening of the students with specialised equipment.

Optometrist Maile Tarsau from Visique Eyespy says she expects a number of school children she examines to present with vision issues similar to those in other parts of the country.

"The data gathered by the Foundation from the screenings in schools around NZ over recent years, consistently found that one in three children has an issue with their vision that requires intervention from an optometrist.

"The work of the charity has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of these low decile school children who were living with undiagnosed vision conditions.

"Sadly, it is possible that some of these children can be mislabelled as 'disruptive' or showed reduced performance, when they simply couldn't see what the teacher was writing at the front of the class and became discouraged and disengaged," she says.

Cherie Southall from Visique Naylor Palmer says a study by Massey University education researchers suggests correcting a child's vision can make a real difference to their lives.

"We know that around 80% of a student's learning occurs through their eyes and something as simple as a pair of corrective lenses can improve their quality of life on many levels,

The Foundation arranges a special ceremony where children who need prescription lenses receive them in front of their school, teachers and parents.

The charity is also seeking support to expand their screening programme throughout other schools in the region - for more information, visit the Essilor Vision Foundation website [www.essilorvisionfoundation.org.nz](http://www.essilorvisionfoundation.org.nz).

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# Southern pilgrimage benefits regions

Kiwibank economists say an inter-generational transition is taking place in New Zealand. Baby boomers are retiring and unlocking their landlocked wealth in the form of subdivision before cashing up and moving to the regions. Chief economist for Kiwibank Jarrod Kerr says: "Once the kids have flown the coop, the need for a backyard diminishes. We're seeing Auckland boomers leaving in droves for the cheaper regions. The exodus has boosted the housing markets in Northland, Manawatu-Whanganui, Waikato and Hawke's Bay."

But it is not just the baby boomers seeking a change. Younger Aucklanders, priced out of the local housing market, are also choosing to move.

"There's been a flood of interest from northerners on a southern pilgrimage. House price growth reached 13% in May in Manawatu-Whanganui. Southland is also a part of the country that has shown a little more resilience in sales activity, and house prices lifted 12% in May, compared to 9.5% a year ago," Kerr said.

"Interestingly, these standout regions have some of the highest rental yields, with good old fashioned economic opportunity at work.

"The wind has died down in the City of Sails following a period of phenomenal activity. Auckland housing has been put on ice - diverging from other parts of the country. 'Hot' rental areas now include parts of Gisborne, Rotorua, the Hawke's Bay and Manawatu-Whanganui," he said.

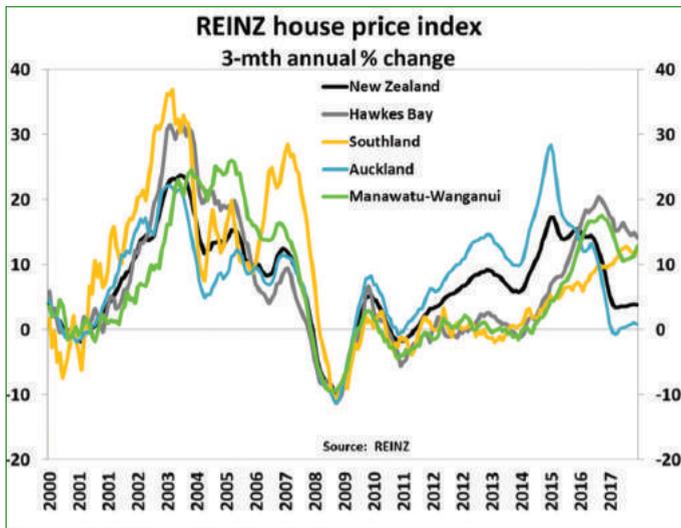
Kerr says the government is gearing up to implement policies targeted at speculators. These policies include tightening the bright-line capital gains test, removing the negative gearing tax loophole and banning foreign purchases of existing stock. "The policies and the uncertainty associated with them, may hamper house price gains over the next few years but we don't expect a major correction.

"For the time being there is a housing shortage and mortgage rates remain low. Unemployment is expected to fall, not rise. Housing corrections are often driven by haemorrhaging households suddenly unemployed or lumped with rampantly rising interest rates. Neither is expected over the next few years. The jobs market will remain tight and the Reserve Bank will keep interest rates relatively low. However, we do predict that mortgage rates will rise from late next year," Kerr said. Also covered in the latest Property Insight by Kiwibank economists:

Three P's of property: population, preference, and policy... and NZ is painfully undersupplied.

The largest migration boom ever recorded is receding, slowly. New Zealand has a shortage of over 100,000 homes. Supply has not kept pace with demand. Demand is still growing; capacity constraints are being hit and Kiwis need more affordable dwellings.

Policy changes, like capital gains tax, will hinder confidence. But the fundamentals outweigh tweaks to taxes. Kiwibank economists expect property prices to consolidate, before regaining traction into the mid-2020s - aided by income and population growth.



## BITS n' PIECES

**1st Marton Scout Group** -annual garage sale fundraiser. Saturday 27 October, 2018. Marton Memorial Hall, Wellington Rd, Marton. Doors open 8.30am. If you have any good quality items please email [martonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:martonscouts@gmail.com), or bring them down to our scout hall on Thursdays between 5.30 -9pm. Sorry, no electrical items, books, TVs or videos.

**<<crafts+alive>>** - Two day event of working crafters and artisans - Marton Memorial Hall 25-26 August 10am - 4pm. Some stall sites still available. Further info [craftsalive.marton@gmail.com](mailto:craftsalive.marton@gmail.com)

**Marton Historical Society** - Marton Museum and Archive Room open 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 1 - 3pm. Also open by request -ph 06 327 6099 or 06 327 6063.

**Mangaweka and District School 125th anniversary reunion.** (Lower Kawhatau, Pourangaki, Potaka Rd, Manui, Makokine, Mangaweka Convent. First weekend of March 2019. This will be a fantastic weekend for catching up with old friends and family. Would you be interested in attending? If so, please email your details to the following address so we can keep you informed of developments. Email: [mangaweka125@gmail.co](mailto:mangaweka125@gmail.co) or postal address, PO Box 14, Mangaweka 4746. Register on Facebook - Mangaweka Community, Rangitikei.

**Palmerston North College Street Normal School 125 years** - Labour Weekend, October 2018. Includes a tour of the school in action, a cocktail evening to open the event and a Saturday evening dinner. Speakers at the dinner include ex-students, international hockey player Emily Gaddum (nee Naylor) and former Kiwibank director Rob Morrison. A full programme and registration details can be found at [csn.school.nz](http://csn.school.nz) - but don't muck around - registrations close at the end of August!

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**CLUB SCENE**



# Why not Breakfast with Baxter on National Poetry Day?



Sketch of James K Baxter by Catherine MacDonald

On National Poetry Day, Whanganui based community group; The Guyton Group Trust, has partnered with The Grand Hotel to present Breakfast with Baxter at 7am on Friday 24 August.

The event will be a fundraiser for the creation of a bronze, life-sized statue of the famed poet James K Baxter, to stand on the corner of Guyton and Wicksteed Sts in Whanganui's town centre. The sculpture will cost just short of \$100,000 and the group has managed to raise \$47,000 to date through a mixture of grants and donations.

Breakfast with Baxter will play host to a selection of local Baxter admirers sharing some of their favourite poems. Readers include Jenny Duncan, Whanganui's Deputy Mayor, Donald Trott, opera singer and one of the founders of the NZ Opera School and local artist and community leader Rere Sutherland as well as local journalist Paul Brooks and former mayor Annette Main and local thespian and director Kerry Girdwood.

A variety of local businesses have donated services or goods to the Guyton Group to be auctioned at the end of the breakfast. They include: a trailer load of firewood, a gourmet dinner for 6, provided by JY Catering, a Sheaffer pen provided by Inkt, two tickets on the Waimarie, an overnight stay at The Flying Fox in the James K Baxter cottage, art from the Red Door Gallery and books from Victoria University Press and Auckland University Press.

The Grand Hotel has kindly offered their beautiful heritage dining room on the ground floor as the venue, for the buffet breakfast as well as providing the catering.

Silks Audit Chartered Accountants and Kate Joblin Accountant have also made this event possible by donating their services to the trust free of charge.

Tickets to the breakfast are limited and are available now from Paige's Book Gallery on Guyton St for \$30 each. Contact Paige's on 06 348 9095 or email Rochelle@steadanddaughters.com

**Happy Tours**

We set off at the later time of 9.30am for our trip to Whanganui on July 12. Thanks to our organisers, the bus was nearly full. Our first call was to Chronicle Glass, where we were able to watch glass blowing etc. Later on, we had lunch at the Cosmopolitan Club then took time to shop at Trafalgar Square. The raffles were donated by Dianne and Jean. Congratulations to the lucky winners (sorry I didn't get your names). Our condolences to the Kay family for the sad loss of their much loved mother. Tina was a long time member of our club and will be sadly missed. Our next outing will be an afternoon at the movies on August 16 at the local theatre. The doors will be open at 12.30pm. The movie showing will be Finding Your Feet, an English comedy. Afternoon tea will be available.

**Marton Friendship Club**

Friday August 3; club well attended. Raffles won by Les Collis, Dawn Rowen, Melva Brinkman, Tari Ruscoe, Audrey Newman and the special monthly raffle to Wendy Lee. Entertainment was by Owen Collis, mainly country; very much liked by our members. Started with He'll Have To Go and Blueberry Hill. Lovely old tunes and Owen went on until 3.30pm and also donated his fee back to our club. Owen was once a very active member of our club and also did many jobs fixing broken things about the hall. Marton club has, in the last two months, had a lot of help from our business houses too. They are Broadway Colourplus, Hogan Plumbing and Rangitikei District Council and also Frank Lockwood, Derek Lee and Billy Paisely who gave three days of their time to prepare the back wall of the stage so that our road to success mural could be hung. It looks lovely too. Our Council provided a grant for us to purchase the mural. Everyone's help is very much appreciated. Members please note; starting this Friday – come early after 12.30pm, bring lunch and we will provide tea and coffee. Main programme still at 2pm. New entertainers this week (August 10) will be Gail and Barry; providing a great variety of music. Visitors welcome. Door charge \$1. You will find us in Morris St – see you there.

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**Lions club of Marton**



Marton Lions Club was invaded by 30 odd Lions and partners from Woodville Lions on Tuesday 24 July at their regular meeting.

Karen Cook from Marton Lions says, "It was lovely to welcome them all to Marton, where the fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. We had a lovely meal. It was followed by a guest speaker - Becky Willis, from RNZAF, who spoke to us about the expansion and what's happening at Ohakea, in the next few years.

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Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi  
If everyone does their part, the work will be complete.  
In the Rangitikei, we have a tradition of looking out for one another. It doesn't matter if it is a school or community group beautifying our towns and organising festivals, or if it is a group of friends supporting one another with hot meals and offers of childcare. Working together to ease another's burden is some of the most important work we can do.

Tim Duxfield  
Rangitikei Anglican Parish

# Taihape plans Hautapu River Parks

Friends of Taihape Society have teamed up with the Taihape Community Board and the Rangitikei District Council to develop the parks and tracks around the Hautapu River, within Taihape township. FOT president Don Tantrum says, "Many of the tracks are already there; it's just a matter of linking them all together and building rest area facilities and bridges to showcase our amazing natural scenery which is only two minutes from SH1." It's the idea of Joe Byford and Joe Coogan, to further develop this area, after the Society successfully built the Les Thurston Lookout Tower on Mt Stewart.

Taihape has acres of native bush DOC land very close to its township, which includes stunning redwoods that were planted by its settlers. RDC Parks and Reserves leader Athol Sanson is steering the

project. He says, "This is a very exciting development. We are working under the guidance of DOC and Horizons to feature Taihape's natural surroundings... the prospects of having a wonderful resource within a stone's throw from SH1 will help promote Taihape as a destination, with several more options of accessible recreation to its visitors." The group engaged the professional services of Isthmus Architects from Wellington to develop and put their ideas in a cohesive plan. There are many features which encapsulated by the plan including walking, biking, horse treks, camping, swimming, fishing, and rest stops.

Mayor Andy Watson says "The parties who have put this together have done an amazing job. The vision is brilliant and it's a stunning spot, highlighting the Hautapu

River, its papa cliffs, native forests and the giant redwoods. As a group, they have a track record of doing what they say they will do and can bring the community/businesses together to help with both physical work and funding. I am in full support and will look forward to the opportunity where I can be part of the working team." The society has finished the design stage and is planning the funding. Local chartered accountant and treasurer of the society Matthew Thomas (formally known as Friends of Mt Stewart) is now registered as a charity and requests if anybody is considering donating to make contact with Viv Tantrum (secretary).

He says, "The community buy in has been remarkable so far. We have already received pledges of support from Makokomiko Station's trustees (who are donating 1000 native trees, propagated from their lands), Joe and Tash Coogan, Wayne Lucas and other specialist contractors offering their services, as well as Don and Conchita Tweeddale who are also very keen to assist." Once the society receives the designs and budgets for the facilities, they will be seeking grants, donations, services and volunteer support to see the project completed for the benefit of the community. See the concept drawings below.



Right Hautapu River Parks concept.

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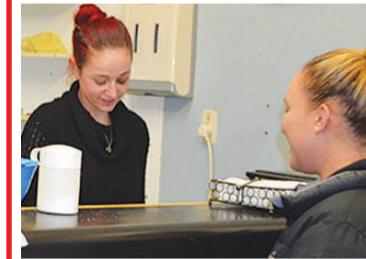
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# A Taste of Rangitikei



Marton Seafoods, on Broadway, has introduced new, lower prices on their very popular burgers. The centrally located takeaway outlet advertises daily specials on their Facebook page. New menu items are to be introduced over coming weeks and management wants to "thank customers for their patience and support in the first few weeks of opening, with new staff." Marton Seafoods has an extensive menu. They welcome phone orders and are open 4pm to 8pm, Tuesday to Sunday.



With spring approaching, Marton's Centennial Park Dairy reminds customers that they have an extensive range of; milk-shakes, thick-shakes and ice cream flavours (Chateau brand) to choose from. A popular lunch item selling currently is the dairy's mini pizza (pictured). These are grilled muffin halves with toppings of; red onion, ham, tomato sauce, spaghetti and cheese.... with or without pineapple! Visit Centennial Park Dairy (in the Centennial Mall)...the takeaway outlet in Marton with something for everyone!



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While Peggy & Lil's Café (opposite Marton Park on Follett St) is still serving winter fare of soups and a wide range of hot savoury items, staff are thinking ahead to the warmer weather when they will be introducing salads to their menu. The little café with the quiet, peaceful atmosphere offers a number of gluten and dairy free items to cater to customers' needs. Peggy & Lil's .... the place to go for great coffee and interesting food!

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Broadway stage 1 was certainly a pretty big job. "Pretty much everything had come to the end of its life; the watermain was made of asbestos cement, concrete kerbs and channels were over-loaded with stormwater and falling to bits, the road and footpath were in need of resurfacing, and installing ultra-fast broadband (UFB) while everything was opened up just made sense," says Rangitikei District Council CE Ross McNeil. Maintaining access, to keep businesses functioning while everything was in bits was a tall order. The final piece of work left to finish is to hotmix the road from kerb to kerb. This is expected to take about a week and will involve lifting lids, which is a bit time consuming. The paving operation should be completed over 2-3 days.

The objective is to have the road finished for Market Day in November. Stage 2 links the work completed with stage 1 at Signal Street, to the new water reticulation at Lambert Street. This work is needed for the same reasons as stage 1. This section is much shorter and has fewer services in the footpath. The connection points for the large watermain at each end are ready for joining onto, and there is one business in the block

that will be affected; Marton Panel and Paint. By comparison to stage 1, stage 2 is not as complicated. However, urban construction always has some sort of surprise, ready to be discovered by a contractor. This work is planned to be finished before Christmas. Stage 3 will then address the Follett Street roundabout. Out of the three stages, this is the most complicated to renew the water reticulation. The issues in this short section are; finding sufficient gaps to thread the new 300 diameter pipework between the existing power and telecommunications cables, gas supply and stormwater pipes, while not disturbing the existing fragile water reticulation and preserving the roundabout. Maintaining a space for traffic around the roundabout will be particularly challenging. This work is planned to start late January-early February 2019. The final part of the project is resurfacing of the road, which will be about 12 months after the pipework is finished, to allow time for trenches to consolidate and settle. When the three stages are completed, upper Broadway (sometimes known as Broadway Heights), the northern entry to the retail area, will look fresh and new.

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**MARTON GOLF CLUB**

August 2; course in great condition with very slick greens - the players all had problems, which shows in the scoring. G Velvin, G V Calkin, P Connolly, T Hammond 34, G Murphy, R Mc Dermott, B Craig, D Clark 31, B Beck 30. Crunchie: I Batchelor. Saturday Aug 4: our course continues to hold up well in the wet weather with the greens being very well manicured and slick. This week's stableford competition and the Rangitikei Truck & Diesel voucher was won by Pete Skou with 43 points. Other scores: Leighann Belsham, Nigel Belsham 41, Rob Peters, Phil Simpson 39, Troy Calkin 37, Bruce Craig, Andrew Shand 36, Colin Murphy, Graham Marshall 35, Greg McIver, Stu Duncan, Glen Jongen, Anne Fleming 34. Twos: 3rd Pete Skou, Stu Duncan, 6th Nigel Belsham, 17th Greg McIver. The jackpot is 8 balls. Duty: Sat Aug 11; Barry Wingate. Bar: Allie Bary & Desi Singer. Sun Aug 12: Bruce & Louisa Craig. Coming events: Broadway ColourPlus foursomes for club members. 10am start; 27 holes; playing in 6's; \$10 per player entry fee. Sun Sept 2; McVerry Crawford Motors stableford tournament. Entries to Pete Skou 063276725, Chris Ellery 063278293, or martongolfsec@gmail.com.

**MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF**

Good results for the 34 players hitting off in our medal round played; August 7, in beautiful weather. Results: 1st division; 1st Neil Powell 34, 2nd Dave McDougall 35 c/b, 3rd Tim Brandon 35 c/b. 2nd division; 1st Ewen Grant 35, 2nd M Donlon 40, 3rd Bob Barrett 40 c/b. 3rd division; 1st Martin Rothman 34, 2nd Jill Bryant 37, 3rd Adrian Penning 40. A two to Lyn Johnson. Lucky card winner: John Fraser. Raffle winner: Roy Powell. Next week's competition is stableford, with starters: Ewen Grant & Neil Powell. Cards: Brian Short & Sam Atkinson. Kitchen: Jill Yortt. Bob & Mona's birthday bbq lunch followed by committee meeting.

**HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB**

Tuesday 31st. The Strong Room Top Dog stableford; Matthew Carroll 21, Greg James 17, Dave Penfold 16, Brian Philips 15, Barry Parlane 14, Joy Stantiall 13, Jan Van Loo 12, Les Neumann 12. Nearest pin; Ross Little. Saturday 4th. The Tax Helper club champs, qualifying 3rd round, medal: s/men; A Baker nett 64, D Nicholls & H McDonald 67, J Stella 69, M Fagan & M Spackman 70. J/men; P Maitland nett 61, D Rohde & A Corbett 66, D Todd, M Carroll & J Hill 71. Women; 1st D Todd. Two's; D Nicholls & H McDonald 14, G Bond #7, J Stella, P Maitland & A Baker #16. Two jackpot not struck. Month to date nearest the pins not struck. July nearest pin jackpots struck. S/men = D Nicholls. J/men = J Hill. Women = S Wells. Taimui challenge; Grant & Spike lost to Sooty & Matt. Next challengers; Bondy & Pete. Coming events: Tuesday golf; 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 11th; Wilton Cup; 11 am 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.

**RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB**

Saturday August 4: W Amey & Co medal. Seniors: Ron Harris net 65, Geoff Ingram net 70, Jason Harris net 71, Ken Boyle net 72, Wallace Millar net 73, Murray Bruhn, Karen Yorke & Tim Wales net 74. Juniors: Derek Philipps net 68, Brent Fafeita, Alan Wix & Neville Berendt net 69, Graemae Stephens & Bill Ward net 70, Ash Reed net 71, Kevin Laird net 72, Jay Jay Boylan net 73, Joseph Tapper, Scott Ewens, Edith Leary & Michelle Mossop net 74. Twos: Peter Thompson 3rd, Jay Jay Boylan 5th & Chris Shem 12th.

**TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB**

The final round of the Mortland par competitions was contested with sublime form. Alan Thomas smashed the field with a formidable plus 9, 73 off the stick. Thomas's round included 13 pars and birdies on the par fives 9 and 18, which could have been an under-the-card performance, if he hadn't short sided himself on the par four 13th, where he holed out for a 6. Also feeling agile, was the well-oiled machine, Merv Tapp, who recorded his best round of the winter on plus 6. All on plus 3 were Nick McGuinn, Peter Valentine, and John Gilbert; followed closely by Hamish Rose, Kevin O'Brien and James Fannin on plus 2. The longest putt (novelty) was taken out by Kevin O'Brien, in the last group of the day. The best two Mortland rounds of three, for the senior division, was Alan Thomas on plus 8, five shots clear of Kevin O'Brien on plus 5. The junior division winner was Merv Tapp on plus 5; four shots clear of John Gilbert on plus 1. This Sunday is the annual interclub trip to Feilding Golf Club, to defend the competition tray. Members wishing to play in the team are requested to inform their club captain - meeting at the BP for a 9am departure.

**MARTON LADIES' 18 HOLE GOLF**

Wednesday August 1; LGU medal & putting. Division 1; C Rhodes 78, S Marshall 79 on countback C Skou 79. Division 2; E Bowler 72, G Burne 76 on countback to P McVerry 76. Twos; C Rhodes 17th. Sponsored balls; P McVerry, A Fleming, C Ellery. Lucky draw; R Williams. Putting; E Bowler 28. Wednesday August 15; medal. Starters; D Gilmour, C Rhodes. Cards; M Poppe, C Ellery.

**RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB**

Wednesday August 1 - stableford: Stu Amor 41pts, Bruce Kinloch & Lyndon Moore 39pts, Rex Wilson & Brian Eades 38pts, Joseph Tapper, Steve Boyens, & Derek Philipps 36pts, Neil Atkins 35pts, Ann Robinson, Ron Harris, Michelle Mossop & Noel Crocker 34pts, Geoff Ingram, Gerry Scully, Matt Brown & Henry Potaka 33pts,

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Brian Francis, Rob Giles; Jullian Elliott, Peter Young & Jason Bowles 32pts. Twos: Lyndon Moore 3rd, Ron Harris 12th, Matt Brown & Henry Potaka 16th. Lucky holes - 9 & 10 - Jullian Elliott - 5pts.

**8-BALL POOL**

Bulls RSA travelled to Wanganui to play the Cosmopolitan team, in what turned out to be Bulls' last match of the current season, on Wednesday August 1. Cosmopolitan was ahead 10-2, after the singles, with Carole Hunt the only winner for Bulls; taking out both her singles matches. Bulls performed better in the pairs however; winning 4 of the 9 clashes. Alastair Stewart & John Fraser won all three of their games and Hunt paired with Marie Stewart to win one. The final score was 15-6 to Cosmopolitan. Bulls has the bye in the last round and can't qualify for the semi-finals. Marton had the bye last week and was due to play Castlecliff on August 7, in a top of the table clash of the two unbeaten teams.

**TARGET SHOOTING MARTON**

Results 6/8/2018. Business as usual at the range this week. Top spot again went to Tony Bayler; shooting a 100 on his first card but not to be outdone was Don Hamilton, shooting two 99's. This was an excellent shoot, as it's been a hard shooting road for Don, the past year or so - well done. Guy Forster Pratt also had a good night. Next week, Marton will host the Bulls club for the final interclub of the season and members; a plate please. Tony Bayler 100.07 98.06 198.13, Don Hamilton 99.04 99.05 198.09, Gary Cuff 97.03 99.02 196.05, Kayla Gledhill 97.06 96.05 193.11, Fred de Burgh 95.02 96.05 191.07, Barry Nelson 95.05 95.03

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Ross McNeil  
Chief Executive



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**MARTON MEN'S HOCKEY**

In the penultimate game of the season, the Marton men's hockey side came up against the bottom placed Marist Hockey Club. Its lowly position is deceptive, as Marist is a very capable side and play good hockey. Again missing four of its experienced players, through a combination of holidays, work commitments and sickness and having played only one game in the last three weeks, Marton fielded combinations that were untested. To its credit, the team came out fired up and full of running. The boys strung together some very good passes and their ball skills stretched the Marist defence. Marton scored two goals in the first 20 minutes – the first, a good solo effort by John Annear and the second, by Jacob Wilson, who finished a penalty corner play. Although dominant, Marton was unable to score again in the first half. Second half blues struck the Marton team again this game. While Marton was able to defend against Marist's repeated efforts to get on the scoreboard, timing and combinations between the halves and forwards was astray, with several passes either mishit or over hit. Several good moves weren't finished, with shots fired wide of the goal. Todd Sutton did get a good goal around three quarter time but then missed an open goal, after having done the hard work and beating the goalkeeper. Marton was clearly the better team and the 3-0 win was deserved but could easily have been much more. McVerry Crawford Motor Group game points were awarded to John Annear (3), Brad Puleosi (2) and Jacob Wilson (1) with the dick-of-the-day shirt going to Charlie Sutton. Next week, in its last game of the regular season, Marton takes on High School Hockey Club 2 at 12-noon. It's hoped all players will be available for the coach to fine-tune combinations and tactics for the semis. The Marton women's team is having a great season and deserves congratulations on making the play-offs for the first time. Good luck from the men's team and supporters for their big game in two weeks.

# Successful college youth group

Rangitikei College's Pacifica Aiga youth group has had an excellent year so far. The group formed 18 months ago and has proved to be self-motivated and very successful.

They held a fia fia night for the school community, in the lead up to attending Pasifika Fusion in Palmerston North in early July, where they performed in five categories. The categories included: cultural, with a group of 30; wearable arts; talent; visual arts and speeches. The youth group had an amazing day and received the team spirit award - given to the group which best demonstrated this year's theme of resilience and self-worth.

Team member Mary Laki won the senior Samoan speech competition; an amazing achievement, as it is one of the coveted awards.

Following on from this, the group was nominated for last month's Rangitikei Youth Awards and won their section - first equal with Taihape Area School's Kia tu nga Rangatahi o Mokai Patea youth group. The group also has three dance students who were selected for the Ta Mega Whanganui district mega dance crew, which will participate in a national dance competition.

Rangitikei College teacher Vanessa Edwards says, "We are so proud of this entire group and the families behind them that make this all happen, as well as their journey so far and the goals and aspirations they have for this year and beyond. They are quite special."



*Pacifica Aiga in action at the Rangitikei Youth Awards recently.*



**CLUB SCENE** 

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## Farmers encouraged to consider DairyNZ board

Dairy farmers with governance and leadership experience and a keen eye on the sector's future, are encouraged to consider a role on DairyNZ's board of directors.

This year, one farmer-elected director is being appointed to the DairyNZ board, with candidate nominations opening on Tuesday, August 21.

The DairyNZ board consists of five farmer-elected directors and three board-appointed directors. This year's farmer-elected director role is currently vacant. Nominations are also being taken this year for one farmer to join the DairyNZ directors remuneration committee, which considers and recommends remuneration for directors each year. All farmers paying a levy on milksolids to DairyNZ are eligible to stand. Candidate nominations are being accepted between August 21-September 14. Voting opens for dairy farmer levy payers on October 1. Election results will be announced at the DairyNZ annual general meeting on October 31. For more information on the nomination process, visit [dairynz.co.nz/agm](http://dairynz.co.nz/agm).




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15 Ahuru Street, Marton

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This entry level home, or next rental, is realistically priced to sell on today's market at \$149,000, with the current tenant prepared to stay on. 3 bedroom weatherboard home, with open plan kitchen, dining and lounge. Bathroom with shower and bath. Separate toilet. Compact, easycare 506m<sup>2</sup> section. The property could be enhanced with redecoration, so has been priced at \$149,000 with this in mind.

Property ID: M1329



42 High Street, Marton

**HOP, STEP AND A JUMP TO TOWN**

This very tidy three bedroom home with private rear garden and a short stroll to town. Sunny open plan kitchen/dining/lounge and lounge. The bathroom has a shower over the bath and the master bedroom has good storage with built in wardrobes and enjoys all day sun. Recently redecorated inside and out in neutral colours makes this an excellent first home or rental investment. Realistically Priced to sell at \$219,000.



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20 Racecourse Ave, Marton

**RESIDENTIAL SECTION**

This 1,012m<sup>2</sup> section, with services at the road front and boundary, will suit a relocated house, or even perhaps a motorhome base. Located on the western side of Racecourse Ave, it offers all day sun for your new home. Not in flood zone. Realistically priced at \$45,000.

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Marton \$39,000

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