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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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Plenty see fire ravaged open home

Story and photos by Terry Stillman

About 270 people visited a house in Bulls last Saturday to see for themselves just how much damage a twenty minute fire can do to someone's home. According to Fire and Emergency New Zealand fire safety officer John Hotter, the fire was caused by an electrical fault in the woman's stove, so that when she turned off her stove, before going to pick her husband from work, the element that she had been using remained on "high" (she had not "forgotten to turn the stove off", as previously reported). The fire was so intense that the base of the aluminium pan she had been using melted (aluminium melts at 660°C). Glassware left on the sink bench had also liquefied (glass melts at 600°C).

One rather disturbing aspect about this incident was that a man was reported to have been seen photographing the house, while thick smoke was pouring out of one of the windows, several minutes before the fire service

was called. Had this person thought to use the phone, that he was holding at the time, to dial 111, the extra minutes that could have been saved may have resulted in far less damage to the property.

But there is a good side to this story: according to New Zealand fire safety officer John Hotter, "The house is still structurally sound and can be repaired and, thankfully, no one was hurt. The walls will need to be relined, a new ceiling installed, new wiring put in and furnishing replaced, of course and, hopefully, the couple's insurance will take care of that. With a fire of such intensity, as this one was, every second counts and had it taken another five minutes for the Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade to respond, the outcome could have been completely different." Jessica Nesbit from FENZ says, "We had a great response; with approx 270 people through (the damaged property) on Saturday. On Wednesday, we offered local schools the opportunity to take classes through the house."



Fire safety officer John Hotter shows Linda and Jacob Harris the damage caused by the fire.

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Gown sale well received

At Queen's Birthday Weekend, Give Glamour launched its first pre-loved gown sale with and the organisers are very happy with the result. The sale was held in Marton on Saturday at McVerry Crawford Motors showroom in Wellington Rd where the shop offered gowns at a cost of between \$20 and \$50. The team at Give Glamour would like to say a big thank you to all who supported the event. "Thank you to the generous ladies who chose to donate their gowns and to the ladies who purchased their new dresses. We are thrilled with the amount of glamour that was spread this weekend and loved seeing the smiles leave the showroom. We can't wait for you to share photos from your event! The weekend raised over \$1500 for two charities – Women's Refuge and Marton Counselling Centre.

"We also want to thank Dave and team at McVerry Crawford Motors, Rangitikei District Monitor and Andrea and Bruce Glasgow and Gillian Fitcher and Campbell Bary for their valuable help." The organisers say, "It is our hope to see this initiative grow in the coming months as Give Glamour will continue in the community on Thursday evenings at the Marton

Players Theatre between 5-7 pm during its weekly costume hire service.

"With the success of this first weekend, we are committing to an annual sale weekend, prior to ball season. We will continue to accept gowns so that we may be able to keep spreading glamour to all women in need of a dress."



The Give Glamour team Lindsay Robinson, Kim Glasgow, Amanda Glasgow, Emily Rayner and Libby Rayner, were very pleased with the response to the first Give Glamour preloved gown sale at Queen's Birthday Weekend. Gowns are still available for viewing at Marton Players Theatre, each Thursday evening during their costume hire service.

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Local pupils receive dictionaries



One of Rotary's aims is to "serve the community." Marton Rotary has done this in many and varied ways, but for several years now, it has been giving dictionaries to Year 4 pupils in Bulls and Marton Schools. This year, the tradition has continued.

Schools on the receiving end of Rotary's generosity are Bulls School (pictured) Marton School, Marton Junction, St Matthew's, James Cook, South Makirikiri and Clifton schools. The dictionaries are specially designed for children of the Year 4 age group, with easy to read text and colourful pictures. They become the pupils' own property, as they move through their school and onto any other school. Teachers often speak of the value of these dictionaries as a valuable tool and teaching aid. On the first few pages are teaching pages with exercises that teachers may use to develop the

children's dictionary skills.

Inside the dictionary is a version of Rotary's Four Way Test. This test asks four questions (slightly reworded for children):

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Fire brigade looking for new recruits

BITS n' PIECES



The Turf Ball - at Marton Memorial Hall Saturday 30 June - tickets from www.turfball.co.nz...funds raised will go towards building a water-based full-sized hockey turf at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, which will be open for Rangitikei community use.

Rangitikei Weekend Market - every Saturday and Sunday 8am - 2pm - cnr Pukepapa Rd and SH3. Contact 0210771272 and on Facebook.

Marton Historical Society - regular opening times of Marton Museum and Archive Room are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1 - 3 pm. We will open by request though for visitors and research -grops welcome. Phone 06 327 6099 or 06 327 6063.

Marton Players Theatre - open stage at Marton Players theatre, this Friday night, 7pm, gold coin entry, Byo. A week early due to the concert below.

Friday June 15, 8pm - Andy Anderson and his band.
Sunday 1 July, 7pm - Luke Hurley - acoustic guitar.
 Tickets for both \$20 each from Ray White in Broadway and door sales.

Friday 13 July - NZ music legend Paul Ubana Jones, \$30 ticket from Ray White in Broadway and door sales.

An evening with Doug Avery -The Resilient Farmer -27 June, Bulls Rugby Club... contact bullscommunity@xtra.co.nz ...a Bulls and District Trust fundraiser.

Marton Jockey Club Business House meeting is on Saturday July 7. Contact Jono Rayner (027 27 27 047) to secure your table and join Marton for a great day's racing.

VIEWPOINT



Letters to the editor - 200 words. Include name, address and phone number.

Alarmed at prison idea

Grey Power members are alarmed at Andrew Little's proposal to introduce reduced sentences for criminal offending. If you need more prisons build them, You don't solve the problem of too many lions in the cage by letting some of them out. As recent announcements have clearly demonstrate, senior citizens are more impacted than most by crime. How many more honest, decent people do we have to see living frightened, broken lives, because of lenient sentences and lax parole law? Prisons do work criminals can't offend against the public when they are locked up. Prisons should be punishment, not holiday camps.

Mac Welch, National President.
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Like many volunteer brigades around the country, Marton Fire Brigade (pictured above) is currently on the lookout for additional volunteers to join its ranks.

Its large, 2 truck station, made up of around 20 firefighters and 6 operational support staff, responds to approximately 220 calls a year, including car crashes, medical incidents, fires and false alarms. Most calls are short duration.

Talk to any volunteer firefighter around the country and they'll tell you that, in addition to giving something back to their community, what they enjoy most is the comradeship that comes from being part of a close-knit team. Great friendships develop not only within your own brigade but also with other brigades. Several Marton brigade members respond with more than one brigade because, whilst they live in one town, they work in another and sometimes callouts require trucks from more than one brigade; so neighbouring crews often get to know each other very well.

By joining Marton Fire Brigade you'll gain a range of skills, from first aid qualifications, to firefighting and leadership. Training is provided both locally and at the National Training Centre. Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) reimburse you for mileage and lost income or childcare costs, incurred if you attend a national course, along with any accommodation and food expenses.

The brigade invites team players, who can train most Monday nights from 7:45-9:45pm, to join its crew and become part of New Zealand's most trusted organization, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (formerly the New Zealand Fire Service). They're not looking for superheroes; just ordinary people prepared to give up some of their time to assist their community. You don't need to respond to every call, you don't need to stop going away for weekends, you don't need to live across the

road; you just need to be willing to work as part of a team, learn some skills and commit to one training night a week and responding when you're able to.

There are many misconceptions about volunteering for Fire and Emergency New Zealand and what's involved, so why not come and meet some of your local brigade members and see for yourself what it's all about - no obligation, no strings attached.

The Marton Brigade will hold a recruitment open night at the Marton Fire Station, 448 Wellington Rd, at 7pm on Wednesday 20 June and looks forward to seeing you there. A light supper will be provided.

Apologies to Kevin Darling from Marton and Bulls FENZ...we called him Mike throughout last week's front page story.
 Sorry Kevin.
 Ed.

HEALTH SCENE

Whanganui DHB achieves top spot for shortest mental health service wait time

A three-year effort by Whanganui District Health Board to reduce wait times for young people accessing its Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Addiction Services (ICAMHAS) has paid off.

Between 2015 and 2018, Whanganui DHB has moved from being the worst performing DHB in the country for, the three-week wait times to the best performing of the 20 DHBs.

In 2011/12 only 25 percent of young people accessing ICAMHAS were seen within three weeks. In 2012/13 that number rose to 29 percent and in 2013/14 it dropped again to 23 percent. The improvement's been led by ICAMHAS clinical nurse manager Janice Bowers and ICAMHAS clinical coordinator Liz Turner who, in early 2015, made a commitment to New Zealand's director and chief advisor of mental health Dr John Crawshaw, that they would not allow the WDHB to remain the worst performing DHB for three-week wait times.

"We began by looking at our referral system and accepting most referrals with the view that if we see the young person/family, we can give an informed decision about whether our service can help or whether we should navigate them to a service which is better suited," Ms Bowers says.

By streamlining the referral process, appointments for a time within the following three weeks are usually sent the same day a referral is accepted.

Monthly audits of all referrals allow the ICAMHAS team to determine if and why any patients missed being seen within three weeks.

"I'm pleased to report that most months our team exceed the three-week target and over the past nine months we've only missed the target by 1 percent for one month in those nine," Ms Bowers says. "It's been very much a team effort getting to this point - a team effort that's working well."

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CLUB SCENE



Looking forward to Marton gig



Looking forward to playing in area - Andy Anderson will play with a five piece band, Tripslat.

Musian and actor, Andy Anderson has never been to Marton, that he can remember, but says he is looking forward to the gig at Marton Players Theatre on June 15. As an actor, he appeared on the long running TV series *The Sullivan's* as Jim Sullivan, had a guest appearance on *Neighbours*, was in TV adverts and was on the *Grunt Machine* but he says his first love is music. He first started off in a band so he has come full circle. He played in Sydney and Melbourne as well as around NZ and he's played in Whanganui. He says his band is made up of Palmerston North Musicians, Jeff Carr, Hayden Lauridsen, Steve Papworth and Adrian Fou who are amazing. Andy says he went to Palmerston North and teamed up with these mavelous musos at Stomach Recording. They formed a group and had great time playing together. They will all be in his 5 piece band in June 15 in Marton.

They will play originals and covers." We play all sorts from the sounds of ACDC to country. There should be something for all tastes. I'm really looking forward to it," Andy says.

Andy Anderson and band Tripslat will be in concert at Marton Players on Friday June 15.

The show starts at 8pm and doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$20 each from Ray White in Broadway (phone 06 327 7343) and there will be door sales.

There is an open stage at Marton Players theatre, this Friday night, 7pm, gold coin entry, Byo. A week early due to the above concert the following Friday.

FROM THE PULPIT



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HOLY

The holiness of Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), like all holiness, was unique and never merely a copy or imitation. In his Testament, he tells his brothers, "No one showed me what I had to do," [1] and then, at the very end of his life, he says, "I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you what is yours!" [2] What permission, freedom, and space he thus gave to his followers!

We are each unique incarnations of God, bringing to visible and tangible expression God's presence in the world. When love transforms our actions in a way that Christ is "represented"—then we become mothers, sisters and brothers of Christ. This birthing of Christ in the life of the believer . . . is a way of conceiving, birthing, and bringing Christ to the world in such a way that the Incarnation is renewed. It is making the gospel alive.

Christian discernment is not the same as decision making. Reaching a decision can be straightforward: we consider our goals and options; maybe we list the pros and cons of each possible choice; and then we choose the action that meets our goal most effectively. Discernment, on the other hand, is about listening and responding to that place within us where our deepest desires align with God's desire. As discerning people, we sift through our impulses, motives, and options to discover which ones lead us closer to divine love and compassion for ourselves and other people and which ones lead us further away.

Discernment reveals new priorities, directions, and gifts from God. We come to realize that what previously seemed so important for our lives loses its power over us. Our desire to be successful, well liked and influential becomes increasingly less important as we move closer to God's heart. To our surprise, we even may experience a strange inner freedom to follow a new call or direction, as previous concerns move into the background of our consciousness. We begin to see the beauty of the small and hidden life that Jesus lived in Nazareth. Most rewarding of all is the discovery that as we pray more each day, God's will—that is, God's concrete ways of loving us and our world—gradually is made known to us.

Bernard O'Donnell
(Taihape Ministers' Association)

Forest & Bird Update

It was great to see a good number of people at the Forest & Bird meeting in May.

Graeme Smith gave a very interesting talk about the time he and his wife Anne had spent in Portugal, Malta, Scotland and California. Many of the plants they saw were the same or very similar to species seen here. Pohutakawa were seen in most of these areas, excluding Scotland. Malta has a long history of battles and invasions, which have resulted in a variety of architecture and cultures. We heard about the vegetation in the Golden Gate Park where windmills have been used to draw up water from nearby swamps, which is then used to irrigate what was previously barren sand dunes.

On Wednesday 13 June at 7.30pm Steve and Mary Bielski will talk about the bush reserves in Rangiwahia, where they and other locals have preserved and developed areas of land. This meeting will be held in the Milne Room, St Andrew's Church, Marton, starting at 6.30pm with a potluck tea, followed by a brief business meeting before the talk.

Marton Friendship Club

Friday June 1; a good attendance. Raffles won by John White, Jean T, Gloria, Deana and Jean England. Entertainers were our local bandsmen John White, Len and Ron. Good country music. Everybody singing, toe tapping and dancing to 50s & 60s old songs. Our club is very happy. When help is needed, every able bodied person helps. Today was mens day to do afternoon tea, which they do well. Next weeks entertainment will be Robyn Curtis from Koputaroa with keyboard. Another quality performer. Come along and enjoy our Friday, visitors welcome. Hall is in Morris Street and open at 1pm. Programme starts at 2pm.

Marton Contract Bridge Club

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Let's compare me to my car! Oh dear, well I'm definitely not brand new anymore. Kind of looked after my health, with regular medical stuff (you ladies know what I mean) and some of the time fueled up correctly too.

I wonder why my car is more important than my body. This amazing work of engineering that I hope will last a lot longer than my mechanical car. I've probably done more than 101000 kms and intend to do a lot more.

Taking for granted the heart that beats, the lungs that breathe, the cells that renew, the brain that only lets me down occasionally. There is power in being aware and being grateful. It's about being so grateful that our natural inclination is to look after ourselves with as much diligence as any other important item in our lives.

Looking after yourself is not selfish, it's imperative, and you deserve it – as much as your car!

Shirley Henderson

Attention Tradies

HEALTH SCENE

Hey everybody, Dr Dave here!



**Marton Tradies!
Put June 28
in your diary**

You know, me, I am one of the local GP's as well as being the first World President of the International Healthy Bastards Club.

June 2018 is "Men's Health Month" and as part of supporting this, I will be doing a talk in Marton to the hard out tradies at McVerry Crawford Motors on 28 June. It's being called the "Marton Tradies Breakfast" and should be good. This assumes you're not what Barry Crump calls a "sensitive bastard" - if that's the case best stay away!

On the 18 June at the Palmerston North Convention Centre, I am also doing a talk relating to men's health to help raise money for the Arohanui Hospice. I am very fortunate to have Sir Mason Durie (patron of the hospice) coming along; so do get there if you can! Best contact

Jeanette.w@arohanuihospice.org.nz

The idea behind having a men's health month is to draw attention to the fact that men die on average, 4-5 years earlier than women. In addition, men are usually diagnosed with most cancers, strokes and heart attacks much earlier in their lives than women. This is not because women are much stronger than men. Nup - it's purely because women take care of themselves much better than men. So, come on blokes, get off you jackzee's and get a regular health check at you local GP and dentist.

In the meantime, you could help my cause by supporting the local 'Healthy Bastards' golf competition that's coming up soon at the Rangitikei Golf Club. Likewise, you could give a cheer for the Bulls Healthy Bastards senior rugby team down at the Bulls Domain.

I have just finished my latest book called "The Bushman's Bible," which is book three of the 'Healthy Bastards trilogy.' This book redefines the 'complete healthy bastard' as being one who takes care of their mental and spiritual sides as well as the physical aspects of their lives. If you wanna know more, then waddle down to your local book shop or Bulls Medical Centre; buy 10 copies and read them out aloud on some street corner for me – let me know what you think too!

Otherwise ... be good... best regards, Dr Dave.



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Kerbside recycling and rubbish collection

This was the major issue raised in the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. Council's preferred option was to introduce a kerbside recycling service, leaving kerbside rubbish as it is now – i.e. provided by private enterprise. There were 172 submitters but their views varied, meaning there was no clear mandate for any of the options.

At its meeting on 31 May, Council decided to undertake further consultation with the community to get a better insight into the level of interest for a kerbside recycling or a kerbside rubbish and recycling service. The final decision will be made through the 2019/20 Annual Plan process.

Council will consider what options are available to provide a more effective green waste and/or inorganic rubbish collection service. Currently greenwaste makes up about half of the quantity of waste diverted from going to the landfill.

Economic development

The Consultation Document also asked for feedback on what should be the priorities for investing in economic development. The top priority ranking was for District promotion as a great place to live, work and visit followed by incentivising growth, especially attracting residential development and new businesses and expanding existing businesses. Council agreed to discuss a draft economic development strategy/action plan in July.

Events Sponsorship Scheme

Applications opened on 28 May and will close at noon on 29 June. This funding scheme supports events in the District that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth. Up to 50% of eligible costs may be funded.

Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

A draft of this plan went out for submissions at the same time as the Long Term Plan Consultation Document. Only 21 submissions were received, which Council considered was insufficient to approve initiatives which required additional rate funding. However, they will remain in the plan for further discussion with the community at a later time. Off-farm waste disposal promotion and facilitation will be undertaken as it is entirely funded by the Government's waste levy. The adopted plan is in place for six years.

Submissions to Government proposals

During the past month Council has submitted on the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill; Privacy Bill; Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018-28; New Zealand Transport Agency's Draft Investment Assessment for the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme; and the Boundaries of the Local Advisory Committee to Support FENZ (Fire and Emergency New Zealand). Council has also made a submission to the Productivity Commission's draft discussion paper

on New Zealand transitioning to a low emissions economy. One of the key changes advocated by the Commission is to bring agriculture within the scope of the emissions trading scheme; cattle are a major source of emissions and the Commission sees it crucial that their numbers decrease. Council's submission stressed the need to consider the impacts on communities from such changes in land use and suggested the Commission look more closely than it appears to have on the benefits which could come from increased aquaculture.

Submission to Horizons Regional Council's initial representation review proposal

Horizons Regional Council has proposed keeping the current Manawatū-Rangitikei constituency, which elects two members to the council. Currently, one member is from Rangitikei and one from Manawatū, but there is no guarantee of this. So, Council submitted that a single member constituency be created for Rangitikei, as is the case for Ruapehu and Taranaki. It will require approval from the Local Government Commission.

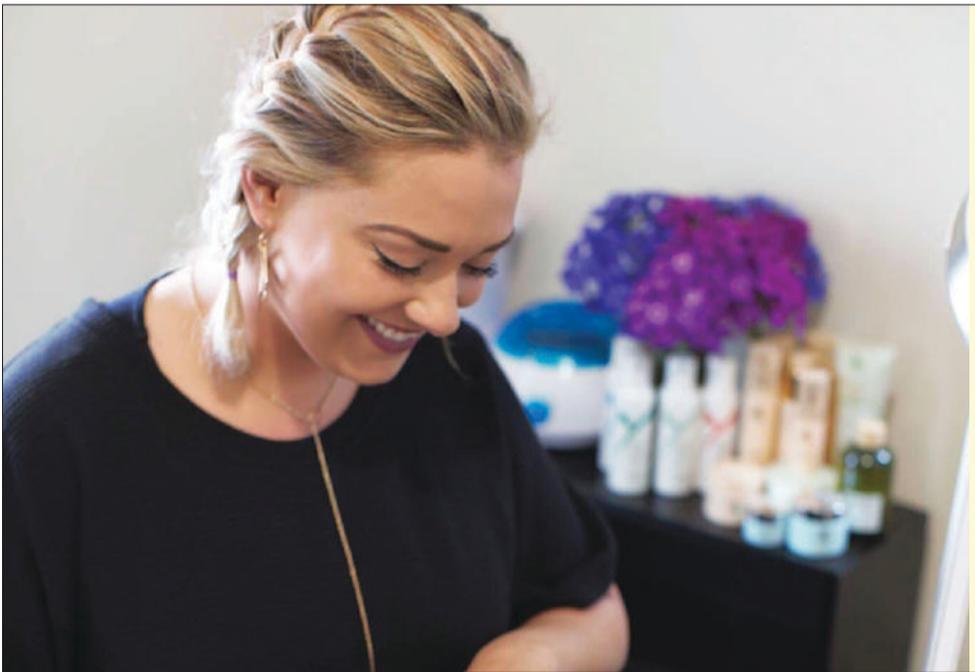
Survey on Community boards

During June Council will be undertaking a survey of all residents in areas which have community boards - Rātana and Taihape. The results will be used in developing the Council's initial representation review proposal, which will set out the proposed basis for the 2019 local elections.



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

Lashes in Bulls



Clean Slate beauty therapist Alanna Tong

Alanna from Clean Slate Beauty, based in Bulls, has completed a professional and comprehensive training programme, specifically designed to assist and guide her on the path to becoming a certified eyelash extension artist.

Eyelash extensions are a popular new treatment to enhance the length, thickness, volume and curl of lashes. Lightweight lashes are expertly bonded individually on a 'lash by lash' basis to your natural lashes, giving a natural, yet fuller and more youthful look.

She says, "Eyelash extensions will enhance your eyes by giving you fuller, thicker, more defined lashes and save you time applying makeup—no more worrying about smudged, clumpy mascara. So, what are you waiting for? Book your appointment today."

Beauty therapist Alanna Tong opened her salon Clean Slate Beauty in Bulls last year; returning home after a six year stint in Melbourne, where she earned her diploma in beauty therapy and went on to work in some of Melbourne's most prestigious salons, which included managerial positions. Alanna works alongside a hairdresser and nail technician and her salon offers facials, massage, waxing, makeup, tinting and now (per the request of her clients) eyelash extensions. Clean Slate Beauty is currently open Tuesday-Friday, with late nights Wednesday and Thursday and is located at Bulls hairdresser - Inspire by Vicky Swan - 149 Bridge St, Bulls. Contact Clean Slate Beauty on 021 072 4642, or email on cleanslatebeautynz@gmail.com.



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Winter gardening

by Wally Richards



CLEAN UP TIME

Now that we are into June and heading quickly towards the shortest day, it is a good time to clean up a few things around our gardens - while getting prepared for the coming new season.

Deciduous plants, such as roses and a number of fruit trees, have either lost their leaves, or are in the process of doing so.

Often trees get lichen growing on them and even though this can look interesting and attractive, it's not good for the tree, as it can potentially ring bark the area it is growing on, by damaging the bark. It's also a great place for disease spores and pests to hide during winter.

Using Wally's Moss & Liverwort control at 25mls per litre of water, will kill the lichen and clean it up. At 50mls per litre of water, it will kill any liverwort growing on the tree, or plants.

You need to adjust the nozzle of your sprayer to make it more of a jet, rather than a spray, as the product needs to be forced into the target plants for best results. Wally's Moss & Liverwort has fungicide aspects, which means it will help control and kill disease spores that maybe lurking around to cause you problems next season.

I can think of things such as black spot, rust, brown rot, curly leaf, bladder plum (which will have spores on or under your tree/rose/plants waiting to establish new colonies later on). If we eliminate the spores now; then our troubles will be fewer later on.

For safety, any pathways that have slime, or moss on should also be treated with the same product.

With bush and standard roses, I suggest that you cut back all the growths to half. This means, if the bush roses are about a metre tall; bring them back to half a metre. At the same, time remove any dead, or diseased wood, along with spindly stems. Pick up all the bits and debris on the ground, then spray what is left with the moss control.

This does two important things - it reduces the amount of plant that you are going to spray and it makes the rose ready for final pruning later in July. If you have had problems with diseases last season, then you could later, in the beginning of July, make up a solution of Condy's crystals (about a quarter level teaspoon to a litre of water) and spray the plants and soil underneath with this. This would be an additional treatment to the moss control and done about a month apart.

With climbing roses; first tidy up the plants, then do your spraying.

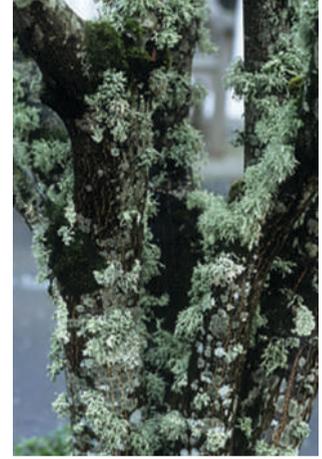
Remember, silver leaf disease is about in winter, when it's cool and damp, so any cutting back and pruning should be done only on sunny days, when the soil is on the drier side.

Wet times bring about a number of unwanted growths, as mentioned above, such as moss, moulds, slimes, liverworts and lichens. These growths are unsightly and can, in some cases, be dangerous where one walks, such as paths and steps.

ACC might look after you but it's not worth the pain and discomfort you have to endure; especially since a simple spray or two, will remove the problems. Moss in lawns does cause problems for the grasses and should be controlled, if you want a nice lawn. Don't waste your money on treatments of sulphate of iron, as it only burns the top of the moss, which soon reappears again. Use Wally's Moss and Liverwort Control to assist in control of these growths, without damaging your lawn, or garden plants. Just follow the instructions on the bottle for best control and use.

Winter is also the season when you have more spare time, because the weather doesn't

allow let you garden and this non gardening



time can be put to good use by planning and studying aspects related to your garden's full potential. During the growing season, you can be so busy doing things in the garden that you don't have time to

research a problem. There are problems you had last season, such as potatoes that didn't produce good size tubers, only ones the size of peas. (Potato psyllid).

You know what your problems were, so now is the time to research them, so you have answers ready for the coming season.

Guava moth is another problem for more northern gardeners with fruit trees. Wally's 3 in 1 for lawns can help kill the moths in cocoons, underneath the tree.

Then there are grass grubs and black beetle grubs that are eating the roots of your grasses at this time. If your lawns have suffered damage from these pests, then lift some turf and check damaged areas for the grubs.

To do this, take a spade and cut a square in the lawn (the sides being the width of the blade). Slip your spade under one side of the square and lift. Examine the hole and the underside of the grass sod lifted. If you find a small number of grubs (like 1-3) - no need to treat unless you want to.

If you find more, then treatment is a good plan, as each year there will be a lot more.

Areas near where street lights, or other lights, are operating at night will likely be where the worst affected areas are. You have two options - treat with Wally's 3 in 1 for lawns, or Neem Tree Powder. Place your square of turf back and trample down; level with surrounding lawn.

Do test lifts in other areas and you can soon gauge what needs to be treated and what doesn't - so you don't waste your time, or products.

Leaf falls are valuable if turned into leaf mould, so simply rake up all the leaves then either place them whole into black plastic rubbish bags, or shred them first by running over with a rotary mower. As you stuff them into the bag, spray them with either mycorrhizal, or Thatch Busta to aid the break down into compost. Alternatively, spray with ammonium sulphamate; sold as super compost accelerator. (Tie off bag, punch small holes in it all over and place in sunny spot).

A gardener recently told me that he mixed super compost accelerator at 200 grams per litre of water and sprayed the weeds on his driveway. He told me that he now knows why we called it super, as it turned the weeds to compost in a day or two.

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Just phone me if you need advice to overcome any garden problems and enjoy the relaxing winter time.

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Safety star rating system coming for motorbike gear



GOT NEWS?
06 327 7881

Kiwi motorcyclists will soon be able to check the performance of protective clothing before they buy, with the introduction of a safety star-rating system, says Dave Keilty, who heads ACC's motorcycle injury prevention team. ACC has joined a range of Australian state road and road safety agencies to develop the system, which will be based on the familiar consumer five-star rating system.

Covering Taihape news and advertising

"Safety star ratings play an important role in guiding people when they buy a car or a motorcycle helmet. It makes sense to have something similar to help motorcyclists choose the right protective clothing for their needs," Dave Keilty says.

"Having impartial test results to help you make an informed choice on gear is a great step forward. The rating will also provide info on fit and comfort in heat and cold, which will hopefully help combat the tendency of some riders to take risks in warmer weather by wearing less gear because it makes them too hot."

The rating system will initially be based on the results of 12 months of testing at Deakin University in Victoria, involving blind testing of protective clothing purchased randomly from retail outlets.

"The results will be shown to manufacturers or importers before the ratings system is launched. The next step will be on-going testing so that as much gear as possible is covered. It will be up to manufacturers or importers to decide whether to display ratings on their gear, but consumers will be able to access all the test results on line very soon," says Dave Keilty.

Last year ACC paid out \$94 million supporting 7370 motorcyclists who have been injured on NZ roads -- many of whom have suffered significant, life-changing injuries.

Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council chair Mark Gilbert welcomed the initiative.

"Many riders have found out the hard way that clothing price is not necessarily a good indication of the level of protection it provides them.



Introducing our new northern Rangitikei advertising sales representative and Taihape area community news reporter, Richard Aslett in front of the Rangitikei District Monitor's Taihape office.

Well known gallery owner artist, country music performer and district councillor Richard Aslett, has joined the team at the Rangitikei District Monitor to cover Taihape. Richard's primary role will be supplying businesses, tradespeople and organisations in Mangaweka and Taihape with great value advertising that really works for you, yet he will also have pen and paper handy should there be a community story that needs reporting on.

Many will be familiar with Richard as the owner of the Yellow Church Gallery in Mangaweka and also as a Taihape ward councillor. His reporting will stop at community stories (to avoid any conflict of interest).

Yet, if it's a school event, a social happening, an art exhibition or anything unrelated to politics, feel free to put any ideas (and images) his way, either via email or by telephone. Same goes, if you're thinking of running a one off advert, a series of adverts or a full-blown advertising campaign to promote your business or event. He won't deal with classified ads - they can be emailed or phoned direct to the Rangitikei District Monitor. Richard comes with a solid background in sales, having previously worked for a UK newspaper in the advertising field. He has also submitted many stories for newspapers and magazines in New Zealand - so he comes with an experienced writing background as well. When asked about the new position, Richard said "I am really excited to have been given this opportunity. As a dedicated consumer of media, art and advertising, I understand the importance of such a role and getting it just right; both for advertisers and those with a personal story to tell. My photography background will also be invaluable when needing to get that all important shot!

"So, yes, I am looking forward to getting out there to meet our advertisers and following up any news leads that are put my way.

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MARTON LADIES' GOLF

Results Wednesday May 30. Frae Ona Cup 28+, medal and stableford. Silver - medal: Susan Marshall nett 75, Bron Bielby 79. Bronze 1: Rachel Williams 71, Sharon Jensen c/b 71, Gill Burne 72, Anne Fleming 78. Bronze 2: Marg Hunt 69, Eleanor Bowler 72, c/b Marlene Poppe 72, Sue Abrahams 75, Shirley Ballard 75. Stableford silver: Susan Marshall 33st, Bron Bielby 29. Bronze 1: Gill Burne 39, Rachel Williams 37, Sharon Jensen 37, Anne Fleming 31. Bronze 2: Marg Hunt 39, Eleanor Bowler 36, Marlene Poppe 36, Sue Abraham 34. Haggie: division 1: Gill Burne 39, Rachel Williams 37, Sharon Jensen c/b 37. Division 2: Marg Hunt 39, Marlene Poppe 36, Eleanor Bowler 36. Twos: Sharon Jensen on the Kevin Jensen sponsored hole 6th, Anne Fleming 12th, Sue Abraham 17th. Sponsored balls: Sue Abraham 34. Lucky draw: Allie Bary. Raffle: Allie Bary & Judy Christie. Competition next week Wed June 13: Stableford Cup. Starters: Phillipa Carne & Erica Clark. Cards: Noeline McDermott & Ros Morrison. Duty: Erica Clark.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Wednesday May 30: stableford: Gerry Scully 44pts, Ash Reed 40pts, Brian Francis, Neil Atkins & Rex Wilson 38pts. Dan Scotson & Rob Giles 37pts, Geoff Ingram & Peter Young 36pts, Michelle Mossop & Neville Berendt 35pts, Ron Harris, Karen Yorke & Wilfred Henson 34pts, Bruce Kinloch, Bob Pittaway, Noel Crocker Henry Potaka & Chris Shem 33pts. Twos: Geoff Ingram 3rd. Lucky draw: Ann Robinson. Saturday June 2 competition - Golf Plus stableford; seniors: Ron Harris & Karen Yorke 40pts, Hone Morris & Ken Boyle 36pts, and Kelvin Burt 35pts. Juniors: Graemae Stephens 40pts, Clive Robinson 37pts, Peter Young & Vince Cameron 36pts, Dan Scotson & Bryan Northcott 34pts, Michelle Mossop, Joseph Tapper, Alan Wix, Bruce Kinloch & Peri Wehi 33pts. Twos: Peter Thompson, Kelvin Burt, & Michelle Mossop on 5th, Geoff Ingram 12th & Dan Scotson & Ron Harris on 16th.

MARTON GOLF CLUB

Saturday June 2, Queen's Birthday Tournament T Calkin + C.Skou 41, G Marshall R Peters 41, P + M Simpson 40, D + S Bremner 38, T Amaru + C Wiperi 38, M Jones + K Feid 38, M + L Peina 37, G Mclver + M Fermor 36, H + J Bremner 35, D Chapman + E Bowler 35, B + M Poppe 35. Closest to Pins: T Calkin 3rd, S Marshall 6th, M Jones 12th. Next Saturday: duty G McLay. Bar R Mc Dermott + C Bary.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday May 29. Mitre 10 Mega Top Dog Stableford. Rae Cadwallader 19, Greg James 17, Ross Little 17, Les Neumann 15, Joy Stantiall 15, Dave Penfold 14, Rae Karatea 14, Pam Charlesworth 12, Garry Burgess 12, Brian Philips 12, Jan Van Loo 11. Nearest pin; Garry Burgess. Saturday 2nd. Allied Pickfords Queens' Birthday competition. Men; 1st P Scott, 2nd G Cunningham. Long drives; S/men G Cunningham, J/men M Porter. Nearest pins; S/men G Forbes, J/men M Neumann. Coming events: Tuesday golf; 9.30am tee off. Saturday 9th: 1st round club champs qualifying 11 am tee off. Sunday 10th; Transport Cup at Marton - 10am tee off. All members please attend. 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 second round of club champs qualifying was played under surprisingly dry conditions while the rest of the country was deluged with a weather bomb. Preferring the dry was the 8 handicapper Kerry Wells shooting a two over the card 73 (66 net) which included a two on the Arnold Palmer signature par 3 12th hole. Duane Dick was three adrift with 69 net. Briany Bristol has started to find a consistent swing on 70 net. Merv Tapp and Gary Thomas were both on 71 net, JJ Walker 73 net, and Alan Thomas on 74 net. The Queen's Birthday Club Captain v President chicken run Monday, saw a hand-picked presidents team prevail over the absent Club Captain 196 to 177. Leading the field was Duane Dick with 38 points, Briany Bristol with 36, Ben Cribb 36, Merv Tapp and Alan

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8-BALL POOL
Round 4 of Wanganui's inter-club pool competition (played May 30) saw Bulls RSA record their first win of the season; beating Wanganui RSA 11-10, in Wanganui. Alastair Stewart and John Fraser each won both their singles matches, with Jess Trethewey, Paul Wild and Carole Hunt winning one each; for Bulls to be ahead 7-5 after the singles. Hunt and Trethewey won two of their three pairs matches, as Bulls lost the pairs 4-5 but held on to claim the team victory. Marton travelled to Wanganui East to take on
Sport continued on pg 11...

Public Notices



Dog Control Fees 2018/19

Under Section 37(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996, the following are the Dog Control fees fixed for the Rangitikei District for the registration year commencing 1 July 2018. (All fees are inclusive of GST).

YOUR DOG REGISTRATION CHOICES

This fee structure has been created to reward those dog owners who act responsibly and comply with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996, the Rangitikei District Council's Dog Control Bylaw and Owner Responsibility Policy. Please note: If you are late registering, you will forfeit the "Approved Good Owner" status for that year.

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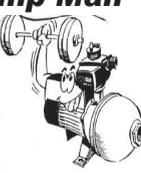
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Wanganui East Red. All six Marton players lost their first round singles but Allan Pond, Steve Lewis and Ross Marshall managed wins in their second singles, for Marton to be down 3-9 after the singles. The home team won the pairs 6-3, to take out the match 15-6. All three Marton pairings won one from three.

TARGET SHOOTING MARTON
 Results 4/6/2018. Some of us left the range this week somewhat disappointed with our shooting effort. However, Peter Lissington got to the top of the weekly ladder with a fine shoot. Next week, Marton hosts the Colyton Club for the seasons' second round of inter club matches. Members a plate please. Social shooters and visitors - please be at the range by 7pm as we would like to have you finished before 7.30pm. Peter Lissington 97.05 98.06 195.11 Tony Bayler 98.05 96.04 194.09 Gary Cuff 95.03 97.05 192.08 Kayla Gledhill 96.03 94.02 190.05 Barry Nelson 95.03 93.04 188.07 Neville Rhodes 93.03 94.02 187.05 Samantha Gledhill 93.01 94.03 187.04 Dave Gledhill 92.02 94.02 186.04 Fred de Burgh 93.00 93.03 186.03 Alan McCubbine 94.04 91.01 185.05 Kevin Moody 87.01 86.00 173.01 Bruce Galpin 87.01 86.00 173.01 Jacob Harris 86.00 86.01 172.01 Graeme Sixtus 85.00 86.01 171.01.

BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY
 Bulls Junior Rugby season is well underway. The kids are loving being back out on the fields and it is awesome to see such amazing team spirit and family, whanau and friends supporting. The junior rugby club has had awesome sponsorship this year from the following sponsors: Waitomo Fuel, Whisker Cattle Company, Bulls Senior Rugby Club Inc, McNie Construction, Braden Hammond Plumbing, K and K Walker Farming, James Electrical, Broadway Accounting, Central House Movers and Bulls 4 Square. We are super grateful for all the support that allows our kids to play the game, enjoy Saturday morning sport and look very smart and stylish in representing Bulls. We look forward to hosting the Bulls Club Day and will get details to the community as soon as we have dates and details.

MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF
 27 players in the medal competition on Tue June 5. Results: 1st division: 1st Mike Moreland 33, 2nd Murray Crawford 36, 3rd Brian Hammerton 37. 2nd division: 1st Brian Short 31, 2nd John Fraser 37. 3rd division: 1st Jill Bryant 36, 2nd Adrian Penning 37 cb, 3rd Wendy Ng 37. Lucky card: Linda Brandon. Raffle winner: Bob Barrett. Next week's starters: Marg Lampp and Tom Trotter. Cards: Sheena Marshall and Marion McPhee. Next Tue, June 12; starting time 9am. Potluck dinner after golf. Please bring a plate.

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS
 We had another good night of bowls this week but with a few players missing. We played our three games of pairs, with only the team of Lyn Phillips and Bev Shand winning all three games. Yvonne Spence won the raffle. Next week will be another normal club night - so see you all there.



How biodegradable are bags?

Plastic bags are currently public enemy number one, but are biodegradable bags any better?
 Writing in the latest issue of Royal Society Open Science, European researchers have argued that the existing industry standards and testing methods are insufficient to predict the biodegradability of single-use plastic carrier bags within lakes, rivers and oceans. AUT Professor of Engineering Thomas Neitzert said the research helped "destroy the thinking that a plastic bag with a label 'biodegradable' is safe for the environment. "The co-existence of conventional plastic bags and so-called biodegradable plastic bags of compostable materials, is also upsetting current recycling operations and is confusing the general public. "Biodegradable plastic bags are, in many cases, made from crude oil, requiring carbon-based production processes and are emitting CO₂, or methane when degrading. On the way to a low carbon economy, we should, therefore, carry a reusable bag made from cloth or jute, like our parents did." University of Auckland senior lecturer Dr Ivanhoe Leung, co-deputy director of the Centre for Green Chemical Science, said plastic pollution was "one of the most challenging environmental issues that is facing the world today". The science behind biodegradable, or compostable bags had gone a long way since they were first developed, he said and given the right conditions they can break down into harmless materials within a few months. "The challenge, however, is to separate these biodegradable plastic materials from the waste stream, so that they can be broken down under the right conditions. "For example, undesirable substances like acids, or methane gas, can be produced from biodegradable plastics, if they are broken down in places that lack oxygen. These could be landfill sites, or anaerobic marine habitats, like saltmarshes or brackish waters." University of Waikato's Professor Kim Pickering said it was important to assess how long things take to degrade in real life situations, and what they break into. "If it is to be assumed that we cannot prevent some plastic products getting into the environment, then biodegradable plastics could be a step in the right direction (depending on the product) but it shows that there are great uncertainties regarding the impact these could have on the environment and so we should still assume responsibility of waste plastic and consider its disposal - whether biodegradable or not."

Trees That Count set to grow through Provincial Growth Fund support

Conservation organisation, Trees That Count, is gearing up to its grow its programme, thanks to a grant from the Government's Provincial Growth Fund, as part of the Billion Trees programme. Trees That Count's goal is to mobilise New Zealanders to fund, plant and count the survival of 200 million new native trees over the next 10 years. Trees That Count has been funded and supported to date by The Tindall Foundation, and more recently with business and public donations. "We're tremendously grateful for Crown support which will enable us to extend our community outreach and provide more training, resources and support to planting groups throughout New Zealand," says Joris de Bres, Chair of the Project Crimson Trust, the well-established conservation organisation behind Trees That Count. "We'll also be able to target our efforts to attract further funding from the business sector to help planters increase their work. We're keen to see as many companies and individuals as possible funding native trees for community projects." Trees That Count has two tools. One is a recently launched online community Marketplace which matches tree funding with planting groups who want more native trees to increase their work. More than 140,000 native trees have been funded or gifted so far. "The Marketplace has attracted a lot of attention from some of New Zealand's largest, most innovative companies. They see funding the planting of native trees as a way of making a real and enduring difference to our country for climate change, for biodiversity and for community building," says Joris de Bres. The second tool is a national tree count which keeps track of and maps the number of native trees planted in New Zealand. Anybody can participate and add their planting activities at www.treesthatcount.co.nz. Over 14 million native trees have been added to the count since 2016. "With support from everyone - business, philanthropy, government and everyday New Zealanders - we can create a cultural shift, where gifting or planting a native tree for any occasion becomes the Kiwi thing to do. That's an exciting prospect," says de Bres.

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