



## Country music festival here to stay

Hundreds of motorhomes arrived from all over the country to create a village of campers at Marton's James Wilson Park for the 2018 Marton Country Music Festival over Wellington Anniversary Weekend.

The Marton Country Music Festival has become a regular and welcome destination for many country music fans and summer motorhome travellers alike, culminating in over 420 motorhomes parked seven rows deep at Wilson Park and an overall total of 450 camp sites allocated. Some pointed out the central location of the town as the reason they joined the festival, along with the excellent facilities the park and Marton offer.

As a result of the numbers attending, the line up of entertainers on Friday and Saturday nights, was enjoyed by large audiences. Each evening offered young, up and coming guest performers, through to more experienced and familiar country singers. On Saturday night, Brendan Dugan and Dennis Marsh had to wait until close to midnight to perform the finale but the evening started with talented young stars. Fiddler Marian Burns was a big hit with her great talent and enthusiasm. She sang an Anzac song she had written that has been picked up all over the world to celebrate the many WW1, 100-year commemorations happening at present. She took the crowd on a fun ride with her fiddle and a very able backing band.

The two backing bands did an admirable job over the weekend, especially Saturday night's Hired Gunz who had to cope with several impromptu numbers from the big guns. The other hardworking band was Los Vaqueros.

One of the performers pointed out that the festival's fun to be part of because you can simply enjoy it, with no contest and no pressure. Entertainers thanked organiser John De Burgh for inviting them to participate, including well known country star Joni Harms from the USA, who acknowledged Anne George as the founder of the popular event. The Festival is a Marton event and is destined to remain in Marton, according to John de Burgh who was wondering why local people kept asking him if it was going to move. He says he put that subject to bed last year when he took over the organisation of it.

You are already invited to the 2019 Marton Country Music Festival. Same time, same place!



Enjoying the afternoon lineup of country singers on Saturday, on a new look stage, at Wilson Park - Anne George (left), her husband Len (right) and a few friends. James Wilson Park was filled to the brim by Friday night, with over 450 camp sites occupied by country music enthusiasts. More photos on page 6.

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# NZ Cowboy number one aiming for top

Marton teenager and sharpshooter, Bradley McDowell is off to America to represent New Zealand in the Cowboy Action Shooting world champs in Albuquerque, New Mexico in June this year. Bradley has been cowboy pistol shooting for five years and

has risen to the top of the sport age groups, competing all over NZ and in America. He has a good eye and developed the skill that has led to him reaching number one overall in New Zealand, including senior open grades at the age of 16. Bradley is NZ's youngest men's champion and has the potential to reach his aim of becoming a world champion. The world competition in Albuquerque is his last chance to enter both the age group up to 16 years and the open contest. The strength of the sport is in its youth at the present time. The 16 year age group has the best shooters in the world, with three out of the 10 top shooters in the world, in that age group - not the open section. About 7800 pistol shooters attend the New Mexico competition. Cowboy Action Shooting is a sport created in California in 1982 and is run under international rules set by 'The Single Action Shooting Society' of the USA. The sport is becoming very popular in NZ. Bradley lives in Marton and is Y12 student at Whanganui High School and practises with the Wanganui Pistol Club. He is the son of Shaun McDowell, owner of Carey's Joinery in Marton, who is also involved in the sport at



Bradley McDowell – youngest NZ champion cowboy pistol shooter - off the world champs in New Mexico.



Number one cowboy pistol shooter Bradley McDowell in action.

the top level. Shaun says Bradley is always actively looking for sponsors as he has to pay his own way to the world champs and other competitions as well as for ammo and accomodation.



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## Fire at Horizons depot

A fire at the Horizons Regional Council depot in Levin overnight last Thursday, caused damage to property, equipment and vehicles. Horizons CE Michael McCartney says Horizons was alerted to the fire in the early hours of Friday morning.

“Emergency services attended the scene, put it out, and are now in the process of determining what was the cause of the fire,” he says.

“While there has been considerable damage to property, equipment and vehicles, the main thing is that nobody was hurt.

“We have been in contact with Horowhenua District Council and are working with them to find alternate arrangements for our staff. We realise this will cause a level of business disruption but we will do our best to minimise the impact.”

Mr McCartney says a full inventory of what has been damaged will be undertaken.

“At this stage we know some plant and equipment has been destroyed. Fortunately, our boat that undertakes monitoring on Lake Horowhenua was not on site and will be able to continue business as usual.”

Horizons has three dedicated staff who work out of the Levin depot and undertake pest control in the district. Staff from across the organisation also use the facility for equipment storage.

# Turakina Highland Games this Saturday



Marton Pipe Band competing last year at the Turakina Games.

The 154th Turakina Highland Games, New Zealand's longest running highland games, is on this Saturday 27 January at the Turakina Domain - Cameron Rd, Turakina - signposted off SH3. Gates open at 8am for a full day of highland competitions. There's a variety of stalls and clan displays, as well as food and drink all day and a cash bar and, on Saturday evening there is a barbecue.

You can see A grade pipers in action, competing in the open NI championship

Piobaireachd, open NI Championship 2/4 March, open NI championship hornpipe & jig and Wellington Centre championship strathspey & reel.

Entry is - adults \$10, children under 15 free.

### Turakina highland games events.

#### Morning -

Highland dancing - solo piping - children's field events - solo drumming - veteran recital.

#### Lunch time -

Hill race - children's games - tug of war - clan march - massed highland fling.

#### Afternoon -

Field events - pipe band and youth pipe band contest - highland dancing - free fun.

#### Late afternoon -

Massed bands - address to the Haggis - prizegiving Barbecue - adults \$15, children 12 years & under \$5.

#### Evening - Ceilidh - live band Bowmore.

## BITS n' PIECES

**Turakina Highland Games - Saturday January 27 at the Turakina Domain. \$10 entry U15 free.**

NZ's oldest highland games is a day of caledonian sports and activities - well worth a visit.

**Taihape A&P Show this weekend - Saturday 27 Jan at Memorial Park, 12 Kokako St, Taihape. Take the family along. A real Taihape country show for all ages.**

**Bulls Museum - open 10am -3pm daily. Features: Chris Amon, Flockhouse, WW1 Mounted Rifles and military horse Bess. New display: Sanson Tramway - January to May 2018.**

**Marton Junction Axeman's Club - annual woodchopping and sawing timber sports. Saturday 10 February at their club ground, King St, Marton. Free entry, 9am start.**

## Turakina Highland Games

### Saturday 27th January

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# CLUB SCENE



which had everyone up dancing and enjoying themselves. A big thank you to the band and kitchen people and anyone who assisted during 2017. We have all pulled together to make this club a success. Club days resumed on January 21 at our clubrooms Wellington Rd, Marton by New World. For more information phone Gloria 06 327 7994 or Glynis 06 327 6626.

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# Alzheimers Appeal in Rangitikei

Give to the Alzheimer's Whanganui Inc Street Appeal Bulls, Marton and Taihape - Friday 23 February.

Alzheimers Whanganui ask that you show your support for the services they deliver to make life better for all people in our community who are affected by dementia. Alzheimer's Whanganui Street Appeal takes place in Bulls, Marton & Taihape on Friday 23 February. Please give generously to this much needed service.

Alzheimer's Whanganui is a registered charity operating across Whanganui, Taihape, Rangitikei and the Waimarino. They are dedicated to making life better for all people affected by dementia. With the appropriate support, people with dementia can continue as productive, valued and contributing members of our communities.

Watch out for street collectors, wearing blue bibs, around the local communities on Friday 23 Feb. All monies collected go towards our continued community services.

Alzheimer's Whanganui greatly appreciates your contribution, and the support of all collectors who give their time so generously.

You can also make a donation online at [www.alzheimers.org.nz/whanganui](http://www.alzheimers.org.nz/whanganui) or pop in and see us at 5/136 Victoria Ave (next to Barbertown) Whanganui.

## Weather outlook

NIWA says January - March 2018 temperatures confidently forecast to be above average, with high confidence for all regions of New Zealand. Coastal water temperatures around New Zealand and further offshore, in the Tasman Sea, are forecast to remain above average over the next three-month period.

For January - March 2018 rainfall totals are most likely to be in the above normal range, in the North Island and about equally likely to be near normal or above normal in the South Island.

January - March 2018 soil moisture levels and river flows are most likely to be near normal in the north of the South Island. For all remaining regions of the country, soil moisture levels and river flows are about equally likely to be in the below normal or near normal range.

Central North Island, Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu, Wellington temperatures are very likely to be above average.

Rainfall totals are most likely to be above normal. Soil moisture levels and river flows are about equally likely to be in the below normal range or near normal range.

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# Test your children's road safety knowledge before school starts back

As kids head back to school next week, we want parents to take the time to check they're up to speed with road safety.

"The summer holidays are long and that means some children might have forgotten some of the basic rules they need to follow to keep themselves safe," says Inspector Peter McKennie, manager of operations for road policing.

"Add to that their excitement about returning to school and seeing their friends and this can mean they will be less alert to the traffic dangers around them."

Police are asking parents to sit down with their kids before the end of the holidays and have a conversation around road safety rules. This is particularly important if your child is going to be travelling to school on their own.

"Help them to choose the safest route to get there and do a few practise walks or bikes with them so they are familiar with the route and the safest places to cross," says Inspector McKennie.

"It is important to remind them that any time they are crossing the road they must stop, look, and listen for any cars, bikes, or cyclists before they step out."

Police are also urging parents to remember that kids will follow their actions. "If you break the rules – kids will think it is ok to as well and that can put lives in danger. For that reason, we need parents to stick to the road rules.

"Try parking a bit further away from school and walking, if there aren't any free parks close by and make sure you don't park on yellow lines.

"For motorists in general, remember to keep your speed down and be extra alert in case a child runs or bikes in front of you, without warning. Even small increases in speed result in a much greater increase in stopping distance and that can mean the difference between life and death for pedestrians, so it's vital to slow down around schools.

"Children make mistakes, but they don't deserve to pay for them with their lives. How you drive makes the difference," says Inspector McKennie.

Other safety tips for walking or biking to school include: Young children should be accompanied by an adult, older child, or a buddy.

Discuss the use of crossings and why it's safer to cross at some corners rather than others.

Discuss the meaning of traffic signals and markings along the route.

Teach them to cooperate with police, school safety patrols, and adult crossing guards.

Contact the school and see if there is a walking school bus available. If not, look at setting up one yourself.

## Childhood asthma on holiday

Asthma is a common illness in NZ, affecting one in six kiwi kids.

Over the school holidays children are often exposed to many environments, which are different to a normal school week.

It can mean that a child is exposed to their asthma triggers.

Knowing as much as you can about your child's asthma triggers can help you to reduce exposure to them, making your child's asthma easier to handle," says Teresa Demetriou - Asthma and Respiratory Foundation NZ.

"We've put together a list of tips to help your child stay happy and well over the school holidays: before heading away on a holiday or before your child has a sleepover at a friend's house, assess that their asthma is well controlled. Make sure that anywhere your child is staying is cigarette/smokefree. Make sure there are no pets in the living environments if your child is allergic to them. While it is not possible to ensure any space is dust-free, taking their own sleeping bag or other bedding can help reduce a child's exposure and possible symptoms. When heading away, ensure that your child has enough medication and that it is easily accessible.

If your child is being taken care of by another caregiver: ensure that the caregiver is aware of your child's asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. It's a good idea to give them a copy of your child's Asthma Action Plan and talk them through using their medication. Ensure that your child feels comfortable enough with the caregiver to ask for assistance if they start to experience any asthma symptoms. Make sure the caregiver is aware of possible activities that may be an issue e.g. pillow fights, hide-and-seek in high pollen areas.

The Sensitive Choice® Programme is managed by the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation NZ and has helped people reduce allergy symptoms for many years. If you are one of the thousands of people with asthma or allergy symptoms, visit the Sensitive Choice® website (sensitivechoice.co.nz) for products and services that may be a better choice for you and your family.

# HEALTH SCENE



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## 'One Hit Wonders'

I play in a badminton team with the appropriate name of "One Hit Wonders". I graciously came out of my 34 year retirement to join a business house team. It's a lot of fun and a bit of a run around for us.

My team mates are all lovely and we are really encouraging to each other. Slowly, over the course of the season we have been improving.

We started by being deliriously happy to just return the shuttle a few times. Gradually, we were getting a few points each game. Then our lofty goal was to reach 10 points in a game.

You can tell, can't you, that none of us expected brilliance but to have fun, be a nice team and enjoy the exercise.

Then we actually started doing better. Winning the odd game and taking our opponents to three game matches. It was heady stuff.

Now, they (who run the place) have put us up a grade! Suffice to say, we are still improving. We have learnt many things; mostly how to be good losers and how to defend ourselves from fast approaching shuttles!

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## Students sign up for study in 2018

A steady stream of prospective students wanting to study health, beauty, automotive engineering and carpentry seem to be the focus for those enrolling for study at UCOL in 2018.

Interest in Health and Sciences, and Applied Engineering and Technology faculties is particularly strong, closely followed by humanities and business programmes.

Around 200 students who are eligible for the government's new first year Fees Free Initiative have already confirmed their enrolment with UCOL. Jonathan Sykes, Head of recruitment and marketing at UCOL said that the number of people interested in studying has been strong, with numbers ahead of the same time last year.

"Even before the announcement of a free first year of tertiary education, interest in what's on offer at UCOL has been high across a number of study areas. For those still not sure of their study plans for 2018 or who were waiting for the announcement of the NCEA results, there is still time to enrol but be quick if you want to secure your place. Most classes start on 19 February."

The Bachelor of Nursing has the largest number of students, with approximately 524 students on Wairarapa, Palmerston North and Whanganui campuses. The programme is always well sought after by prospective students, with more than 3,700 successfully completing since 2004. UCOL graduates have a higher than average pass rate of the Nursing Council state final exams, and spend time each year out in the health sector as part of their studies. A new qualification for people who are interested in studying health and science degrees but need more preparation before considering a degree is also available. The Medical Imaging Technology degree is always over-subscribed and is again this year.

Beauty programmes, such as nail technology, are proving popular across the three campuses at both certificate and diploma levels. Similarly, automotive engineering and carpentry programmes are reaching capacity. All students learn in an environment like the one they will experience when they leave the classroom to join industry. This includes, in the case of beauty and hairdressing for example, client days where members of the public can come in and get a treatment, while at the same time helping the students learn.

For people wanting to get into business, information communication technology, or software development, opportunities exist. Likewise hospitality and cookery programmes are always popular. UCOL training restaurants are well supported by members of the public and employment opportunities are high. Creative programmes such as art, design, interior design and photography generally start in March and numbers are building in these programmes. UCOL students and staff regularly win national awards and competitions and have stunning exhibitions throughout the year. A new Bachelor of Creative Media is being launched soon, replacing the Bachelor of Applied Visual Imaging.

Students speak highly of the learning experience offered at UCOL which includes working in environments which simulate real life situations, use of industry equipment and technology, staff who are professionals in their chosen field, and who share their own experiences and knowledge.

Adding to the student experience is UCOL's student services and an employability hub, whanau room and other pastoral care. UCOL is a quality provider and is looking forward to welcoming the 2018 student intake with the upcoming start of the year - kicking off with Orientation in February.

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# MARTON COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL



Country backing band Hired Gunz worked with a long line up of guest artists on Saturday night, often with impromptu numbers to cope with. They proved they are true country artists in their own right. They finished the night with Brendan Dugan and Dennis Marsh around midnight with only one break all evening.



US country music star Joni Harms takes to the stage. For her, country music is in her blood. Terry Stillman photo.

## Keep cool without blowing your energy bill

You can keep your home cool without blowing your energy bill, according to state agency EECA ENERGYWISE.

Technical expert Allen Davison says more people are using their heat pumps as air conditioners in summer and there are tactics to avoid big energy bills. For example, using the fan only setting helps you feel cooler by creating a breeze, he says.

“This setting uses a lot less electricity than the full cooling mode. Keep your windows open while using the fan only mode.”

Selecting the dehumidifying mode also uses less electricity than the full cooling mode, Mr Davison says.

“This works well if it’s humidity rather than the temperature that’s the problem. Shut your doors and windows in the rooms you’re dehumidifying.”

Mr Davison suggests only using cooling mode on really hot days when the other methods aren’t enough.

“Shut all your doors and windows in the rooms you’re cooling. It’s best to cool one room as this is what most heat pumps/air conditioners are sized for. Set the thermostat to around 22°C. The room won’t cool down any quicker if you set it lower, but you are likely to use more electricity by overcooling.”

Avoid using auto settings because if you forget to switch the unit off, it will start heating if the temperature drops below the thermostat setting, he says.

“It’s also important to clean the filter of your air conditioner regularly because clogged filters stop the appliance running efficiently.”

Use fans like floor and desktop fans are relatively cheap to buy and install, and are much cheaper to run than air conditioning, Mr Davison says.

“They’re especially good if you only get a week or two of extremely hot weather during the year.”

Close blinds and curtains at windows that receive direct sun provides shade from the hot sun.

For longer term solutions, plant deciduous trees on the north and west sides of your home - they provide shade in summer, but lose their leaves in winter and allow sunlight through. You can also use trellises for growing plants to shade your windows in summer.

Install external window shades - such as blinds, awnings or louvres. They allow you to shade rooms in summer, but let light and heat in at other times of the year. External shading is much more effective than internal shading as it blocks the sun’s heat before it gets inside your home.

When building, design eaves (or roof overhangs) above north-facing windows - to stop direct sunlight entering rooms at the height of summer, but allowing direct light in the rest of the year. They won’t help you with low-angled morning and afternoon sun from the east and west.



Two up and coming country music artists, Ngarangi (14) and Terina Sadlier (13) from Wainuiomata. Terry Stillman photo.



Festival organiser John de Burgh taking time to perform on Saturday afternoon. LR photo.

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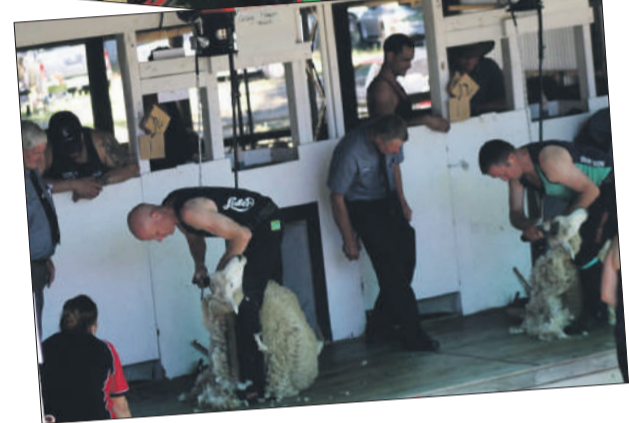
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# New Wheel Alignment Business in Marton



Taihape A&P Show this weekend



This Saturday 27 January the Taihape & Districts A&P Show will be held at Memorial Park, 12 Kokako St in Taihape.

It's a country show with its own special country feel. The Taihape Junior Farmer contest will be a highlight, with teams competing in five farm-based activities including woodstacking, a chook run and others.

The A&P Show cottage industries section has some new categories introduced for 2018. They include harakeke (both novice and experienced), brownies, celebration cakes and some cool new competitions for the kids.

There are all sorts of fun sideshow rides and plenty to see and do at the show.

Equestrian events will feature along with competitive sheep shearing and plenty more.

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New local tyre business 'All Terrain Alignments' has recently opened at its premises at 22 High St, in Marton. The business is independently owned and operated by local couple, Michael Thomsen and wife Laura McIntyre.

"We have given 'new life' to the building on the corner of Stewart and High Streets!" says Michael. "We pride ourselves on providing great service and can deliver the best brands of tyres at excellent prices."

ATA's wheel alignment machinery is one of the latest Italian models being used in New Zealand. Michael has eight years' experience working with tyres and a wide variety of vehicles. He has lived in Marton for the past 20 years, having moved here as a five year old. Michael played rugby for Marton for four or five seasons and is an ex-Heartland Rugby Development Squad and Wanganui rugby representative.

Laura grew up in Ohingaiti and has work experience on dairy farms as well as six months as a volunteer school teacher aide in Fiji. Both had farm-life upbringings.

The new business caters for tractors, trucks, farm bikes, trailers and a wide variety of agricultural vehicles as well as all makes and models of cars, SUVs, 4WDs, bikes and more. Michael says, "All Terrain Alignment can also provide accessories such as; rims, hubs, axles, bearings and batteries."

Michael adds, "We have recently been busy doing callouts to 'on-farm' work, which is an important part of our business."



Michael at work on his 'Fasep' wheel alignment machine at his new tyre business, ATA Alignment.

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Competition – stableford, 17 January: Rex Wilson 44pts, Jason Bowles & Rob Giles 43pts, Ron Harris & Michelle Mossop 42pts, Steve Boyens & Marty Field 41pts, Kelvin Burt, Karen Yorke, Peter Young, Mark Neville, Ian Whitehead, Dan Scotson, Noel Crocker, Kevin Taylor & Henry Potaka all 39pts. Twos: Ron Harris & Henry Potaka on 3rd, Rob Giles 12th, Marty Field & Graeme Stephens on 16th and Kelvin Burt a 2 on no 6 a par 4. Lucky draw - Pat Pearce. Sunday 21 January 2018: Pete & Wendal Masters summer stableford: Nepia

Andrews 43pts, Ron Harris 41pts, Brent Vann & Alan Wix 40pts, Peter Young, Hone Morris, Stu Amor & Ken Boyle 40pts, Kelvin Burt and Noel Crocker 37pts. Twos: Brent Van on 16th.

**HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB**

Saturday 20 Allied Pickfords summer shield round 3 stableford: sen men; D Rhode 42, G Forbes 40, R McDermott 36, M Carroll 34. Jnr men; N Skelton 43, P Weeks 37, G Cunningham 36, D Wright by lot from G Stanton 31. Women; S Wells 1st, D Todd 2nd. Two; D Rhode #7. Jackpot 16 balls #2 not struck. Nearest the pins; men = N Skelton, women = D Todd. Tuesday 16th; stableford. J Stantiall 26, R Karatea 23, L Neumann 19, B Parlane 18. Nine hole; B Hills 23, B Philips 23, R Little 20, L Churchill 19, G Burgess 19, D Penfold 17. Nearest pin; B Philips. Coming events: Tuesday summer golf, 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 27 summer shield, 11.00 am tee off. Sunday 28 friendship shield, 9.30am tee off at Linton, all club members please attend. Sunday 11 February: Prizegiving & family fun day 11am till 3pm. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

**MARTON GOLF CLUB**

Saturday 13 January 40 starters summer cup 2nd round: E Clark 47, D Clark 44, P Skou 43, R McDermott 42, T McChewski 41, D Green 41, L Belsham 40, J Hughes 40, G McLay 40, B Poppe 39, G McIver 39, L Wake 39, B Craig 38, T Calkin 38, R Yorke 38, P O'Connor 38, M Peina 38, L Peina 37, D Oliver 37, K Feild 36, A Stewart 36. Twos: 3rd C Skou, 17th T Calkin and D Clark. Being here: A Duncan & T Hammond. Tues 16 Jan: Eagles Halberg Fundraiser. Thanks to Christine and helpers for afternoon tea. Next week 3rd round summer cup. Many thanks to all who turned up to clean up the tree on the 13th. Next week Sat duty: D Angove. Bar: N Abbott and S Melis. Sunday: P Simpson. Monday: D Arnott. Marton, Tuesday 16 January Eagles Halberg tournament: P & T McVery 59, R Pratt and M Lupton 59, B Wingate and D Chapman 59, B Craig and L Craig 62.5, N McDermott and N McDermott 62.5, P O'Connor and D Green 63, D Angove and N Wingate 63, D and F Robertson 63.5, S and S Atkins 64, D and D Mickelson 65, D and D Warren 65, B Pratt and L Wake 65, D and E Clarke 65.5, T Hammond and S Southall 66, A Duncan and S Muir 66, B and H Wilkinson 67, P Skou and B Poppe 67, C and M McLeod 68, J Bowles and S Lockhead 68, I Douglas and L Lepper 68. Closest to pin: ladies; H Dickens. Men; C Murphy and M Willis. Twos: 3rd B Poppe and P Skou, 6th J Bowles and S Lockhead, 12th H Bremner and C Murphy, 17th J Dickens, H Dickens, K O'Brien and J McKinnon. Saturday 20 January Summer Cup round 3: stableford; T McVery 45, H Bremner 44, N Belsham 44, E Clark 43, D Green 42, D Fullerton-Smith 40, A Stewart 39, R Ellery 39, D Clark 38, T Mischewski 38, A Bremner 38, P Skou 37, D Singer 37, B Poppe 37, G Jongen 37, R Yorke 37. Being here; C Williams, S Muir. Next week; duty D Clark. Bar: B Craig & G Marshall.

**TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB**

The Monday morning rain cleared at midday to provide ideal conditions for the drawn partners Canadian foursomes opening day chicken run. Life member Graeme Rose opened the year with his signature silky left handed Bob Charles like swing, hitting the first ball of the new season. The warm up helped Rose and his partner Kevin O'Brien take out the AJC trophy with a net score of 67.3. In the mixed Canadian foursomes, Fran Robertson combined well with Alan Thomas, proving a formidable partnership - also having 67.3 net for the McKee trays. Merv Tapp was a calming influence on Nick McGuinn's game, combining for a 70 net. Denis Robertson and Matt Thomas were steady on 71.3 net. Summer Cup winner Barrie Randall drew the in form Duane Dick for a 73.3 net. Twos were registered by G Rose and K O'Brien on the 12th and F Robertson and A Thomas on the 14th. Sunday's haggle was the first of the Shergold medal qualifiers. Hamish Rose cleaned up the hotly contested field with 62 net; Ken Cribb 65, Alan Thomas 66, Kerry Wells 67, Danny Mickleson 70, Denise Millner Duane Dick and Kevin O'Brien all on 71. Twos were registered by A Thomas 6th, K Wells 8th and Diane Mickleson 12th. For all those interested in twilight golf, Merv Tapp is running 3 person ambrose golf starting this Friday from 5pm. If you are thinking of entering a team, contact Merv to register your interest. This Sunday, the second medal qualifying round for the Shergold is scheduled.

**MARTON BOWLING CLUB**

New year weather has been hot, humid and taxing at club and tournament level. Wednesday 3 January roll-up results: 1st- Neil Gardener(s), Jennie Redshaw, Wayne Pudney, 2nd- Kevin Mullany(s), Joan Black, Sharon Gordon. 3rd- Shirley Wallace(s), Tania George, Kevin Redshaw. Saturday 6 January men's pairs club championship results: 1st- Tony Stockton & Andy Creagh. 2nd- Micky Neumann & Graeme Morris. Congratulations to both teams. Wednesday 10 January roll-up results: skips: 1st- Laurie Bismark, 2nd- Kevin Mullany, 3rd- Murray Coleman. Twos: 1st- Jean Coleman, 2nd- Russell Gillard, 3rd- Josie Bismark. Leads: 1st- Sharon Gordon, 2nd- Ron McDermott, 3rd- Ray Harding. Wednesday 17 January roll-up results: skips: 1st- Allen Dickson, 2nd- Elaine Saywell, 3rd- Tony Stockton. Twos: 1st- Ray Harding, 2nd- Jennie Redshaw, 3rd- Tania George. Leads: 1st- Wayne Pudney, 2nd- Sharon Gordon, 3rd- Ces Allen. Up-and-coming-events: business house competition begins soon - Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 February and again the following week on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 February. Spare bowls are available on loan and members are also available to support

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**Marton Men's Hockey Club**

**Notice of AGM**  
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**MARTON ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE**

The Marton Arts & Crafts Centre is pleased to offer the following classes for Term 1 2018, beginning February 5, 2018:

- Monday 1 - 3pm - Painting for beginners**
  - Tuesday 7 - 9pm - Drawing with confidence**
  - Wednesday 7 - 9pm - Patchwork**
  - Thursday 10am - 3pm - Weaving (fortnightly)**
  - Thursday 6.30 - 9pm - Pottery**
- All classes are suitable for beginners but non-beginners wishing to expand their skills are also welcome. \$55 for 8 week tutored class or \$200 for the year (4 terms). Membership \$40 per year or \$30 if paid by January 31, 2018. We also offer untutored groups. These are friendly unstructured gatherings of like minded people. All welcome.

- Monday 9am - 12noon Porcelain decorating (fortnightly)**
- Monday 7 - 9pm - Mosaic**
- Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30am - Art/painting**
- Tuesday 1 - 3pm - Quilting/sewing**
- Tuesday 7 - 9pm - Drawing**
- Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am - Quilting/sewing**
- Wednesday 1 - 3pm - Quilting/sewing**
- Wednesday 7 - 9pm - Needlework**
- Wednesday 7 - 9pm - Pottery**
- Friday 10am - 12noon - Embroidery (fortnightly)**
- Friday 1 - 3pm - Embroidery (fortnightly)**
- Friday 10am - 12noon - Patchwork (fortnightly)**
- Friday 1 - 3pm - Patchwork (fortnightly)**
- Saturday all day - Pottery (monthly)**

Enrolment day is at the Marton Arts & Crafts Centre at the corner of Signal and Grey Streets on Saturday January 27, 2018, 10am - 2pm.

Enrolments can be mailed to PO Box 270, Marton, 4741  
Enrolment enquiries to: Karen Farquhar 06 327 8243 or treasurer@martonartsandcrafts.co.nz.

**South Makirikiri School**

The Board invites applications from parents wishing to enrol their son/daughter for 2018 at South Makirikiri School.

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Pursuant to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that, the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the roads as listed below for the purpose of permitting Taihape District Car Club, Papakai Road sealed Hill Climb and Pukenua Road Hill Climb

Roads to be closed:

**Papakai Road, Saturday 24 February 2018**  
**08.00am till 06.00pm**

**Pukenua Road, Saturday 24 March 2018**  
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Any person objecting to the proposals is called on to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4.00 pm, Friday 2 February 2018, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

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Ross McNeil  
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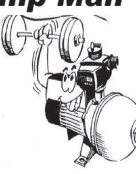



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non-bowlers. It's lots of fun. Please contact Mike Aldworth ph: 327 7502 with your inquiries and team entries. Entries also required for each of the following tournaments - Sunday 4 February - McVerry Crawford 2 bowls triple moo. Sunday 18 February - Peter Gully memorial 2-4-2 pairs moo.

**MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 1 CRICKET**

A relatively strong Matt Burke Engineering Marton Saracens premier team made the long trip to Kena Kena Park in Paraparamu Beach for the coastal Challenge fixture against Paraparamu Cricket Club on Saturday. Saracens continue a terrible season for injuries, now having lost captain Dom Rayner for at least a month after he tore a calf muscle while playing for Whanganui. The new year has however, seen the return of representative players Thomas Walsh and Craig Clare. Saracens batted first on a slow track and slow outfield. Opener Scott Oliver was able to nudge his way to 17. Craig Clare looked to build on his comeback innings from last week, before being unlucky to a good catch on 31. Saracens were unable to put together a partnership however, before being dismissed for 157. Saracens were never able to totally get on top of the PCC batting, although managing to take a few key wickets. PCC managed to eventually run down the target. Craig Clare was the Rangitikei District Monitor player of the day. Matt Burke Engineering Saracens travel to Victoria Park next week for a T20 match against Whanganui United.

**MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 2 CRICKET**

Central ITM Saracens took on Wanganui United in the final round of the P40 holiday competition at Centennial Park on Saturday. Captain Andrew Spence lost a vital toss and Saracens were asked to bat first on a damp, soft wicket. Dave Woolston was out for 0 in the first over, caught on the fine leg boundary. The wicket proved very difficult to play on - deliveries coming through at varying heights from the quicks and spinners getting prodigious turn. Allan Pond was run out for 5, Spence followed soon after for 8. Justin Lock dug in for 13 and Pete Woolston for 12. After this pair however, Kelly Kumeroa made 5, Mike Maher 3 and Mike Jacobs 1. Phil Galpin hit out for an entertaining 15, batting at number 9 and Jayden Lane was the last man out, for 1. Rob Ormsby finished 8 not out. Saracens were dismissed for 100, in the 36th over. The wicket had dried out somewhat by this stage and United found conditions much easier to combat during their turn at bat. Saracens bowled and fielded well however, to have the visitors 21 for 3 at one stage. United's top batsman, Allan 'Podge' Kenny, was dropped by Pond in the gully, off just the 2nd ball he faced and this proved costly as, after giving 3 more chances on his way to 49 not out, he guided the Wanganui team to 102 for 6 in the 20th over. Lane took 2 for 37 from his 8 overs. Galpin bowled 3 overs to get 1 for 20, Ormsby 1.2 overs for 14, Dave Woolston finished with 1 for 18 from 5 and Pond 0 for 9 from 2 overs. The loss proved crucial as competition leaders Wanganui Renegades lost their match to Tech by 1 run. This would have meant that, with a victory, Saracens would have joined Renegades at the top of the table...and with a superior net run rate would have taken out the holiday competition! Jayden Lane was the J Maher & S Crawley Partnership player of the day. This Saturday, Central ITM Saracens play Renegades at Victoria Park, in what amounts to a semi-final in the T20 competition. The match will be played at 10.30am. If Saracens win, they will play Wanganui Collegiate in the 3pm final.

**MARTON CROQUET CLUB**

Results: Monday 15/1/18 Assn; T Martyn 25 v Mary McNae 16, Murray McNae 18 v E Ogden 14. Golf croquet: A Bates 7,7 v Gordon Thompson, 5,2, L Hughes/ C Bates 7 v M Meek 5, A Bates/G Thompson 7 v L Hughes/ Meek 5. Wednesday 17/1/18 Assn; S Johnson 18 v L Johnson 13, Murray McNae 26 v D Winmill 25, Mary McNae 14 v A Winmill/E Ogden 14. Golf croquet: G Thompson 7,6, v L Hughes/J McDougall 5,7. Saturday 20/1/18; T Martyn/D Reid 26 v Murray McNae/L Johnson 24, G McIntyre/E Ogden 14 v Mary McNae/K Fitch ette 11, L Thompson 5 v D Winmill/G Thompson 4. Golf croquet: A Winmill/MVallance 7,7 v SJohnson/M Meek 5,4, S Johnson 7 v M Vallance/M Meek 4.

**FEILDING CROQUET CLUB**

Anniversary day tournament - golf croquet handicap doubles. Winners: Max Charlton & Elwi El Beshlawi (Rose Gardens). Runners up: Wally Richards & Daniel Hunter (Levin). Results section I: Charlton & El Beshlawi bt Wishnowski & Hughes 7-6, Gillard & McCall 6-4; Jean Reid and Noel Ennis (Levin) bt Gillard & McCall 7-6, Charlton & El Beshlawi 7-5; Dennis Wishnowski (Feilding) & Linda Hughes (Marton) bt Reid & Ennis 7-2; Brian Gillard & Val McCall (L) bt Wishnowski & Hughes 7-6. Section II: Monica Huisman (RG) & Marilyn Vallance (M) bt L&G.Thompson 7-5, Reay & Scott 7-2, Highsted-Jones & Hunt 7-1; Lynda & Gordon Thompson (M) bt Reay & Scott 7-5; Chris Reay & Robin Scott (RG) bt Highsted-Jones & Hunt 7-3; Helen Highsted-Jones & Margaret Hunt (L) bt L&G.Thompson 7-5. Section III: Heather Sturgeon & Kaye Bird (Hawera) bt K.Thompson & Harrison 7-3, G.Bird & McKay 7-5; Keith Thompson & David Harrison (F) bt Hibbard & Rennie 7-6, G.Bird & McKay 7-2; Gillian Bird & Norma McKay (H) Bt Hibbard & Rennie 7-2; Nelson Hibbard & Lynne Rennie (F) bt Sturgeon & K.Bird 7-6. Section IV: Wally Richards & Daniel Hunter (L) bt B&P.Robinson 7-6, Piets & Birchall 7-3; Gordon Piets & Owen Birchall (F) bt B&P.Robinson 7-5, Francis & Kuhne 7-2; Bruce & Pat Robinson (Tasman) bt Francis & Kuhne 7-5; Fiona Francis & Kurt Kuhne (F) bt Richards & Hunter 7-6. Event final: Charlton & El Beshlawi bt Richards & Hunter 7-4, Sturgeon & K.Bird 7-3, Huisman & Vallance 7-4; Richards & Hunter bt Huisman & Vallance 7-3, Sturgeon & K.Bird 7-4; Huisman & Vallance bt Sturgeon & K.Bird 7-3. 5th to 8th: K.Thompson & Harrison bt L&G.Thompson 7-5, Reid & Ennis 7-2, Piets & Birchall 7-6; Piets & Birchall bt Reid & Ennis 7-3, L&G.Thompson 7-4; L&G.Thompson bt Reid & Ennis 7-3. 9th to 12th: G.Bird & McKay bt Reay & Scott 7-4, Wishnowski & Hughes 7-6, B&P.Robinson 7-4; Wishnowski & Hughes bt B&P.Robinson 7-6, Reay & Scott 7-4; B&P.Robinson bt Reay & Scott 7-5; 13th to 16th: Hibbard & Rennie bt Gillard & McCall 7-3, Highsted-Jones & Hunt 7-4; Francis & Kuhne bt Highsted-Jones & Hunt 7-5, Hibbard & Rennie 7-6; Gillard & McCall bt Francis & Kuhne 7-6, Highsted-Jones & Hunt 7-4.

**TUTAENUI SPORTS DAY**

Held on 14 January at Dan and Jane O'Leary's lovely property, Marton, with the sun beating down, making it a very hot day for all. The entries down a little on the previous year, especially in the show jumping rings. Plenty of riders in the lead rein and beginner rings - up a little in the two pony rings. The hack classes well supported. As usual, the younger riders enjoyed jumping small jumps and playing games. Prizes were given out to lead rein, beginner riders and games. These were sponsored by Prebble Equestrian Supplies, Palmerston North. Lunch time saw a lot of ponies and riders all dressed up for the fancy dress competition, judged by Barbara Hopkinson, from Bulls, with Jean Duncan helping. Some amazing outfits. Show jumping, show hunter and the round the ring hunter classes went without a hitch, with our first aid lady having nobody to see too; which is so good. A big thank you to Susanna Brice who fed all the judges, stewards and sponsors who came. As usual, a huge thank you to all who helped make the day a success, which includes the working bee held before the day. We cannot thank Dan and Jane O'Leary enough, for the use of the grounds. To our sponsors and to Pub Charity, another great big thank you, for without you the day could not go ahead. Here are a few results: champion small pony - Jayden Sorenson riding Minty. Reserve champion - Ana McVerry riding Jimmy.

Champion large pony - Jessica Brook riding Brookfield Tickety Boo. Reserve champion- Jamie Hogg riding Step it Up. Grand champion pony - Jessica Brook riding Brookfield Tickety Boo. Champion hack - Hana Bognuda riding Ted. Reserve champion - Chrissy Charles riding Highland Gem. Show jumping: Tutaenui open jump 1.20m. 1st - Christina O'Donnell riding Late Lunch. 2nd - Stephen Nickals riding Letino. 3rd - Laura Knight riding Aria. 4th - Dana Sutton riding Down Wind. Round the ring open hunter: 1st Stephen Nickalls riding Henry. 2nd Libby Rayner riding Jupiter. 3rd Stephen Nickalls riding Trudy. Round the ring open pony Hunter; 1st - Charlotte Sowry, 2nd - Harriet Spence-Jones, no 3rd place.

# SPECTACULAR SCENES UNDER THE ICE

In October, a team of scientists from New Zealand and Finland travelled to Antarctica for a scientific diving expedition under the ice.

Led by NIWA marine ecologist Dr Drew Lohrer, the aim of the expedition was to explore how climate change is affecting the marine biodiversity in Antarctica. A unique combination of species and isolation has provided an area largely unaffected by human activity.

The divers found that there have been surprisingly big changes in the coastal seafloor communities in just a few years.

“What used to be a very stable, sparse and food-deprived animal community on the seafloor, under the thick ice in New Harbour, is now much richer, with more species and higher densities of animals,” Dr Lohrer said.

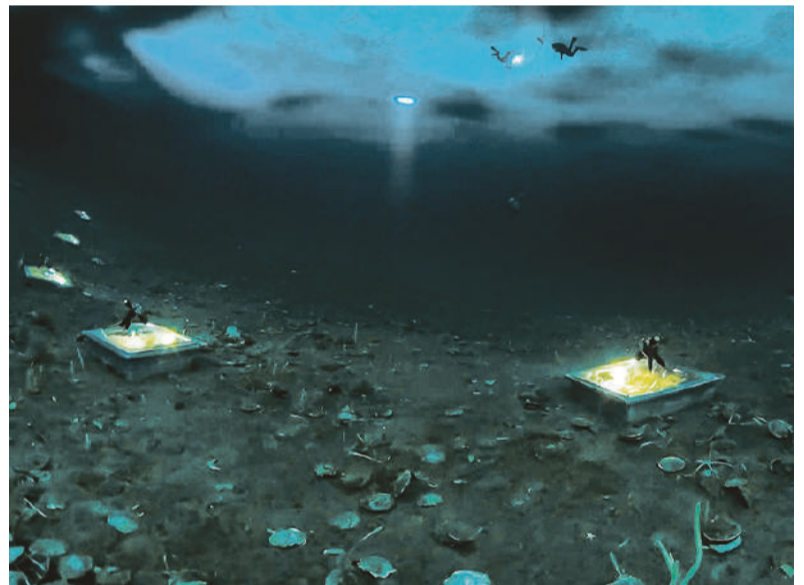
New Harbour sea ice can go for years without breaking out, and this multiyear ice can grow up to 4.5 metres thick. When the ice is thick, very little light can penetrate the ice to fuel primary production (for example algae) and therefore food supply to the animals on the seafloor is limited.

The rich community now observed is most likely a rapid response to the sea ice breaking out two years in a row, resulting in more light and higher productivity in the ecosystem.

While under the ice, divers captured spectacular images of the creatures they saw which they will use for further study.

**Picture below: University of Auckland PhD student Jen Hillman with a small catchbag and PVC barrel containing samples. Her tether (attached to her and an above-ice anchor point) extends upward to the main hole. An alternate or “safety” hole (upper left) is about 25m away. The sea ice at this site (Explorer’s Cove, New Harbour) was 3.5m thick and the depth of the seafloor about 19m.**

Photo by Peter Marriott.



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# All ages at annual Tutaenui Sports



Charlie Rayner (4) (left) on Pewter and Charlie Simpson (5) on Flower - placed first equal in the Best Kept Mount class of the Lead Rein section of the 68th Tutaenui Annual Sports Day held near Marton last Sunday. Both Charlies are members of Nga Tawa Pony Club.



Julia Bell leads a 'bumblepony' with little Emily Bell (2) on board - on her way to compete in the junior fancy dress section of this year's Tutaenui Sports, held at Dan and Jane O'Leary's property near Marton. The results of the Fancy Dress were: 1st Paige Smith, 2nd Emily Bell, 3rd Pearl Moana. Senior showjumping and sports carried on throughout the day.



Competing in the 10 & Under age group, horse jumping class, at the Tutaenui Sports. Results: 10 & Under, Class 1: 1st Yulana; riding Gloyn, 2nd Phoebe Rickard, 3rd Sophia Neale. Class 2: 1st Legend, 2nd Pheobe Rickard, 3rd Laura Walker. Class 3: 1st Campbell Sorensen, 2nd Pheobe Rickard.

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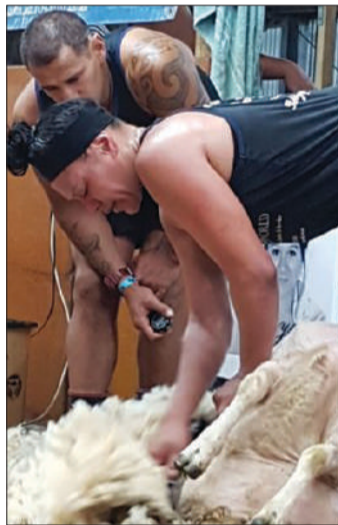
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# Tragic drowning of local student

A Marton Samoan family and school friends are in mourning after the drowning of 16-year-old Rangitikei College student Valentino Laki who had only been living in New Zealand for nine months with his adopted family. Ateliana Laki said she had adopted the teen, Valentino, from Samoa and he had only been living in New Zealand for nine months. He disappeared in the Rangitikei River near the SH1 Bulls Bridge when the family had gone to the river to cool off on Sunday afternoon. He had been in the water for about half an hour before he got into trouble around 5.30pm. River flows increased slightly after rainfall upstream. Sadly, he could not swim, according to his mother. The family called police just before 6pm and a search and rescue operation was launched. More than 40 members of the public and several cars were also at the scene on Sunday along with family members, a local jet boater and a rescue helicopter. They searched until the early hours; resuming on Monday morning. The body of the 16-year-old was recovered from the river, near Bulls, on Monday about 3pm. CNZ Police Inspector David White says, "The Police National Dive Squad recovered a body from the Rangitikei River near Bulls. The body was recovered from the river at around 3pm near the SH 1 Bulls Bridge, close to where the swimmer was last seen on Sunday. Police's thoughts and sympathies are with the boy's family and we are supporting them at this time. The matter will be referred to the Coroner. A rahui has been placed on the relevant section of the Rangitikei River by local iwi until further notice. Rangitikei College principal Tony Booker offered condolences to the Laki family and says "It is with great sadness that

our school community has learned of the tragic death of Valentino Laki whilst swimming last Sunday. "Valentino joined our school in July last year and was a friendly and cheerful character, always smiling, and he was adapting well to his new environment. He loved his rugby, was fast and skilful, and highly rated by his team. His death is a tragedy and we are all hurtinging." Valentino's funeral will be held on Friday at the Marton Memorial Hall.

## Female world shearing record set by Te Huia



**Kerri-Jo Te Huia during her world record shearing attempt on Monday, with brother Stacey in support. Photo: Jills Angus Burney.**

Female shearer Kerri-Jo Te Huia completed what has been described as an 'epic sporting feat' when she set the world shearing record in a nine-hour slog. Kerri-Jo is from a well-known former Rangitikei shearing family and joins her brother Stacey who also holds a shearing world record.

On Monday, Kerri-Jo shored 452 ewes at Otapawa Station, Tiraumea (east of Eketahuna) in Wairarapa, with brother Stacey Te Huia in support, to set a new record for the women's nine-hour strongwool ewe category.

Kerri-Jo, now from Te Kuiti, targeted the record for the most ewes shorn by a woman in a nine-hour-day under the rules of the World Sheep Shearing Records Society. She started at 5am and ended with 452 at the end of the 9 hour day.

There was currently no up to date record for the feat. Shearers present say Ms Te Huia had created a formidable world record, setting a tough challenge for up-and-coming female shearers.

Maureen Hyatt shored 522 ewes in the Southland 25 years ago, in a record which was in 1983, dispatched to a closed register after a restructuring of shearing record rules.

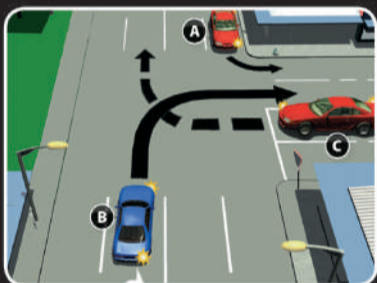
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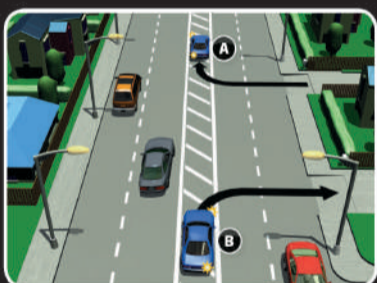
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**VIEWPOINT**



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

**Roadsafety concern**

I am very concerned about the safety of people using the southern entrance to the Whangaehu village. I have particular concern for those driving north who want to turn into the valley. They have very little time to make the judgement call to pull off SH3 ( to the left, where there is almost no shoulder) and so allow traffic to pass, or to pull into the right lane and force following traffic to the left. Street lighting for the southern entrance would help at night. It has been promised, but is yet to be installed.

I understand over 30 valley residents petitioned Transit (road transport agency) to put in a safer entrance to the valley. Unfortunately, the proposal to create a better situated entrance to the valley wasn't picked up by Transit because it wasn't deemed a necessary priority because (as I understand) no one has died there in the past 5 years. Many of us were disappointed by Transit's decision not to provide a new entrance to the valley. Certainly, some of our concerns were addressed in response by way of improvements to the northern entrance but till today the southern entrance is still a hazard. I believe the area is still unsafe and I worry if will it be me, my husband, one of my children, or a neighbour, that has to be killed before something is done to make it safer. I hope something can be done as soon as possible to ensure we live to have a happy new year!

**Anna Boerboom, Whangaehu.**

**Christmas Day fire near Bulls**

A Bulls house, owned by Pete and Andy - The Block stars, was extensively damaged in a Christmas Day fire. It caught fire while the occupants were out on Christmas Day. Firefighters were called to the fire at a Parewanui Rd house, about 1pm. Fire and Emergency NZ Whanganui area commander Gary Ward said three tankers and six fire trucks attended the blaze, which had spread to the home's roof, making it difficult to put out.

**OUTWARD BOUND DIVERSITY**

Scholarship applications are open for Outward Bound's Southern Cross 21-day course in the Marlborough Sounds. The course runs from 2 - 22 Feb and is for 18 - 26 year olds, from culturally diverse backgrounds, keen to learn more about cultural and ethnic diversity in NZ. Applicants need to be involved in their local community and be willing to share their experience. Applicants need to write in 300 words why they want to attend Outward Bound, what they hope to get out of the course, and why a scholarship would help you accomplish this. The scholarship covers the full course fee (\$4,349). Participants must cover some additional costs. Call 0800 688 927 for more information. [www.outwardbound.co.nz](http://www.outwardbound.co.nz)

**BITS n' PIECES**



**Rhythm in Bulls - free concert - Bulls Domain Sunday January 21 - 5pm to 9.30pm. Featuring the The Noodles...take the family along for some summer entertainment in the park.**

**Bulls Museum - open 10am -3pm daily.** Features: Chris Amon, Flockhouse, WW1 Mounted Rifles and Bess. New display: Sanson Tramway - January to May 2018.

**Granny's Grotto is open for visitors to the Country Music Festival and locals, on Friday from 10am to 2pm. in Broadway.**

**Marton Historical Society** Marton Museum and Archive Room will resume on Tuesday 30 January 2018. We will open by request though, for visitors and research. For opening requests, phone 06 327 6099 or 06 327 6063.

**Turakina Highland Games - Saturday January 27 at the Turakina Domain. \$10 entry U15 free.**

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**Marton Country Music Festival - this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Sir James Wilson Park.** See page 6 and 7 for lots more details.

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Marton Bridge Club invites you to an Introduction to Bridge evening on **Thursday 25th January at 7pm**. Leave your holster at the door.

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## Welcome rains lift spirits in drought-affected region

The significant rainfall in parts of the drought-affected North Island in the past couple of weeks has come just in time for many farmers and brought hope that the rural communities may have "dodged a bullet".

However, the rain was variable with some localised thunderstorms. Some farmers are still experiencing real hardship and feeling more frustrated when they miss rain that seems to fall all around, but not on, their farm.

To the west of the main divide, many areas received 60mm or more rain in early January, but areas along the coast received considerably less and remained worst-affected by the early drought. In Taranaki, up to 100mm fell in the driest areas around Pahiatua, while Dannevirke and Norsewood received 35mm. The NZ Drought Index and NIWA hotspot atch show a huge difference in soil moisture compared to the past weeks.

"In terms of soil moisture, if followed up with regular rainfalls, this could have been the drought-breaker we were all hoping for," says James Stewart, deputy chair of the Rural Coordination Group.

"Droughts, however, are slow to build up and slow to recover from. While the impacts of the relentless early summer dry are continuing to affect farmers here, we are hopeful that their drought plans have held them in good stead so they can recover as quickly as possible."

Due to the early hot dry summer, farmers had been unable to make and save much supplementary feed for later, or have been using their winter feed already. Some dairy farmers have needed to dry off or cull cows early, and bought in extra supplements. Identifying the longer-term impacts and planning for all the possibilities to get through winter will be crucial.

The cohesive Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons region) Rural Coordination Group made up of Rural Support Trusts, Ministry for Primary Industries, Civil Defence Emergency Management and representatives from Federated Farmers, Dairy NZ, Beef + Lamb NZ, and Fonterra, has been meeting regularly to monitor the situation and how farmers in the region are managing and what help and support can be offered. "We have resource for farmers who want support managing their feed budgets or understanding their options. They should call the local Rural Support Trust on 0800 RURAL HELP (0800 787 254) for a chat," says Mr Stewart.

"Federated Farmers has also activated its Feedline on its website, open to both members and non-members who want to request or offer feed. Plus there will be a range of community events to get people off farm, share ideas about what farmers can do in the current situation, and provide some relief from the daily pressures."

## New outlook tower at Mt Stewart

A new Mt Stewart summit lookout tower was formally presented to the town of Taihape by Friends of Mt Stewart Society and opened by Mayor Andy Watson on 21 December 2017. It was named the Les Thurston Tower in honour of the local who donated hundreds of hours clearing the native reserve of weeds. Mr Thurston was present the event but unaware that the tower was to be named after him until it was unveiled. Friends of Mt Stewart Society brought the community together to fundraise to build the new tower on Mt Stewart Reserve. The total cost is unknown at this stage, but many people have donated either their time, their business goods or made a financial contribution. Taihape Rotary originally built the iconic summit lookout tower on Mt Stewart Reserve in 1981 as a community service project. On 10 April 2013, a fire swept up the northern face of the reserve leaving the lookout tower condemned. Friends of Mt Stewart was formed in 2003 as an independent voluntary society to maintain the native forest on the Mt Stewart Reserve. The committee undertook to build a new summit lookout tower, with Taihape Rotary's support. Over 28 local businesses and individuals contributed generously in varying ways, to help Friends of Mt Stewart achieve their very worthy goal for the community.



At the opening of the new tower - Don Tantrum (FoMt Stewart president), Mayor Andy Watson and seated is Les Thurston. Others include Robert Auld, Tash Coogan and children (who contributed to the building of the tower).

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## Country Music stars line up



Last year, Lindsay Maindonald sang gospel. A Gospel music walk up is on Sunday.



Featured guest artists at the Marton Country Music Festival this year include award winners and familiar faces.

A winner of multiple Academy of Western Mists Awards, Joni Harms (right) is no stranger to success. She has been praised for her pure country voice, and has even performed in New York's famed Carnegie Hall.

Marian Burns is one of New Zealand's most iconic entertainers, having shared the stage with the likes of Ricky Skaggs and The Topp Twins.



She has played to audiences numbering over 100,000 at Coca Cola's Christmas in the Park.

The easy listening voice and cheeky giggle of Dennis Marsh is sure to delight audiences, while semi-retired Brendan Dugan (left), NZ's 1987 Entertainer of The Year, still loves taking the stage. The Festival is a great chance to experience the strongest voices in the New Zealand Country Music scene and beyond. There is an open mic sessions, singalongs, and more; so bring the kids for some good ol' fashioned country fun!



Left: Whanganui line dancers took advantage of the country sounds in 2017.

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## WEEKEND PROGRAMME



**Friday 19 January 2018**

Band: Los Vaqueros. MCs Owen Collis, Tony Stewart, Kevin Amohia & Others  
 1pm - Walk Up's begin  
 7.30pm - Invited Guests Concert - band: Los Vaqueros

**Saturday 20 January 2018**

MCs Owen Collis, Tony Stewart, Kevin Amohia & Others  
 9.30am - Walk Up's begin.  
 Band: Los Vaqueros  
 1pm - 4pm - Invited Guests Band: Hired Gunz  
 4pm - 5.30pm - Dinner Break (entertainment by Legal Tender)  
 5.30pm - 11pm - Showcase Concert - band: Hired Gunz

**Sunday 21 January 2018-**

Band: Los Vaqueros MCs Owen Collis, Tony Stewart, Kevin Amohia & Others  
 9.30am - 11am - Gospel Walk Up  
 11am - finish - Walk Up's

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# MARTON COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL



Marton Country Music Festival convenor John de Burgh hopes to see locals at the annual festival at Wilson Park this weekend. The event attracts hundreds of camper vans and a thousand plus visitors to Marton.

If you are a country music fan, the Marton Country Music Festival is the must-see local event of the summer. The festival is on this Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 of January at Sir James Wilson Park in Marton.

John says, "This year is set to be the best to date. The Marton Country Music Festival was created by a group of like-minded people who had a vision for a small gathering of country music enthusiasts to share a weekend of music and laughter together. Currently in its 13th year. The festival has grown from strength to strength and is now one of the most anticipated country music events around and a huge event for Marton and the Rangitikei District."

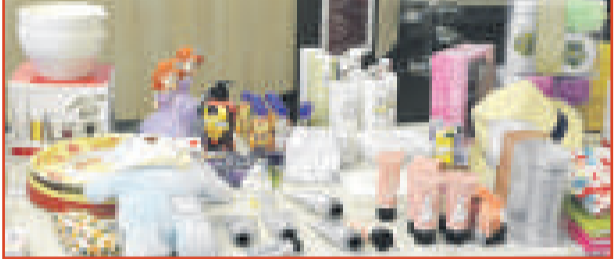
"The festival will once again feature a stellar line-up of national and international artists, with Joni Harms (USA), Marian Burns, Dennis Marsh, and Brendan Dugan headlining.

"The Marton Country Music Festival is a gathering of country music enthusiasts to share a weekend listening to and enjoying live country music. The Festival is now quite a huge event. Over the last 13 years it has become an event that is looked forward to by artists and public alike. As we move to our 14th year the enthusiasm grows even larger."



Country Music Festival convenor John de Burgh

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### Saturday Night Showcase Stars

Joni Harms, Brendan Dugan, Marian Burns, Dennis Marsh, Craig Robertson, Kylie Austin, Trevor Stevens, Carylann, Nikki Carlson, Ngarangi & Terina Sadler, Hayley Cole, Geoff & Teresa Herewini.



Joni Harms



Dennis Marsh



Brendan Dugan



Marian Burns

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For information - John De Burgh 027 290 3103

Email: info@martonfestival.co.nz

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**Public Notices**

**HUNTERVILLE RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION (INC)**

**2018 AGM**  
 RSA rooms Bruce Street  
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 Wednesday 14 February  
 2018 8pm  
**Agenda:**  
 President's Report  
 Presentation of Accounts  
 Election of Officers  
 General Business

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**BULLS RUGBY CLUB**  
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**MARTON GOLF CLUB**  
 Saturday 6 January 2018:  
 Summer Cup. Stableford;  
 19 starters: G Marshall 43,  
 H Bremner 40, S Duncan  
 40, G McLay 39, T Calkin  
 39, B Craig 39, K Feild 38,  
 A Stewart 37, C Williams  
 37. Being here: P Simpson,  
 T Hammond. Twos: 6th C  
 Williams, G Marshall, K Feild  
 17th C Williams, P O'Connor,  
 G McLay.

**RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB**  
 Wednesday 3 January 2018:  
 Rangitikei Tavern stableford:  
 Brian Francis 51pts, Steve  
 Boyens 46pts, Geoff Ingram  
 45pts, Stu De Burgh & Pire  
 Wehi 44pts, Lyndon Moore,  
 Brent Vann, & Neil Atkins  
 all 42pts, Neville Berendt,  
 Julian Elliot, Henry Potaka &  
 Bob Wilson all 40pts, Marion  
 Elliot 39pts, Peter Young  
 38pts, Joseph Tapper, Pat  
 Pearce & Ian Craig all 37pts.  
 Twos: Ron Harris, Neville  
 Berendt & Neil Atkins on the  
 3rd, Graemae Stephens &  
 Lyndon Moore on 16th. Lucky  
 draw: Rex Wilson. Saturday  
 6th January: Bulls Medical  
 Centre summer stableford:  
 seniors: Bronwyn Meads &  
 Tamati Anaru 40pts, Geoff  
 Ingram 39pts, Liz Kinloch 38  
 pts, Ron Harris 37pts, Kelvin  
 Burt & Daryl DeRidder 35pts.  
 Juniors: Manny Dreliozis  
 48pts, Derek Philipps 43pts,

*Sport continued on pg 11...*

**Public Notices**



**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings in  
**January and February 2018**

- Council**  
 Thursday 25th January at 9.30 am
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee**  
 Thursday 1st February at 7.00 pm  
*(Ben Nevis Hotel, State Highway 3, Turakina)*
- Turakina Community Committee**  
 Thursday 1st February at 7.30 pm  
*(Ben Nevis Hotel, State Highway 3, Turakina)*
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Subcommittee**  
 Monday 5th February at 3.00 pm
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee**  
 Thursday 8th February at 9.30 am
- Policy/Planning Committee**  
 Thursday 8th February at 1.00 pm
- Audit/Risk Committee**  
 Monday 12th February at 2.00 pm
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa**  
 Tuesday 13th February at 11.00 am
- Bulls Community Committee**  
 Tuesday 13th February at 5.30 pm  
*(Supper Room, Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls)*
- Rātana Community Board**  
 Tuesday 13th February at 6.30 pm  
*(Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street, Rātana Paa)*
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Subcommittee**  
 Wednesday 14th February at 4.00 pm  
*(Council Chamber, Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape)*
- Taihape Community Board**  
 Wednesday 14th February at 5.30 pm  
*(Council Chamber, Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape)*
- Marton Community Committee**  
 Wednesday 14th February at 7.00 pm  
*(Marton Community Garden, Centennial Park, Humphrey St, Marton)*
- Hunterville Community Committee**  
 Monday 19th February at 6.30 pm  
*(Library, Hunterville Town Hall, Bruce Street, Hunterville)*
- Finance/Performance Committee**  
 Thursday 22nd February at 9.30am
- Council**  
 Thursday 22nd February at 1.00pm
- All meetings are open to the public, unless there are specific items which Council resolves to consider 'public excluded'.
- At least two working days before any scheduled meeting, meeting papers are available online through the Council website or in hard copy at the libraries in Taihape, Marton and Bulls and the Marton Council office.
- All meetings, unless otherwise specified, will be held in the Council Chamber, 46 High Street, Marton.
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The flows will be at least 26 cubic metres per second for 5 hours (flows are released Tuesday 9pm to Wednesday 2am from Moawhango Dam). The flushing flow will result in an increased flow in both the Moawhango River (from Moawhango Dam) and the Rangitikei River on the following date:

◆ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Please ensure anyone using these rivers is aware of these flow changes**

If you have any questions or require further information please contact Chris Ormandy on 07 384 7209 or visit the Genesis Energy Website.

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**MARTON ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE**

The Marton Arts & Crafts Centre is pleased to offer the following classes for Term 1 2018, beginning February 5, 2018:

- Monday 1 - 3pm - Painting for beginners**
  - Tuesday 7 - 9pm - Drawing with confidence**
  - Wednesday 7 - 9pm - Patchwork**
  - Thursday 10am - 3pm - Weaving (fortnightly)**
  - Thursday 6.30 - 9pm - Pottery**
- All classes are suitable for beginners but non-beginners wishing to expand their skills are also welcome.  
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- Monday 9am - 12noon Porcelain decorating (fortnightly)**
  - Monday 7 - 9pm - Mosaic**
  - Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30am - Art/painting**
  - Tuesday 1 - 3pm - Quilting/sewing**
  - Tuesday 7 - 9pm - Drawing**
  - Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am - Quilting/sewing**
  - Wednesday 1 - 3pm - Quilting/sewing**
  - Wednesday 7 - 9pm - Needlework**
  - Wednesday 7 - 9pm - Pottery**
  - Friday 10am - 12noon - Embroidery (fortnightly)**
  - Friday 1 - 3pm - Embroidery (fortnightly)**
  - Friday 10am - 12noon - Patchwork (fortnightly)**
  - Friday 1 - 3pm - Patchwork (fortnightly)**
  - Saturday all day - Pottery (monthly)**

Enrolment day is at the Marton Arts & Crafts Centre at the corner of Signal and Grey Streets on Saturday January 27, 2018, 10am - 2pm.  
 Enrolments can be mailed to PO Box 270, Marton, 4741  
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This will be in effect between Friday 19 January and Saturday 27 January

- Roads to be closed:**  
 Taihauauru Street  
 Wharekauru Street  
 Tairawhiti Street

Please note there will also be temporary speed restrictions and one way streets marked in the Ratana area during this time

During the period of closure, if and when appropriate, provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic that would otherwise use the roads.

Ross McNeil  
**Chief Executive**