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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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## Spitfire's view from above

ANZAC Day turned out to be a fine day - which suited the three aircraft that took part in a commemorative flyover.

Pictured is a view over Marton of the WW2 Supermarine Mk 4 Spitfire, owned by Brendon and Shirley Deere, which is based at the Biggin Hill hangar at Ohakea airbase and was last week piloted by Squadron Leader Sean Perrett.

Thanks to the generosity of the Deere family, each ANZAC Day, for the past few years, the area has been treated to a flyover by the Spitfire and other aircraft from the Deere's historic collection. They foot the bill for what is an expensive exercise.

This year, the Spitfire was accompanied by two RNZAF Texan T-6C air training planes flown by Royal Australian Air Force flight instructor Alex Joel and NZAF pilot Flight Lieutenant Dan Pezaro.

The trio flew over Whanganui and Aramoho Cemetery as well as over Marton, Hunterville and Bulls.

Brendon Deere is the nephew of WW2 fighter pilot Alan Deere who was based at the RAF base at Biggin Hill and is NZ's most famous WW2 pilot.

The Spitfire was restored nine years ago after service in British, Italian, Israeli and Burmese air forces.



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# AT THE COUNCIL



Councillors had a large number of remits to discuss at last Thursday's Rangitikei District Council meeting. The remits included Horizons' Long Term Plan and to the NZ Transport Authority and Local Government NZ which are both in consultation mode. Mayor Andy Watson reported a good turnout to consultation meetings around the district. He said there was a high level of support for recycling at the kerbside and total support for the new building projects, with no dissenters. Subjects included drainage concerns at Scott's Ferry, roading in rural areas and a lot of people asking what economic development included.

In portfolio reports, Soraya Peke Mason said she had attended a Tribal meeting and received a favourable appraisal of Rangitikei's inclusive approach which includes inviting iwi to meetings. "Ruapehu was advised to take a look at what we do," she said. Richard Aslett's tourism portfolio report, told council of 328,843 hits in March on the Rangitikei.com website – massively up from 130,788 last year. Councillors agreed to cover the power costs, to allow the Taihape Pool to open earlier in the spring. The Taihape Pool will open in September, instead of November and in time for the school holidays and the beginning of the swim training season.

CE Ross McNeill reported that land at the Marton A Dam - is being prepared for subdivision. Resource consent would be needed for the five-lot subdivision that council has in mind. The total site area is 26.67 hectares

They also agreed to the reformation of the Santoft Domain Management Committee, comprised from the many names, put forward as willing participants.

Councillors waded through a list of remits to Local Government NZ put forward by other district councils. Submissions to Horizons Regional Council included a request to add Rangitikei to the proposed Horizons name change, in recognition of our river system. Rangitikei gave support for the Capital Connection train and for a Regional Facilities initiative as well as for regional development but asked for a common revaluation date on rates. Mayor Andy Watson plans speak to the overall submission.

Council will also send a letter to NZ Land Transport minister Phil Twyford presenting the Rangitikei case inclusion in the next government transport plan. RDC is not in favour of a generic speed reduction on rural roads. They asked for more effective public transport outside metro areas and better use of existing rail network. They pointed out Marton's excellent location as a main trunk junction for rail haulage requirements.

# Give Glamour idea keeps giving



Some very generous local women have donated their new and preloved ball gowns to a new fundraising idea - the Give Glamour initiative - and more are flowing in.

Give Glamour promotes individual beauty, in all shapes and sizes, while spreading glamour in the form of pre-loved ball dresses, available at an affordable price. The funds raised go to support organisations that help women in need.

Initiator of the Give Glamour initiative, Emily Rayner, is also one of the main organisers of the Marton Blue Tie Ball that raises funds for the region's rescue helicopter.

Emily says the Give Glamour idea sits well alongside the biennial charity ball. Emily is assisted by

Amanda Glasgow (BFa) a former Smokefree NZ Fashion Award finalist and ex UCol fashion tutor and other volunteers. Give Glamour intends to hold its first open weekend in Marton on the Saturday and Sunday of Queen's Birthday Weekend from 10am -3pm. The event will still be finalised.

All of the donated dresses will be sold at very affordable prices - between \$20 - \$50 - to women needing a ball dress for the upcoming ball season and all ages are welcome to attend the sale weekend. The organisers say, "We know every dress has a story – where it was worn and the happy times that were had – we encourage these memories to be shared with the next glamorous owner. Proceeds from the sale of the dresses will then be donated to the Marton Counselling Centre and to Women's Refuge."

Give Glamour only requests that all donated dresses be clean and in good condition. Dresses can be dropped off at the Rangitikei District Monitor in Marton.

Find them on Facebook "Give Glamour" to keep up to date with the most recently donated dresses.

Left: Examples of gowns already donated to the Give Glamour initiative.



## Join a Pink Ribbon brunch



Jasleen Singh, from Marton's Club Hotel, is keen to see a great turnout to their "Pink Ribbon Brunch"

The hotel is to host the event on Sunday 27 May. The brunch will raise funds for lifesaving research into breast cancer.

Nine New Zealand women a day are diagnosed with the disease and Jasleen says, "With your support, we can make a difference for the women affected by breast cancer in this country".

The Club Hotel is situated at 17 High St, Marton. The brunch will be served from 11.30am and the cost will be \$25 per head, with 20% of takings donated to the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Tickets are available from The Club Hotel.

"Come along, enjoy a leisurely brunch in the beautiful surroundings of The Club Hotel's dining room and show your support for this very worthwhile cause," she says.

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## VIEWPOINT



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

**Thanks from Bess Group**

It takes many people in a small community to achieve a successful commemorative service on Anzac Day. This year is the centennial of World War I ending.

Thank you to the Bulls community for your continued support of the Bess service on Forest Rd. Special thanks to the horses and riders, you were stars. The horses were so well behaved and the public enjoyed the close contact on such a lovely sunny day.

Purple poppies signify animals which have served in war and conflict. The talented local knitters made hundreds of beautiful woollen poppies for display.

Thanks to all the knitters and volunteers of the Bulls Museum for the joint window display in town.

Thanks also to the Scott's Ferry Rural Women for hosting the morning tea and to Ngati Apa for the use of their grounds.

Every year this event has grown, we hope to see old friends and make new ones - same time and place next year. Thank you all.

Heather Thorby, Bess of Flock House Group

## Nominations open for Youth Awards

Nominations for the Rangitikei Youth Awards 2018 are now open.

Rangitikei District Council is inviting anyone in the Rangitikei district to nominate young people between the ages of 12 -24, who have contributed to the community in a positive way.

There are several award categories: The Changemaker Award; Leadership; Giving Back; Youth for Youth; Youth with Disability; Eco Warrior and Youth Group.

The awards aim to recognise youth who have contributed significantly to the area by recognising a need and taking action or being a motivating influence; demonstrated initiative, commitment, perseverance and leadership.

Nominations can be made by anyone and will close on Monday June 4.

For more information please contact: Nardia Gower - nardia.gower@rangitikei.govt.nz

The winners will be decided by a panel comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and representatives from local iwi, schools and youth agencies.

## BITS n' PIECES



**Garage Sale St Stephen's Hall**, Maunder St, Marton. Saturday 5 May, 8.30am-noon. ph 021 201 4483. Huge variety of goods to sell. Come and browse.

**Rangitikei Heritage Weekend** - Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May - celebrates our local history in the five Rangitikei museums - Taihape, Hunterville, Marton, Mangaweka and Bulls. Theme is "Characters From The Past."

**Join Dementia Friends** - [www.alzheimers.org.nz](http://www.alzheimers.org.nz)

**Marton Players** - First Friday open walk up performance night - 7pm, Friday May 4.

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## Duckshooting 2018

### Prep and Cook Game Birds

Putting a good meal on the table can begin the moment you shoot a duck (pheasant, goose, etc). It's essential that your game meat be kept cool. If you leave them in the hot sun all day, probably even the dog is going to turn its nose up at them, as the meat will not only be green but pong as well!

Keep them cool by hanging in the shade. Do not leave them in a pile, as the heat gets trapped and will spoil the meat. Hang them by the head, not the feet, as this keeps any gut seepage away from the breast meat.

In a maimai, look for the cool side to hang game and shift carcasses if the rising sun should fall on them. Don't pile them up as this traps heat and again, they can go green.

An old trick is to take a strip off a flax leaf, thread this strip through the duck's beak, through its' nasal holes. You don't need to tie a knot if you run the flax round the beak and back under itself. Two ducks tethered this way fit over a nail easily and the air around them quickly cools the meat. If you're not able to process

the birds soon after you get home, hang them in a cool spot for a few days max. Sniff the meat when you process it. If it doesn't smell appetizing then, it's not. Don't put the processing task off any longer than strictly necessary. Gut that bird as soon as possible even if you don't pluck it until later.



**Game is lean. But this means that you can also dry it out all too easily and it can be as tough as old boots. You can bard the roasting bird with bacon strips and tie these on with string. The bacon fat keeps the bird moist. You can also use an oven roasting bag to keep juices in. If roasting, you can cover the roasting dish with tin foil, which seals everything in. Just remove it near the end; so the skin gets browned.**

### Avoid the spread of water pests - check, clean, dry

With duck shooting commencing on 5 May, Horizons Regional Council and the Ministry for Primary Industries are reminding everyone of the importance of cleaning equipment before swapping waterways.

Doing so will help avoid the spread of unwanted freshwater pests, including the invasive algae didymo.

Horizons biosecurity programme coordinator for plants Craig Davey says unwanted freshwater pests such as hornwort, pose a serious threat to our duck shooting waterways.

"Once in a waterway aquatic plant fragments can disperse and grow rapidly, destroying the environmental, recreational and aesthetic values of our waterways. We are asking hunters moving between waterways to check, clean, dry any equipment that has come into contact with river or lake water - particularly decoys and boots.

"Some freshwater pests, like didymo and lake snow, are microscopic and can be spread by a single drop of water. It is very easy to spread pests without knowing you are," explains Mr Davey.

Before leaving a waterway, people should check items and leave behind any weed or debris they find.

All items should then be cleaned for at least one minute, with a five percent solution of biodegradable dishwashing solution. This is approximately one tablespoon of detergent per 250ml.

Water absorbent materials, such as boots, require longer soaking times to allow thorough saturation.

"Drying will kill didymo, but even slightly moist items can harbour didymo and other microscopic pests for months. To ensure didymo cells are dead by drying, the item must be completely dry to the touch, inside and out, then left dry for at least another 48 hours before use," says Mr Davey.

"Following these simple procedures will help slow freshwater pests like didymo from spreading throughout our waterways. It's everyone's responsibility to try preserve the environmental integrity of our waterways for future generations."

For more information about freshwater pests visit [www.mpi.govt.nz/check-clean-dry](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/check-clean-dry)

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## Marton Arts and Crafts Centre

At our last exhibition opening, the organisers of The Learning Connection travelled from Wellington to be with us. They were so impressed by our arts centre they have presented us with a wonderful incentive.

If you have wished to learn more about art, but can't afford travel to university or pay fees, they have offered the opportunity for eight or more members to sign up for the certificate course at TLC - The Learning Connection - one year, part time - for free.

Two centre members are already in the diploma course, in which they are offered support and advice. Classes you take at the centre form part of the course. You don't need to have a portfolio of work as the course is designed for complete beginners, who want to explore their creativity, experiment with a huge range of art and craft and focus on playing and exploring.

You can also visit the campus (in Taita) for courses and workshops at any time; for no charge.

So, for the cost of membership at the centre, any supplies, workshop and class fees, this makes an ideal start off in a new direction for those interested.

We look forward to your call for more information on the TLC experience and centre membership. Please contact Belinda Howard on 327 4215 or email president@martonartsandcrafts.co.nz

## Forest & Bird Update

There was an excellent attendance at the Forest & Bird 2018 AGM last month. Graeme Smith, Kate Williams and Nigel Bowen were re-elected to the positions of chair, secretary and treasurer respectively. We thank them for their hard work in the past year. A full committee was also elected and we look forward to an exciting programme this year.

The nature reserves are in good condition and Hugh Stewart continues to wage war on intrusive plants, including an invasion of Japanese walnut trees in the McPherson's Bush Reserve. Anyone who has time to assist him with this never-ending task is welcome to give him a ring (06 327 8064).

Diana Stewart shared interesting photos and information about a visit to the Faroe Islands and Iceland where they eat mutton every day, if not for every meal. The environment is very challenging, with little vegetation or trees.

On Wednesday 9 May at 7.30 pm, Graeme and Anne Smith will give an illustrated talk about time spent travelling down the coast of Portugal from Lisbon to Faro, near the Spanish border. They saw a number of interesting botanical species, before travelling on to Scotland briefly. They finally stopped in San Francisco, where they heard about successful reclamation of sand dunes one hundred years ago, to create the spectacular Golden Gate Park.

Our autumn/winter meetings will be held, as usual, in the Milne Room, St Andrews Church, Broadway, Marton followed by a light supper.

## Bulls Friendship Club

For our last meeting in April, we welcomed back our favourite pianist Alan Basset. Alan has not had a good year so far and so it was a real pleasure to see him for the first time this year. As usual, he played a wide variety of music to please the old ears and I find it amazing how many notes he seems to hit simultaneously, as he works his way through his programme. We look forward to welcoming him back later in the year. Next week, our guest is Lyn Pollock. The Bulls Friendship Club meets at the Bulls Friendship Hall on Fridays at 2pm. By the terms of our charitable status, anybody over the age of sixty can join and we will even sometimes make exceptions. For further information, you can just turn up or you can ring our president Elaine Jeffree on 06 322 1494.

## Marton Historical Society

Do you have a copy of the National Cookery Book by Una Carter?

Una Isabel Carter was born in August 1890 at Tutaenui. She was the daughter of William and Selina Carter. She inherited a keen interest in cooking at home from her mother. In May 1913 she was being employed by the Wellington Gas Company, doing demonstrations and classes in cooking. Becoming increasingly sought after and popular for cooking, she was judging competitions. During WW1 her demonstrations focused on food shortage and were well received. There was a growing request for recipes; hence the publication of "The National Cookery Book," in 1918, containing 400 recipes and many other cookbooks followed. She demonstrated at the Wellington Centennial Exhibition in 1940. Una Carter married Albert Stanley and later, when he passed away, went to live in England in 1950. Una died in London in 1954, a lady from Tutaenui, greatly acknowledged for her cookery skills. Contact Marton Historical Society.

# Yoga centre is one!

The NZ Yoga Centre in Marton opened a year ago, bringing a wide range of classes and workshops to the local community. Ali Hale Tilley, centre director and head teacher, found the move from Wellington to Marton "a very rewarding and uplifting experience." People come to the centre from as far away as Taihape, Palmerston North and even Wellington, attending one of the 10 weekly classes. Young, old, stiff, supple, "You don't need to touch your toes to come to yoga, you only need to get down on the floor and up again..."

with relative ease. Men have been coming too. Yoga is not just for women."

Tilley has also presented workshops on Gut Health, Sleeping Well, as well as masterclasses for yoga enthusiasts. With a Master's degree in 'NZ Yoga Communities' from Victoria University, 12 years teaching yoga under her belt and 17 years as a fitness professional, Ali's classes are tailored for individuals. Two brave locals even ventured to India's Himalayas last year with Ali and her yoga group. If you want a yoga experience that is more than just exercise, Ali's classes are a great way to stay happy and healthy all year round.



A yoga class in Marton at the NZ Yoga Centre - celebrating its first year.

## New Marton Lion



A new member was last week inducted into the Lions Club of Marton. Pattie Furniss (right) was welcomed into Lions at a meeting on Tuesday 24 April. Lion Karen Cook (left) sponsored her and David Hammond performed the induction.

Prior to the induction, club members listened to guest speaker Thomas Welch, who spoke about his hemp farming business.

Lions' next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 May at 6pm, at Cooks Bar. Ring president Rod, if you want like more information.

## Marton Friendship Club

A lovely warm day and a good turn up of members. Liz Syms, Joy and Marion (The Glen Croft Group)- piano, ukulele and song, was our entertainment. Raffles won by Les, Dawn R, Tari, Olly, Melva and Gina. The monthly raffle donated by Deana Scarbrough, was won by Olly out of the group. Our pianist was Liz with some good old instruments. Black and White Rag, Scotland the Brave and many up dancing to the lively numbers. Joy and Marion accompanied with ukulele and good voices sang If you Ever Go Across The Sea To Ireland, Dear Old Glasgow Town and many more. Our musicians always spoil us. Wendy and Derek have returned from their South Island break (rain, hail and wind) purchased some warm clothes - then the sun came out. But they did miss most of the storm. Members - a committee meeting this Friday 12.30pm. Hall is in Morris St and will be open at 1pm, programme starts 2pm. Afternoon tea and a warm welcome to all. Entertainment this Friday us a games day. Quiz, housie or a chat - you choose.

## Marton Contract Bridge Club

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## FROM THE PULPIT



We celebrated Easter last month and the rest of the year rolls on. But I wanted to stop and reflect on how the events of Easter can affect the rest of the year and even the rest of our lives.

The following is a reflection on Good Friday, summarised from an article in the You Version Bible app.

"Death Was Arrested - It was the single most horrible day in the history of the world. No suffering has ever been so unfitting. No human has ever been so unjustly treated, because no other human has ever been so worthy of praise. No one else has ever lived without sin. No other human has ever been God himself. No horror surpasses what transpired on a hill outside Jerusalem almost two millennia ago. And yet we call it "Good" Friday.

**Judas meant it for evil** - Judas wasn't the first to plot against Jesus but he was the first to "deliver him over." The schemes against Jesus began long before Judas realized money might be available to a mole. Jesus had seen it coming. He told his disciples ahead of time, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes." (Matthew 20:18).

**Jewish leaders meant it for evil** - But Judas didn't act alone. Jesus himself had foretold that "the chief priests and scribes would condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified." (Matthew 20:18-19). And it unfolded according to plan. "The band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested him and delivered him to Pilate (John 18:12, 30). As Pilate would acknowledge to Jesus, "Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me," (John 18:35). On the day God's chosen Messiah was grossly and unjustly executed, the human agents of evil, standing at the helm, were the formal officers of God's chosen people. Fault would not be limited to them, but to them much had been given and much would be required (Luke 12:48).

**Pilate meant it for evil** - In a web of wickedness, guilty parties serve their complementary roles. The Jewish leaders drove the plan, Judas served as catalyst and Pilate too, had his own part to play, however passive. He would try to cleanse the guilt from his conscience by publicly washing his hands of the whole affair, but he was not able get himself off the hook. As the ranking Roman onsite, he could have put an end to the injustice he saw unfolding in front of him. He knew it was evil. Both Luke and John record three clear instances of Pilate declaring, "I find no guilt in him." Yet, ironically, finding no guilt in Jesus became the cause for Pilate's guilt, as he bowed to what seemed politically expedient, in the moment.

**The people meant it for evil** - The rank and file played their part. They allowed themselves to be incited by their conniving officials. They called for the release of a man they knew was guilty in place of a man who was innocent. And soon enough, we come to find that it's not only Judas, Pilate, the leaders and the people who are implicated. We see our own evil, even as we see through the blackness of this Friday to the light of God's goodness: we delivered him over. "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3). Jesus was "delivered up for our trespasses" (Romans 4:25). "He gave himself for our sins" (Galatians 1:4). "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). What we meant for evil, God meant for good.

**God meant it for good** - God was at work, doing his greatest good in our most horrible evil. As Peter would soon preach, Jesus was "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). God wrote "good" on the single worst day in the history of the world. And there is not one day - or week, month, year, or lifetime of suffering - not one trauma, not one loss, not one pain, momentary or chronic, over which God cannot write "good" for you in Christ Jesus. Satan and sinful man meant that Friday for evil, but God meant it for good and so we call it Good Friday." Jesus overcame death that day and He now offers life to all who will accept it. Will you?

Andrew Marsh, Marton Bible Chapel

## HEALTH SCENE

### Eye & Medical Care Trust donates CT scanner

## Outside the Box

### GOOD GRIEF – What not to say.

This morning my husband learnt that his mother had died. There has to be a certain irony about that when one is in the middle of writing articles to do with grief.

I felt urged to write an article on "What not to say."

It started with people with truly genuine intentions saying really dumb things.

Grief is not comfortable it can be an incredibly uncomfortable thing for people to sit with especially people who wish or want to comfort the recently bereaved.

But there are some things I would recommend that you don't say to someone who has just been bereaved. (Whilst these comments are well intentioned, for many reasons, which I won't go into in this article, they are not helpful).

"They have had a good innings; I have been praying for their release; I know exactly how you feel; time is a healer; they had a good life, it was their time; God looked down and decided it was their time to go; you will be ok; there is a reason for everything".

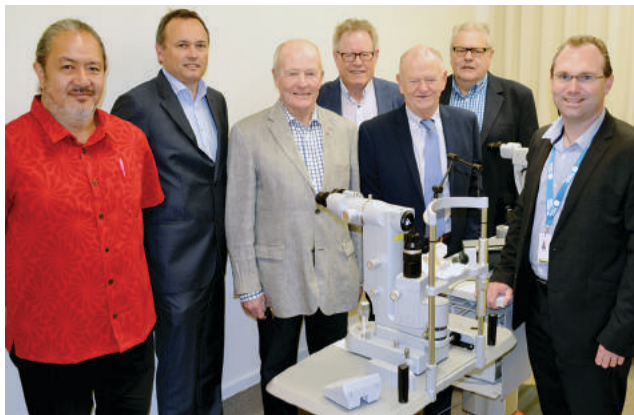
However, please do consider giving the recently bereaved a hug, you don't have to say anything, you can just hold their hand tightly and give it a squeeze as you pull away.

Do say, "I want you to know I am thinking of you." Do take around a meal. When someone has died, practicalities like eating food can be forgotten, as the bereaved struggles to barely comprehend what has just happened. Cooking a meal can take too much energy, which the bereaved doesn't have at that point in time. Maybe pop their washing out or vacuum the lounge for them, or simply make them a cup of coffee/tea.

It may be that you simply sit and let them talk, or there may be long silences that don't need to be filled. After a few well-meaning but really unhelpful comments had been said to my husband, I said to him, "I suspect the discomfort others sit with, is really their own".

"The death of a mother is the first sorrow wept without her." Author unknown.

Lynley Le Pine-Roulston  
Counselling Centre Marton Ph 3275245



From left: Wanganui Eye and Medical Care Trust members P.J Faumui, Matt Doyle, Mike Webber, Alan Mangan, Richard Moore, Warren Ruscoe and WDH B chief Russell Simpson with the YAG laser gifted to the board.

The Wanganui Eye and Medical Care Trust had great pleasure this week handing over to the WDH B a new CT scanner for the Radiology department and a YAG laser for the Ophthalmology department, which together, are valued at \$1 million.

Over the years, the trust has provided the WDH B with close to \$8 million worth of equipment, which WDH B chief executive Russell Simpson says has been an extraordinary, and much appreciated gift.

Mr Simpson and trust chairman Richard Moore paid tribute to the public and many charitable organisations who support the trust and make the donations possible.

"I particularly want to thank the Four Regions Trust (previously Powerco) which provided a very significant donation towards the newest CT scanner and YAG laser," Mr Moore says.

The Wanganui Eye and Medical Care Trust was formed in 1989 for the purpose of helping the WDH B obtain essential medical equipment for the medical services they provide to the Whanganui region.

"The arrangement the Trust has with the WDH B is that any equipment acquired must only be used in the Whanganui region. This has been a major part of their marketing campaign when making appeals to the public," Mr Moore says.

While the Wanganui Eye and Medical Care Trust was initially formed to provide essential eye equipment, its role has widened over the years to include the gifting of diagnostic equipment including MRIs and CTs.

The trustees are unpaid volunteers.

## Real Life Therapy by Shirley Henderson

### Golf

I played golf today. Well, I went out with a whacker, a chipper and a putter... and had a go! It was a school fundraiser and very well supported. The day was lovely, the course beautiful and it made for an extremely pleasant experience.

Our group of friends were all non-golfers. It made for a lot of laughs and a few 'near misses' for the poor sheep on the course. While we were fresh and concentrating well, our shots were erratic but generally heading in the right direction. As the day wore on, we became more tired and a few wild and hairy flights took place from club vs ball.

My mind was the same. While fresh, I was concentrating well, keeping my eye on the ball, lining up and swinging with some form. (Just call me Tiger from now on!) However, this changed. Although I was still trying just as hard, it was more difficult to bring together all that was required to execute the shot.

After a series of slice hits, topped hits and completely missing the ball altogether, I realised that I was just trying too hard. I decided to breathe, relax and just let the body flow.

Now I can't say that what followed was stunning golf, but it did make it easier, more fun and added a freedom to what I was doing that allowed me to enjoy the moment.

The key was letting go and just being. It's such a power - meditation without the pressure - to be still and clear the mind. I realised the power of being able to tap into this mindset and that it was a skill that I could develop with practice.

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# RANGITIKEI LINE BULLETIN

## INTERIM SANTOFT DOMAIN COMMITTEE

At its meeting on 26 April 2018, Council agreed to re-establish the Santoft Domain Management Committee, members will be those who expressed interest at the public meeting at the Domain earlier in April. The terms of reference will be those used for the McIntyre Reserve Committee, which includes approving leases over the area. The first meeting of the interim committee is on 2 May 2018, 7.00 pm in the Bulls Town Hall Supper Room.

## REMITTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND

Council agreed to support a number of remits proposed by neighbouring councils at a recent zone meeting. The remits include increasing the Government's rates rebate to low income property owners; providing greater protection for heritage buildings; implementing a more equitable rule for the Earthquake Commission around land reinstatement; ensuring a stronger voice for communities and councils in developing local alcohol policies; and investigating a road pricing policy which would incentivise using the most efficient use of transport routes (not necessarily the shortest one).

The remits will be considered at the Local Government NZ Annual Conference in July.

## ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY AND PROSECUTION POLICY

Up until now Council lacked a document which sets out the principles and processes for achieving regulatory compliance. That has changed with

the adoption of the 'Enforcement Strategy and Prosecution Policy' (now available on Council's website). This Policy relates to Council's responsibilities for the environment, building safety, food safety, alcohol consumption in public places, and the control of dogs and other animals.

Council aims to be fair and consistent with regard to the circumstances, so there is a carefully defined process for investigation and response. Ultimate enforcement action, i.e. prosecution, must be approved by the Chief Executive.

## MEMBERS OF TE ROOPU AHI KAA

Council previously invited Te Roopu Ahi Kaa (Council's Iwi Advisory Committee) to nominate a representative for Council's standing committees with full speaking and voting rights. Te Roopu Ahi Kaa accepted that invitation and Council agreed to the nomination of Carol Raukawa-Manuel (Ngā Ariki Turakina) to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and Tracey Hiroa (Ngati Whitikaupeka) to the Policy Planning Committee, who will attend these meetings from May.

## SUBMISSIONS TO GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS

During the past month there have been a number of proposals from the Government which are relevant to the Rangitikei. Council has submitted on the legislation proposing a regional fuel tax - while road tolling is a much more specific funding source, it wouldn't be suitable to fund the cost of upgrading the Taihape-Napier Road, if this was necessary before

it was taken over as a state highway. Council has supported the proposal to allow public funding to be provided to KiwiRail.

The Government Policy Statement on land transport puts greater emphasis on safety and using different modes of transport - i.e. rail, cycling and walking, and public transport. Council's submission agrees with these changes, which could mean revival of Marton as a major rail junction and consideration of Ohakea as a regional freight hub alongside the present military operations - both would contribute to the resilience of our region.

## SUBMISSION TO HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Council approved a submission to Horizons Regional Council's consultation document 'Shaping our region's future', supporting continued action on the regional economic action plan ('Accelerate 25') and the principle behind the proposed regional facilities fund. The Whanganui velodrome roof project would be the first call on that fund; other facilities to be assisted by grants from this fund have yet to be finalised, although a list of possibilities has been drawn up by Sport Whanganui and Sport Manawatū.

Council will also request improved passenger transport links between Marton/Bulls and Palmerston North and Whanganui.

## LONG TERM PLAN CONSULTATION

The last of the Mayoral public meetings will be held on 2 May. Submissions close at noon on 4 May, with oral hearings being held on 16 and 17 May.

# Local firefighters taking on Stair Climb Challenge

On May 19, both the Hunterville Stair Climb Team 2018 and the Taihape Stair Climb team are amongst 950 firefighters to take on the 1,103 stairs of Auckland's Sky Tower for the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge raising funds for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ.

The firefighters will walk and run up 51 flights of stairs (1,103 steps) climbing 328 metres up Auckland's Sky Tower, the tallest building in the southern hemisphere while carrying up to 25kg of kit.

Last year, Hunterville firefighters Trish Richmond, Murray Richmond and Jax Robertson completed the attempt.

You can contact both local fire brigades if you want to sponsor their effort.

This year firefighters taking on the stairs range in age from 16 to 76 years old will gear up with full firefighting kit and breathing apparatus weighing up to 25kg.

Across New Zealand, close to 200 brigades and their firefighters are holding fundraisers such as car washes, sausage sizzles and quiz nights. More unusual events include hypnotist evenings and guessing the number of Lego bricks in a 10kg fire truck.

To date, firefighters have raised over \$400,000 towards a fundraising target of \$1 million.

The funds raised will help Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ run its vital nationwide service supporting Kiwis and families, living with a blood cancer.

Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ GM Georgie Hackett says the support from brigades and their local communities is humbling.

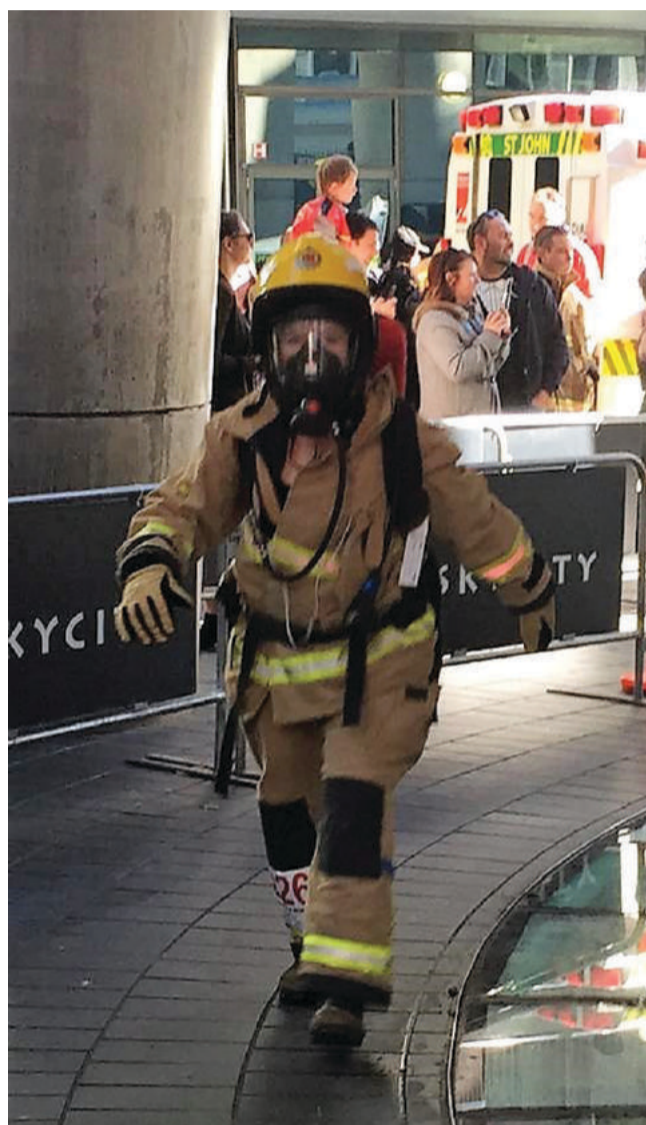
"We are so grateful for the tremendous generosity and hard work of firefighters participating in the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge.



"This fundraising is the backbone of our service and helps us grow our vital support for families living with blood cancer in their communities right across the country."

The Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge is sponsored by Skycity and Auckland Airport. Skycity Auckland hosted the first Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge in 2005 and the event has gone from strength to strength every year.

"We're so proud to have Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ as a charity partner and to have an icon like the Sky Tower that has enabled this incredibly successful fundraising event that has raised nearly \$6 million over the past 13 years," says Brad Burnett, GM Skycity Hotels and Sky Tower.



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## Make the pledge - ensure you and your passengers wear seatbelts

This week is Road Safety Week and Horizons Regional Council would like to see all drivers making the pledge to ensure everyone in their vehicle is belted up on every journey or in an approved child restraint.

Horizons road safety coordinator Glenda Leitao says the number of people killed on NZ roads, while not wearing a seatbelt, has increased over the last few years and is a major cause for concern.

"Having 100 people die in a year because they chose not to wear their seatbelt or ensure their passengers were correctly restrained is such a waste of lives.

"The statistics show that if you are involved in a crash and have your seatbelt on, you reduce your chance of death or serious injury by 40 percent. It's a no-brainer to get in a vehicle and make it click," says Mrs Leitao.

Glenda Leitao regularly works with Plunket and Police promoting seatbelt safety messages, and says she has heard it all when it comes to excuses for not wearing seatbelts.

"Some think it's not cool to wear them, others find it a hindrance to put it on, particularly if they are only going a short distance. Some even clip the seatbelt in behind them to stop the alarm going off."

Of particular concern to Mrs Leitao are the numbers of children not being restrained properly.

"Children up to the age of seven need to be in an approved child restraint. However, the recommendation is that children continue to travel in a booster seat until they are 148cm tall," explains Mrs Leitao.

Although many parents think they have installed the child restraint correctly, many have not. It is only when they are stopped at a child restraint check that the parents are informed their child restraint is not installed correctly.

"The checks we do with police and Plunket focus more on education than enforcement so, when we come across a problem, we do what we can to assist the parent to get things right.

"Most of the time, the intervention is seen as positive. However, we have had a couple of occasions where a driver wasn't wearing their seatbelt while travelling with children, and did not take too kindly to receiving an infringement notice.

"Parents play an important role in modelling the correct behaviour to their children. If children see the parent being blasé about wearing a seatbelt, it is highly likely they will grow up with the same attitude. No parent wants to see their child hurt or killed, when it could have been prevented, had they been restrained," says Mrs Leitao.

Make the pledge this Road Safety Week. When travelling in vehicles, always belt up and make sure friends and family do the same.

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**Decide who's good**

Customer voting in Z Energy's annual nationwide community funding programme, Good in the Hood, kicked off on 1 May. Good in the Hood gives over a million dollars every year to around 800 Kiwi groups doing good for people or the environment in the areas around the country's 200-plus Z service stations.

Every Z service station has chosen four groups in their own neighbourhoods to support in 2018 and will share \$4000 between them. Locals will determine what percentage of the funding goes to each group by voting with an orange token each time they shop at Z in May. Gerri says Good in the Hood gives the local service stations the choice of which groups to support. "We reckon the people working and living in each area know best what change or help is most needed in their communities," Gerri said. On top of the \$4000 in May, every Z service station has an additional \$1,000 to use for discretionary Good in the Hood neighbourhood support in 2018. Voting runs throughout May. Visit [www.z.co.nz/goodinthehood](http://www.z.co.nz/goodinthehood).



**AgTech Hackathon this weekend**

What's a Hackathon you might ask? It's an online event during which teams brainstorm, develop, problem solve and create a solution to a problem put before them, all the while, mentored by industry experts. AgTech Hackathon Manawatu (presented by CEDA and powered by Microsoft, Accelerate25 and BCC) connects smart farmers with smarter on-farm solutions. The Hackathon will enable our farming community to present on-farm opportunities and challenges to technology experts, who can then creatively solve these problems; drawing on their hardware and software programming skills, together with corporates who use their business experience to bring teams together integrating the bigger picture into their solution. This year Mat Hocken and James Stewart put a challenge to the local community during New Zealand AgriFood Week, to identify water problems in their day to day lives. Problems were chosen and announced mid-April, allowing participants to begin working on solutions before the competition begins. From May 3 teams will form, and work will begin on water solutions. Over two days teams will be put to the test as they hack away at their solution, ready to present at a Dragons Den on May 5. Successful solutions will lead to business opportunities and products could ultimately end up in market, helping to make farmer's work more efficient, all around the world. Manawatu's AgTech Hackathon is designed to not only help solve problems but enable a connection and conversation between our rural and urban communities.

**Erosion control works underway upstream of Bulls Bridge**



Horizons Regional Council is asking the public to watch out for heavy machinery as erosion control work at the recreational area, upstream of Bulls Bridge on the Rangitikei River, is undertaken. Horizons area engineer Wayne Spencer says the work will create a high flow channel across an inside bend to encourage flood water through this route. "The intention of this work is to relieve pressure and erosion on the true left bank, during flood events," says Mr Spencer. "We also hope to reduce the intensified meander pattern of the river currently present on that stretch which slows down flood flows. Please be aware that heavy machinery will be in this area intermittently over the coming months." Mr Spencer says the recreational functions of the area will be reinstated where practicable. "The area will essentially be the same as it was prior to the work, however, people will need to be aware that during flood flows there may be water where there wasn't previously. "Subsequent to these works, we may create a more permanent channel in approximately the same path as the overland flow channels. However, this work will require resource consent and we are currently looking at what this entails. "The current work is being undertaken as a permitted activity as the redistribution of gravels can occur when its part of a river and drainage scheme. In this case, that is the Rangitikei River Scheme." The work has come about following an external report completed in March that highlighted problematic areas on the Rangitikei River. Works are expected to be completed by the end of May. Before work got underway, Horizons considered Rangitikei River values; such as the water supply value for Sanson, Bulls and Ohakea; the impact on fish; and the fact that it is a site of significance for dotterals.



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

**McDonald's Bulls under new management**



**Restaurant manager Junita Foster and new McDonald's Bulls owner Dan Pitchforth, in the Bridge St store.**

Dan Pitchforth is now the owner/manager of three McDonald's franchises in the Manawatu and Rangitikei. Dan recently added the Bulls store to his stable, having owned the Feilding and Taihape restaurants for the past five years. Dan started working in McDonald's restaurants while he was still at Palmerston North Boys' High School, in the 1990s. He later went on to complete a business degree at Massey University, before venturing into business for himself. Bulls McDonald's, at 95 Bridge St, is open 7 days a week from 6am. On Sunday through to Thursday, the 'fast food' restaurant closes at 11pm, and on Friday & Saturday they remain open until midnight. Employing around 35 full and part-time workers from the local region, Dan is always on the lookout for new staff. Five of his current staff are managers, with long-term employee Junita Foster the restaurant manager. Situated on SH1, McDonald's Bulls is a popular stopping off point for travellers on their way north or south. It is also well patronised by locals from Bulls, Marton and surrounding areas. Dan is focused on customer satisfaction, is determined to do everything he and his staff can to maintain high quality service... and welcomes customer feedback. Dan says, "At McDonald's, we are always keen to support the communities in which we operate."

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**RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB**

Wednesday 25 April: stableford: Neville Berendt 42pts, Tamati Anaru, Hone Morris & Pire Wehi 39pts, Lyndon Moore 37pts, Dan Scotson, Nic Bligh, Kelvin Burt, Geoff Ingram, Graemae Stephens & Joe Yorke 36pts, Neil Atkins & Bill Ward 35pts, Ash Reed & Nepia Andrews 34pts, Rob Giles, Tony Climo, Joseph Tapper, Scot Ewens, Stu De Burgh, Clive Robinson & Ron Harris 33pts. Twos: Kelvin Burt & Lyndon Moore 3rd, Neville Berendt 5th. Best stableford on holes 10 & 11 - Polly Perkins 6pts. Lucky draw - Lynne McDonald. Par: seniors: Wallace Millar +4, Kelvin Burt & Geoff Ingram +3, Hone Morris +2, Murray Bruhn sq, Bronwyn Meads & Jason Harris -2. Juniors: Scott Ewens +4, Joe Yorke +2, Linda Harris & Dan Scotson +1, Ash Reed sq, Tony Carne -1, Manny Dreloziz & Bryan Northcott -2. Twos: Manny Dreloziz & Hone Morris 3rd. Bronwyn Meads 16th.

**MARTON GOLF CLUB**



**Anzac tournament winners Troy Calkin and Peter Singer**

Saturday 21 April; voucher P Simpson, P Singer +4 C Murphy +1 A Fleming +1 G Marshall square H Bremner -1 G Mclvor -1 D Singer -1 B Beck -1 R McDermott -1 D Angove -1. Jackpot, 12 balls: M Jones, T McVerry. Anzac Day tournament, 25 April, sponsored by Cooks Bar. ANZAC Cup, best local stableford, P Singer 46. Tin hat, best local cross, T Calkin 38. Men's div 1: H Bremner 38, J Murray 38, G Mclver 37, C Murphy 36, T Munn 35, M Jones 35. Men's div 2: R Win 41, H Potaka 41, R Ellery 40, D Clark 38, B Craig 37, G Jongen 37. Men's div 3: C Bary 39, B Keena 38, D Bartlett 37, B Poppe 36, B Beck 36, R McDermott 36. Ladies div 1: A Bary 40, R Rainey 39, D Gilmour 36, C Skou 35. Ladies div 2: M Poppe 38, L Belsham 37, A Fleming 35, L Peina 35. Closest to pins: 3rd T Munn, 6th T Calkin, 12th C Skou, 17th L Belsham. Non-golfers: \$15 N Rhodes, wine J Simpson. Twos: 3rd M Peina, D Clark, 6th T Calkin. Saturday 28 April. Medal voucher TRC Tractors: G Mclver. Voucher: R Yorke 69, G Jongen 69, D Fullerton-Smith 71, N Belsham 71, J Hughes 72, D Green 73, C Murphy 73, T McVerry 74, R Ellery 74, C Fullerton-Smith 75, H Bremner 75, A Fleming 75, B Hausman 75, C Williams 75, L Belsham 75. For being here: P Skou, T McChewski. Twos: 3rd P Singer, G Mclver, 6th G Mclver. Jackpot, 16 balls struck: G Mclver. Next week: stableford. Duty: P Skou. Bar: J Christie, C Skou. Sunday: D Angove. Last week, B pennants drew with Manawatu but lost in the playoff. They now have the right to play off for A grade. Handicap pennants won, so will play in the finals next week.

**HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB**

Tuesday 24 April. A friendly and enjoyable day of golf was had by all that attended for a low key event. Saturday 28 April. Darlington Drilling Manawatu - Glad Beamam pairs round 3 medal: sen men; A Baker nett 64, J Stella & D Rohde 66, M Carroll & T Kerins (P) 67, G Forbes, G Cunningham & K Piery (P) 70. Jnr men; G Stanton nett 65, D Wright 73, P Maitland 74. Women; L Tipu nett 68, S Wells 70, D Todd 76. Two's; A Baker #7, I Sturgess (P) #14, T Kerins (P) #5. Nearest the pins; s/men = P Scott, j/men = B Hantz, women = Jackpots. Taimui challenge; Rohdezy & Pinky bt The Todds (Dave & Diane). Next challengers: Joby & Larni. Month end nearest the pins must be struck. A good day for the president's in their tussle against Pahiatua, with most matches being tightly contested, with Hawkestone eventually winning 9-3. Special thanks to Darlington Drilling Manawatu for their generosity in drilling a soak hole to assist with the drainage on our number 7 fairway. Coming events: Tuesday golf 9.30am tee off. Saturday 5

May, Hawkestone Rosebowl 24 hole competition; 10am tee off. Sunday 6 May, A grade pennants vs Wanganui at Levin. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members only pay \$250 for the first year. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

**MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF**

Perfect golf conditions for the 39 players who turned out for our medal round played Tuesday 1 May. Results were: 1st division: 1st Alan Bates 33, 2nd Bryan Hamerton 36, 3rd Mike Morland 39. 2nd division: 1st Sam Atkinson 34, 2nd Barry Florence 35 c/b, 3rd Barb Crawford 35. 3rd division: 1st Judy McConachie 29, 2nd Jan Cook 37, 3rd Marg Leesnyder 38. Lucky card winner: Mike Donlon. Raffle winner: Bryan Hamerton. Next week's starters: Mike Morland & Neil Powell. Cards: Sheena Marshall & Barry Florence. Kitchen: Marg Lampp. Committee meeting to follow. The winners of the Grace Churches memorial trophy played 24 April: 1st Jean Duncan & Brian Shaw, 2nd Barry Florence & Brian Prince, 3rd Lynn Shaw & Neil Powell, 4th Sam Atkinson & Mike Morland.

**RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB**

Results 14/4/18; club day stableford, W Guiniven 44, J McAlley 40, M George 39, B Barrell 38. Twos: W Guiniven 12. Putts: W Guiniven 24. 18/4/18 ladies' stableford ISTAS: J McAlley 55, N Martin 52, M Brennan 50, H Bismark 48, M Walshe 46.

**TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB**

The much valued Jack Evans rosebowl and McKenzie Cup were contested in mild autumn conditions. The weather was kind, as the forecast rain stayed away. Following on from A grade pennants the previous weekend, the course was in superb condition, although the pin placements were considerably kinder to the players. With a full field and substantial financial pressure, scoring was very good and competitive. JJ Walker, with a superb 87 off the stick for 41 points, looked to have first place in the bank. He backed up a birdie on 11 and a couple of pars on the more difficult holes, with numerous 2 and 3 pointers. But in the last group, Gary Thomas raced home in 37; also scoring 41 points. Thomas's round included birdies on 4 and 16; overcoming a few poor holes at the start. Nick McGuinn also roared home in 36, with birdies on 11 and 15 for 40 points, to snatch second. Alan Thomas, with a disciplined short game, aided by a two on 17 for 39, rounded out the financial interests. Gary Cleaver birdied 11 and 14 for 38. Josh Clarke had a great first nine but had a little trouble at the turn, scoring 37. Hamish Rose managed 37; taking home more than he was aware of. Kevin O'Brien scored 36 and Matt Booth 35, in an impressive first 13 holes with 4 birdies. Denise Millner secured the McKenzie Cup on 34 points from Fran Robertson and Marian Cleaver. Twos: Peter Valentine (6 and 14), Matt Booth (6), Gary Cleaver (14), Alan Thomas (17). The big winners, making an extra bank deposit this week, were John Gilbert the owner of JJ Walker and Peter Valentine, Alan Thomas and Gary Thomas. This week, the A grade pennant team takes on Feilding at Levin, where they need to win to have any chance of advancing to the playoffs. The team remains unchanged. Similarly, the president's trophy team travel to Manawatu - requiring a good performance in their last qualifying match to proceed to the quarterfinals.

**BULLS BOWLING CLUB**

Just a short note to say the end of season prizegiving is taking place in the Bulls Bowling Club this Sunday, 6 May at 1pm. Last Sunday saw the final of the Curl's Bridge trophy played for; the score being one all, until now. Unfortunately, thanks to a bolstering up of numbers by the South players to the North team, the North had a win. North being the Bulls members from the north of Curl's Bridge. Congratulations to them, but watch out next year. Wednesday's will continue to be open for play, weather permitting, during the winter season from 1pm.

**ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS**

Last Tuesday night, we had a normal club night. There was a good turnout, with Aaron and Darryl coming along for a rollop. We hope they enjoyed the games. We had the usual three games and three teams had three wins. After the playoff, the team of Ross Marshall and Chance Hausman came out the winners. The raffle was won by Bev Shand. Last week we had a good turnout of 24 - the most we have had for a long time. We played the usual three games, with two teams having two wins and a draw. After a playoff between the two skips, Ray Harding, Erin Peddie and Aaron Paulger came out the winners. The winner of the raffle was Bev Shand. Next week we will be holding our club championship fours with a 7pm start. Last week Kevin Mullany, Shirley Wallace and Rose Plank won the Anzac Day tournament which was held in Fielding. Congratulations to you.

**TARGET SHOOTING MARTON**

Results 23/4/2018. Very good shooting this week from Gary Cuff, who continues to dominate the top of the ladder. Also showing very good form was Don Hamilton, especially with his second card of 99.6. Club members are really getting their heads around shooting on these electronic targets and lifting their inner counts. Visitors to the Marton range shooting in the

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**Update from April 2018 Committee Meetings**

**Turakina – 5 April**  
 The Turakina Community Committee has recently welcomed a new member onto the Committee from Koitiata. The Committee wants to ensure residents from all areas of the Ward are represented on the Committee and is looking for new members to join – particularly from Whangaehu. This month, the Committee is working on a submission to "Unfolding the Plan... Rangitikei 2018-28", Council's 10 year plan. The Committee plans to submit to Council on issues facing the Turakina Community Committee area.

**Bulls – 10 April**  
 The Bulls Community Committee agreed a protocol on the placement of fixed items on Council land. They supported the installation of a bull statue by the Rugby Club building in the Bulls Domain. A bull 'family' is being installed at Walker Place. However, placing a bull on Funnell Reserve is not yet resolved, as there needs to be agreement with the New Zealand Transport Agency on its location.

The Committee was updated on the Bulls Community Centre development at Criterion Street. It also received a briefing from the Council's Parks and Reserves Team Leader about the deteriorating gum tree in Walker Park; the need to remove the hedge by the cenotaph, as it has cottony cushion scale; and the renovation of the No. 1 field on Bulls Domain.

**Ratana – 10 April**  
 The Ratana Community Board was updated on the water supply upgrade and the development of the wastewater treatment plant. Ratana Reserve Trustees were present at the meeting - they advised their desire to take back ownership of the former Fire Station property. The premises are currently used as a community gym.

Consultation with the community over the proposed extended Ratana playground will take place when the draft plans are available.

**Taihape – 11 April**  
 The Taihape Community Board agreed with the invitation from Council to hear submissions on the proposed lowering of speed on Dixon Way and parts of Mangaone Valley Road and Otaihape Valley Road. The Board will then make a recommendation to Council. The Board agreed that larger planter boxes would be more suitable for the Four Square corner and gave approval for a large picnic table to be purchased for this area.

Lookout Road signage will be reviewed as it causes confusion for visitors.

**Huntermville – 16 April**  
 The Huntermville Community Committee acknowledged the impressive community volunteer turn out for the working bee in Queen's Park - making the area more attractive to locals and visitors alike. The Huntermville Domain is receiving high use and the committee is investigating funding opportunities to install a drinking fountain. Gearing up for the next meeting on 18 June 2018, the Committee is seeking community ideas for an image that will be used in the upcoming rebranded signs for the town. If you have any suggestions, or would like to contact the committee, please email the Chair, Karen Kennedy on karengail.k@xtra.co.nz.

**Marton – 18 April**  
 The Marton Community Committee agreed to fund (from its Small Projects Fund) the purchase of a defibrillator outside the Tutaenui Hall. The Committee also considered how the seating at Wilson Park might be improved - quotes were tabled at the meeting.

The Project Marton Co-ordinator advised that the Project Marton Office will shift from High Street to 18 Humphries Street (by the community garden) on 1 May 2018.

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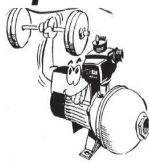


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We have set up an online survey, Our District, Your Say. Please go to our website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) which will provide you with a link to the online survey. You can also type the following link into your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rdcresidentsurvey> which will take you directly to the survey.

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*Sport continued from pg 8...*

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*Business House competition winners The Jets. From left Scott Green, Todd Spring, Erica Berry and Jono Whitcombe*

### MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Results Monday 23/4/18; golf croquet; S Johnson/G Thompson 4,3,6,7, v L Thompson/Jenna 7,7,7,4. Association; T Martyn, D Winmill and M McNae played a threesome. Wednesday 25/4/18 association; T Martyn 26 v D Winmill 24. Golf croquet; M Vallance 7,7 v G Thompson/M Meek 4,5, M Vallance/A Winmill 7 v G2 Thompson/M Meek 5. Saturday 28/4/18; a most enjoyable day of informal competition was enjoyed by our members and a very good number of visitors from Wanganui, Feilding and Rose Gardens clubs. We played A C progressive croquet in the morning and the senior winner was Mary McNae (Mtn) and the junior winner was Jo Morris (W). Hot barbeque sausages went well at lunchtime. The afternoon golf croquet competition was enjoyed by 32 players, on four lawns (full capacity) with some of our members sitting out so the visitors could play. The winners were: senior; David Harrison (Fldg), junior; Nancy Smith (Wanganui). There was some very good play by some players who had only recently taken up the game. In the absence of our patroness Betty Gibbs, the season concluded with the pegging out by Mary McNae, one of our longest playing members. Awards and prizes for the day were presented. Club awards for the 2017-2018 season were; A C championship and Betty Brice memorial trophy - D Winmill; B grade-Lynda Thompson; C grade - S Johnson. Golf croquet - open championship and the Wysocki Cup; D Winmill. B grade and the Mrs Hook Cup - Selwyn Johnson. C grade and the Gordon tray; Lyn Johnson. Smith silver salver; Marilyn Vallance. G C doubles and the Gillam silver tray - Selwyn Johnson/ Mary Meek.

### MARTON WOMEN'S HOCKEY

A solid start to the season for the Marton women's team against the finalists from last year - CAPS. The first half showed strong defence and attack, with one all at half time - goal scored by Ness Clarke. The girls played a strong second half but unfortunately, we conceded one goal. Final score was 2-1 to CAPS.

## Triathlon benefits local Foodbank



**Mitre 10 Marton staffers present a donation to Marton Christian Welfare Marton Foodbank. The money donated was raised by the annual triathlon.**

Funds raised by the annual Mitre 10 Marton Triathlon in March were presented to the Marton Christian Welfare Foodbank recently, by the team from Mitre 10 Marton.

Event coordinator Marie Kinloch from Sport Whanganui says, "We would like to thank all the participants of the triathlon for their kind donations. It's fantastic to donate to a charity that gives so much to our community."

The Marton Foodbank was presented with funds raised from entry fees, as well as a generous gift of food cleaning and health products. The donations were kindly received by the chosen charity. "We are delighted to be the named charity for this local event, it is great to have Mitre 10 Marton achieving a common goal to support the community and we are most thankful for the kind donations" says Sarah Vickers.

Marton Christian Welfare has been operating for 42 years with 35 passionate volunteers, all willing to give up their valuable time to help the community. In 2017, Marton Christian Welfare supported approximately 80 families over the festive holidays in Marton.

The objective of Marton Christian Welfare is to help the community by networking, collaborating and building relationships with local organisations for the benefit of the Marton community.

Overall, the triathlon was a great success, with 237 entries - almost double the number of entries registered last year. For more information about the Mitre 10 Marton Triathlon, please contact Marie Kinloch on 06 349 2327, or email [marie@sportwhanganui.co.nz](mailto:marie@sportwhanganui.co.nz).

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