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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

May 31 2018

Firefighters rise to Stair Challenge

Marion firefighter Tess Brinfield competed in the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge in Auckland last Saturday and was placed 15th of all firewomen who competed. Tessa, aged 27, has been in the Marton Fire Brigade for four years. She is a mother of three and studying early childcare. She says she was a little disappointed with her time and wanted to do better - an aim for next time. She and fellow fireman Mike Darling did all their own fundraising - amounting to about \$2000 between them.

Mike has competed in the stair challenge five times but this time he concentrated on raising funds and support and left the climbing to the younger ones. Mike is a member of the Marton Fire Brigade during the day, as he works in Marton and is on call for Bulls at night. He came from the Halcombe Fire Brigade, which, with his help, raised \$16,000 for this year's challenge total. Tessa

wants to thank everyone local who gave to the fight against leukaemia and sponsored her; especially ANZCO. Tessa says the stair climb to the top of the Skytower was very hot and claustrophobic but there was medic support on every level and the volunteers at the top were "awesome".

Teams from Taihape and Hunterville took part and together raised almost \$12,000. The event raised more than \$1.25 million for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ. 950 firefighters from all over the country, Australia and the USA took to the 1,103 steps. Ken Laurie from Hastings, who raised \$14,020, was top fundraiser. Top team fundraiser was Auckland Airport Rescue Fire - \$47,935. The most money raised (based on the number of firefighters in the team) was amassed by Ashhurst Fire Brigade. Josh Harrison of Mt Wellington set a new stair climb record at 8mins-11secs.



Marion firefighters, Tess Brinfield and Kevin Darling raised \$2000 for the firefighters Stair Challenge.

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Give Glamour pre-loved gown sale this weekend

At Queen's Birthday Weekend, Give Glamour will take the next step in the giving process and open its pre-loved gown sale in Marton for two days. The shop offers ballgoers the chance to find bargain ballgowns.

On Saturday June 2 and Sunday June 3, the Give Glamour sale will be in the McVerry Crawford Motors Showroom in Wellington Rd from 10am to 3pm each day. The shop offers gowns at a cost of between \$20 and \$50.

The range of gowns numbers over 70 and covers the size spectrum thanks to the generosity of women from the Rangitikei and the region, as well as further afield.

The gowns have been prepared for sale by fashion designer Amanda Glasgow and merchandiser Kim Glasgow, with the help of seamstress Annie Whitfield who specialises in sewing and repairs in her Marton shop.

Give Glamour initiator Emily Rayner says, "We're very thankful to the women who have donated their pre-loved gowns for such a good cause and we look forward to matching them up with the next glamorous owner to add to the story of each dress."

Amanda (left) and Kim Glasgow preparing a pre-loved gown for the weekend sale.

The money raised from Give Glamour will go the Marton Counselling Centre and to Women's Refuge.



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Pink Ribbon gathering



About 40 people attended the Pink Ribbon Brunch, organised by Jasleen Singh (front) from Marton's Club Hotel, last Sunday.

Marton woman Sue Foley was a guest speaker, telling her story as a successful women in the media and PR industry. The event was held to raise funds towards the fight against breast cancer. The Club Hotel donated 20% of proceeds from the meal to the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Turf Ball

Let's build our kid's future, together.
All funds raised will go towards building a water-based full-sized hockey turf at Nga Tawa Diocesan School open for the Rangitikei community to use.

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Moving towards M.bovis eradication

DairyNZ this week stood with the government in support of the united decision to take our one chance to eradicate the cattle disease *Mycoplasma bovis* from New Zealand.

"The decision wasn't made lightly and reflects our hope that the disease can be eradicated," says Jim van der Poel, DairyNZ chair.

"Our farmers have been waiting for almost eleven months on a way forward and part of the challenge has been a lack of certainty about the long-term solution for New Zealand. Today we have that certainty.

"Over 99% of our dairy herds in New Zealand have no signs of this disease and we want to keep it that way.

"DairyNZ has been actively – and passionately – working on behalf of our farmers to find a solution. We know that moving towards eradication will be a devastating decision for some and will mean that thousands of animals will have to be culled.

"This was not an easy decision to make for those reasons and our hearts and thoughts are with the farmers that have affected herds.

"We are here to support those farmers, and have given a commitment that we will, alongside the Ministry and other sector groups, drive down the driveway of every affected farm to give that support," Mr van der Poel says.

"At the same time, we must also focus on the thousands of farmers and millions of dairy cows that have not been affected by *M. bovis*. Taking this one chance to eradicate means that we could get rid of this disease from New Zealand.

"Having this disease can be disastrous for a herd. The animals may get sick and there are significant animal welfare issues – something no farmer wants their animals to go through. There is also an impact on production that has serious ramifications for farmers, the dairy sector and our economy.

"We have had to weigh up all these impacts when making the decision and I'm pleased that we finally have a way forward." There is a range of information available to farmers, including on our website www.dairynz.co.nz/mbovis or by contacting us directly on 0800 4 324 7969 or info@dairynz.co.nz.

WDHB marks May 31 World Smokefree Day

Whanganui District Health Board tobacco control and mental health promoter Sarah Hawken will be at the Quit Clinic showing her support for the Whanganui Stop Smoking Service's World Smokefree Day open day this Thursday.

Ms Hawken says it's important she's there 'waving the flag' given that the WDHB is doing all it can to encourage smokers to quit and non-smokers to never start.

NZ's World Smokefree Day is based on the annual 31 May No Tobacco Day introduced by the World Health Organisation in 1987. The Government's goal is to see fewer than five percent of NZers smoking by 2025.

"The fact we know the majority of us are smokefree, and we now have smokefree whānau, where, workplaces and public spaces is worth celebrating," Ms Hawken says.

"People are now smokefree and the latest NZ Health Survey released in March this year showed that across the Whanganui district, 30 percent of those aged 15 and over now classify themselves as ex-smokers."

Ms Hawken says she applauds the councils and employers who are showing support for community members and employees by providing smokefree public spaces and support for smokefree workforces.

If you want to stop smoking, or want to support someone who smokes to quit, contact the local Stop Smoking Service on 0800 200 249, for free and confidential advice and support." Quit Clinic, corner of Wicksteed and Ingestre St (49 Ingestre St) where they will offer cuppas, coaches and couches.



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

Give Glamour - find your preloved gown - \$20-\$50, on sale on Saturday and Sunday, 2 & 3 June - Queen's Birthday Weekend at McVerry Crawford Motors showroom between 10am and 3pm. \$20-\$50.

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

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

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

Friday 13 July - NZ music legend Paul Ubana Jones, \$30 ticket and door sales.

HEALTH SCENE



Still time to get submissions into inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction

Inquiry chair Ron Paterson encourages individuals and organisations to get their submissions in by June 5, if they haven't already. "The Inquiry wants to hear from people across the country and from all walks of life.

"We know mental health challenges and addictions affect many New Zealanders. Most families and whanau have been touched by these issues," says Ron Paterson.

The Inquiry is asking people - what's working well?

What's not working well? What could be done better?

What sort of society would be best for the mental health of all of our people?

Ron Paterson says the Inquiry has set up several ways for submissions to be made. "They include online submissions through our website, a Freephone number, post and video. And we're providing a range of accessible options for people. This includes a consultation document available in easy read, Te Reo Māori, Chinese, Hindi, Tongan and Samoan, and a sign language video.

"As well as the submission process, a series of Meet the Inquiry Panel forums are underway around the country and will continue until July. These sessions provide an opportunity for people to share their views on what needs to be done. Panel members have had over 120 meetings with interested community and stakeholder groups and their views and ideas will contribute to the Panel's report.

"A high number of submissions have already been received, but we're keen to hear from as wide a cross section of New Zealanders as possible. I encourage anyone who knows of whanau, friends, work colleagues, community groups or organisations that might want to contribute, to put them in touch with the Inquiry through our online or other channels. "This is a once in a generation opportunity. The Inquiry wants to deliver a report that reflects the voices of the community, offers solutions and generates hope. We aim to set a clear direction for the future that Government and the community can pick up and implement," says Ron Paterson.

The consultation document can be accessed at <https://mentalhealth.inquiry.govt.nz/consultation-document/have-your-say/> Further information about the Inquiry can be found at our website www.mentalhealth.inquiry.govt.nz/

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Community invited to visit fire damaged home

This Saturday Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade is holding an open home at the scene of a house fire in Hudson St, Bulls.

Fire safety officer John Hotter says that the Open Home on Saturday 2 June between 10am and 3pm, is a good opportunity for the public to see the devastating impact of a house fire.

"People often don't realise just how quickly a fire spreads and the need to prepare their families for what to do in the event of a fire.

"By seeing the results of a fire firsthand and talking to Fire and Emergency NZ they can learn valuable information about preventing fires and planning to escape from fires."

Fire and Emergency NZ will take families through the house, showing them significant points of interest like where and how the fire started; how damage could have been reduced and the impact of smoke and flames.

Fire safety information will be available for people to take away.

"We hope that by holding this Open Home we can prevent fires like this happening to other families,"

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CLUB SCENE



Rangitikei Grey Power

Rangitikei Grey Power's AGM was held recently with a good turnout of 22 members. Brian Goddard was re-elected as president. The committee for the next year is Alan Martin (vice president) Del Bettridge (treasurer) Arie Bron (secretary) Michael Andrews, Felix Bell, Joy Stantiall and Marion Todd. We also need someone to take on the task of producing a newsletter. This has been very capably been done by Margaret McClelland in recent years but she has decided that it's time for someone else to take it on. Sincere thanks for your past efforts Margaret. The next meeting will be held on 12 June with a guest speaker to tell us about the importance of Wills and Powers of Attorney.

Marton Friendship Club

Friday May 25 began at 2pm. Raffles were won by Mary Grant, Jean Turner, Margaret Green and Vic Byatt. We were entertained by The Spring Chickens and The Ukulele group (17 players). First scene was English Bobbies and umbrella girls swirling around. Then came an old faithful, Get Me To The Church On Time. Next, Diamonds Are A Girls Bestfriend performed by six of the group, with black close fitting costumes, long black fringes, from waist to knees which swayed wide, with the music. Performers created a silhouette with their dark forms, highlighted against the stage background. A stunning performance, done to a lively ballet. Then came the ukulele singers. Too many more performances to be recorded but what a joy we have every Friday. Our members are made up of men and women over 50 who just enjoy good company. Visitors are always welcome. All this for \$1 door charge and \$1 for a cuppa and a cake or two at the wonderful afternoons we enjoy. Hall opens at 1pm. Entertainers this Friday are John White and his band, Country Music. Dress up if you would like. Committee meeting 12.30pm. See you all there. Hall heated.

Happy Tours

Otaki turned on the sunshine for our visit on May 3. After morning tea we visited the beautiful Rangiatea Church. The original 145 year old church was destroyed by fire on the morning of October 7, 1995. We thanked Georgia for welcoming us and telling us the history of the old church and the rebuilding of the new one. For many years we have had our lunch at the same restaurant in Otaki. We were always warmly welcomed and had a tasty hot meal, not this time. The cook wasn't happy that we only had 40 people for lunch when we had said approximately 43. The meal was cold and badly cooked. As we left her passing shot was "what do they expect for \$10?" That's ok by us because we won't be back. Problem solved. Our midyear dinner will be on June 7 at Cook's Restaurant and Bar where we know we are always welcome and given a lovely meal. Dinner will

be served around midday. There is parking available at the rear of the building. Please ring 06 327 6091 if you have not been contacted for this occasion.

Marton Contract Bridge Club

Results: Tue 22/05 Farmlands Pairs (R1) N/S: E Hughes & M Hughes 63.33, P Davidson & J Baddeley 54.58, M Morland & T Harris 48.33. E/W: F Bertram & S Loudon 67.08, J Bellamore & G Kirton 61.25, S Marshall & C Skou 48.75. Wed 23/05 N/S: W Jones & J Bligh 77.78 D Stantiall & L Stantiall 38.89, B Stewart & K Gee-Taylor 33.33. E/W J Sabine & P Sullivan 58.33, R McDonald & A McDonald 47.22, D Gilmour & L Bergen 44.44. Thur 24/05 Lillian Clyde Memorial Trophy (R2) N/S J Meads & K Poppe 65.0, E Leary & S Thackery 53.33, S Gruys & H Rowe 49.58. E/W: J Baddeley & P Davidson 64.58, T Ellery & N Poppe 60.83, J McPherson & M Lourie and D Hanna & D Cains 52.08.

Rural Women NZ

Rural Women NZ will continue to support communities following the government's decision on phased eradication of Mycoplasma bovis (M.bovis) from New Zealand.

"RWNZ is collaborating with the government, MPI, Rural Support Trust and industry leaders to support our rural communities, families, women and children given today's decision," says RWNZ national president Fiona Gower. "The decision to phase eradication of M.bovis has been made by Cabinet after consultation by Minister O'Connor with industry leaders.

"RWNZ is committed to ensuring there is wrap-around welfare support for those affected – we understand that high stress in times of crisis can lead to a breakdown of our social rural fabric.

"Strategic, regular, and thoughtful communications between decision makers, support networks, and communities is vital.

"By working together, we can do this," says Ms Gower.

Marton Music Society



Alyssa Pram, the vocal soloist with the group 'Triple A' performing in Wanganui.

Next Friday afternoon, June 8, the Wanganui finals of the NZCT Chamber Music competition will be held at the Prince Edward Auditorium in the grounds of Wanganui Collegiate.

The three sessions start at 1.30, 3.30 and 6.30pm, with senior students performing at the second and third sessions. Several groups of Nga Tawa musical students will be competing along with groups of music students from Wanganui, some of whom recently performed for the Marton Music Society, with great distinction.

The contest organisers welcome the public to join the audience for this event which is always enjoyable. Parking is available in the grounds or near the entrance in Grey St. Admission is \$5. For enquiries Phone 06 322 8101.



Marton Andy Anderson concert in June

Musian and actor, Andy Anderson and his full 5 piece band will be in concert at Marton Players on Friday June 15. The show starts at 8pm and doors open at 7.30pm.

Tickets \$20 each from Ray White in Broadway (phone 06 327 7343). It's BYO and there will be ticket door sales. You might recognise Andy from a stint on the Neighbours soapy and other TV appearances.

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RDC says that every care is taken to ensure that the information supplied by the council on the LIM is accurate. The council relies on information available to it and will not be held responsible for incomplete, or inaccurate information provided, or for any errors or omissions made in good faith. It is based on the search of council records only and there may be other information relating to the land which is unknown by the Council. The Council will not undertake any inspection of the land or any building for the purpose of preparing a LIM. The applicant is solely responsible for ensuring that the land is suitable for a particular purpose.

What information is provided in a LIM?

(Land Information Memorandum).

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For any type of property, you should ask your lawyer or conveyancer to review the record of title (also known as the certificate of title). This is the legal document that contains the property's legal description, details of its ownership and the rights and/or restrictions registered against it.

Freehold. This is also known as fee simple and is the

most common ownership type in New Zealand.

Leasehold. Someone else owns the land. You purchase an exclusive right to possession of the land and the buildings on it, for a specific period, according to the terms of the lease.

Unit title ownership. This is most common in a building development where there are multiple owners.

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Winter gardening

by Wally Richards



EARLY SEASON START

Each year, in the winter, I have been chaffing at the bit to get an early start to the new season - because the earlier you can get started, the earlier you can harvest the first tomatoes, cucumbers etc.

To enable you to do this, you need a glasshouse or a sunny conservatory, a heat pad then you can start anytime now. We are now just 4 weeks from the shortest day on the 21 June after which, the daylight hours will extend and that is what plants want, increasing days of sunlight. The first thing to do is to select which seeds you are going to buy and grow for the early season. You have a range of seeds on sale in garden shops, mail order or through the likes of Egmont Seeds and Kings Seeds.

Starting with tomato seeds, you need to pick a type that will set fruit in the cooler temperatures of spring when they reach flowering stage. Egmont seeds has 'Heirloom Russian Red' which is not a tall growing plant more a bush type with medium size fruit.

Kings Seeds also has Russian Red, plus Tomato Sub Arctic Plenty - a special tomato bred for the US Greenland military bases to endure extremely cold climates. Produces concentrated clusters of small, good flavoured, red fruit that ripen almost simultaneously. A very small plant ideal for a pot with a compact habit.

I bought an example of this plant last season and it is responding well to the cold. in one of my glasshouses, with small ripe fruit each week. Once you have established a plant. then it grows well from seed collected from the ripe fruit.

Another salad plant that I have enjoyed and had success with is cucumber Iznik Mini F1 Hybrid which produces shiny finger cucumbers with smooth skin and intense taste.

It was successful early in season and late season (in fact I have 5 plants growing in a glasshouse currently and doing very well. Possibly they will survive the winter to come into a new lease of life later in spring). A very early maturing plant that is littered with 10cm long fruit well before other varieties.

The plant is parthenocarpic meaning it does not require pollination to set the fruit which is great for growing in a glasshouse. It can therefore produce high yields even under adverse conditions and without bee activity. Ideal for pot growing although some support is likely as mine are currently about 3 metres long, growing up to near the top of glass, then along wires - fruiting as they grow.

I planted 5 into two special pots (which I will talk about in a future article) the plants have yielded about half dozen fruit daily, till recent colder weather, slowed to about that number per week.

Leaves started to get powdery mildew, so I sprayed them with Super Neem Oil and that has brought them right. The seeds are available from Egmont Seeds on line.

To germinate seeds this time of the year, you really need a heat pad which is going to cost you about \$50. This is a small outlay as I have heat pads which are over 30 years old and still going strong.

Some garden centres will have heating pads for sale, otherwise you should be able to find a pad on line. About the best for price and size was at www.gearbest.com/heat-pad-gear/ at \$42 plus shipping. Brew shops are another possible source of heat pads.

I always place a thickness of polystyrene under the heat pad, as this drives all the heat upwards. Seeds can be grown in peat pots, small punnets (half punnets) cell punnets or small pots using a sieved purchased compost such as Dalton's.

The reason for sieving is to remove the big bits and end up with a nice fine product.

I prefer to have just one seed per pot/small punnet and if you only have five seeds in a purchased packet, such as the cucumbers mentioned above, you don't want to have to try to separate the seedlings for planting.

Fill the container ¾ full with sieved compost and moisten down with sprays of Magic Botanic Liquid (MBL) diluted at 20mls per litre of water. Place one seed in the middle and spray that with the same to wet. Cover with a little more of the mix and spray that also.

I look to set this up in the kitchen on a table in front of the window (not that light is important) so I don't forget it. As with a heat pad, you need to spray the mix two or three times a day as the heat will dry it out. First thing in the morning, last thing at night and once in the middle of the day.

The MBL helps speed up germination. I don't like the propagation units with covers over them as too much humidity can cause fungal diseases and you may forget to spray, thinking the moisture is trapped inside.

In nature, no one comes along and sticks a plastic cover over the spot where seeds are going to germinate. As soon as you see movement and the first embryonic leaves have lifted and opened, then your seedling and container goes out into your glasshouse to sit on a bench.

This is very important, so to obtain a good seedling, you must have it sitting where it's going to get light from overhead such as inside the glasshouse, on a bench. Light through a window on the sill will make the seedling stretch to the light, weaken and likely die.

The seedling will need to be moistened still (just enough to stop it from drying out completely). Too much water and a cold night will cause losses.

As the plant grows and obtains more true leaves, being in the small container or punnet it will need increased amounts of water. Also start applying a liquid plant food which is ideal for both hydroponics and medium grown plants called Matrix Reloaded - used at only 10mls per litre of water.

I like to add a little of the MBL to the same litre - say 5 mls. Give a little drink of the mix as the growing medium starts to look dry. It is best to do this during the morning or early afternoon, so the mix is not so damp as evening approaches.

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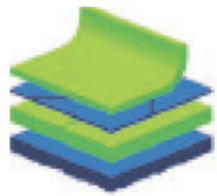
Mike Symons has been in the flooring trade for 34 years. He did his secondary schooling at Rangitikei College, leaving school on 27 November, 1984 and starting work at Rangitikei Flooring on the 28th!

He went on to open his own business, Bulls Flooring, almost 20 years ago, in October 1998.

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As an introduction to many aspects of small scale forestry the Middle Districts Farm Forestry Association is planning a "hands on - back to basics" field day in mid-June.

As well as covering practical aspects of planting, releasing, pruning, thinning and safety, there will be the broader aspects of land use plan-ning, market prospects, harvesting and marketing and also prospects for alternative species. The association will have marketing consultants, safety experts, forestry contractors, a Regional Council representative plus a number of experienced farm foresters present so there should be an answer to just about every question.

Anyone thinking of getting involved in forestry, or wanting assistance in managing their forestry block(s), there will be a wealth of information to assist them. There will be no charge and everyone is very welcome.

Date: Saturday 16 June. Time: 10.30am through to mid afternoon. Venue: Ranginui Farm, at the very end of Brandon Hall Rd, Bulls. Turn south-west onto Parewanui Rd at the main intersection in Bulls. Brandon Hall road is on the right, 1.2 km down Parewanui Rd. Proceed to the end of Brandon Hall Rd, (approx. 8 km). The venue will be well signposted. Bring your lunch as well as footwear and clothing appropriate for the day.

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Alzheimers Whanganui is here to support you and your family/whānau.

"The Group" is a community based programme, which began in Marton in 2008, to provide social activities and companionship for people with early to advanced dementia; still living at home and people who are socially isolated and would benefit from the company of others. Our Marton group meet every two weeks, on a Monday, for social gatherings, activities, fun and outings. Social isolation and depression can be predisposing factors to developing a dementia. It is important for our wellbeing to be socially connected and have a purpose to our lives. You do not need a diagnosis of dementia to belong to our group. The Group has a threefold purpose. While it brings people with dementia together, it also gives the carers a regular break, plus ongoing weekly contact with our organisation and is helping to break down stigma and barriers in our local area. Opportunities for a break are essential to ensure families who want to remain living together can do so successfully. As a caregiver observed "just having three hours to oneself makes a huge difference to one's mental health as a caregiver." Carers feel more supported through contact with our organisation.

The Group focuses on creating good relationships between people with dementia and their communities. A good relationship gives a sense of connection, value and purpose. The Group members are picked up from their homes. The

journey in the van and interacting with one another are highlights of the day. During the warm months, we get outdoors as much as possible - visiting parks, gardens, lakes and the beach.

If you or your family, would like to know more about The Group; please contact Alzheimers Whanganui on 06) 3458833 or email Sharon at:

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RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Wednesday May 2, stableford: Steve Boyens 40pts, Neil Atkins 39pts, Jill Hall & Peter Youngs 35pts, Noel Crocker 34pts, Neville Berendt 33pts & Pat Pearce 32pts. No stableford winners on 2 & 17. No Twos. Competition - "Ballance Feilding"- medal. Seniors: Jason Harris net 69, Ron Harris & Tim Wales net 72, Russell Kane net 73, Lynne McDonald & Ken Boyle net 75. Juniors: Stu Amor net 69, Joseph Tapper & Ian MacKay net 73, Manny Dreliozis net 77, Adrian Tipene & Bruce Kinloch net 78. No Twos: Club championships also played. Winners were: senior men - Marty Field. Intermediate men - Kelvin Burt. Silver ladies - Jill Hall. Junior A men - Danny Scotson. Bronze 1 ladies - Linda Harris. Junior B men - Noel Crocker.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

Many locals braved the cold southerlies and frost for the Sunday haggle. Not minding the cold was McGuinn - on fire with a 78 off the stick. Not scoring on the 13th hole McGuinn still amassed 42 points, which included a birdie on the par 5 last. In a close second was a steady Hamish Rose, with 41 points. Alan Thomas came in with 38 points, James Fannin with 37, Duane Dick 35, JJ Walker 34, Denise Millner 33 & Gary Thomas on 30. This Sunday is the commencement of the men's club champs qualifying and the second Wilson medal round is also scheduled. On Monday, with a 11.30am tee off, is the Queen's Birthday Holiday Chicken Run.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 22nd. The Pavemaster stableford; G James 17, J Stantiall 16, B Philips 15, P Charlesworth 14, D Penfold 14, J Van Loo 13, R Karatea 13, R Little 11. Nearest pin; G James. Saturday 26th. Central ITM black jacket rnd 2 stableford; S/men; G Cunningham 41, D Rohde 37, R Ormsby (Buckley) 33, G Bond & M Carroll 32. Jnr: P Maitland 35, D Todd 33. Two; R Ormsby (B) #5. Jackpot not struck. Nearest the pins not struck. Taimui challenge; Grant & Spike held on, against Bondy & Suzanne. Next challengers Joby and Larni. Sunday 27 May. Presidents semi finals at Marton saw the rep team come up against Rangitikei and unfortunately for the boys who equipped themselves all the same, lost 7/5. Congratulations to Rangitikei and all the best for the final. Coming events: Tuesday golf: 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 2nd: Queen's Birthday Weekend competition; 11am tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10. New members - 1st year pay only \$250. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

MARTON GOLF CLUB.

Marton Saturday 26 May; 31 starters Stableford. Club Hotel voucher, P Singer 41; P Simpson 39, B Hausman 39, A Bremner 38, P O'Conner 38, C Skou 38, R Win 37, H Bremner 36, D Yates 36, M Jones 36, D Clark 35, A Flemming 35, G Mclver 34, C Bary 34, T Mischewski 34. Being here: K Field, N Belsham. Jackpot of 7 balls struck on 17th. Twos: C Bary 6th, H Bremner, C Skou 17th. Next week: duty P Skou Sunday, M Jones Monday, G Marshall bar roster on the board. Next week is the Queen's Birthday tournament. Both days will be 6 holes Ambrose 6x 4BBB and 6 foursomes - 10.30am draw, 11am start. Transport Cup - 10 June; 10.30am reg and draw; 11am tee off.

MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF

A medal round was held this week for the 35 starters on a good fine day. Results: 1st

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An Expression of Interest ('EOI') document is available which provides more information about this opportunity and outlines the process Council is working to. This document can be obtained from www.rangitikei.govt.nz

All communications relating to this EOI should be directed to Gaylene Prince at Rangitikei District Council on 0800 422 522 or Gaylene.Prince@rangitikei.govt.nz

CLUB SCENE

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division: 1st Dave McDougall 33, 2nd Neil Powell 36, 3rd Lyn Johnson 37. 2nd division: 1st Barry Williams 35, 2nd Jean Duncan cb 35, 3rd Brian Short 38, 4th Peter Whale 40. 3rd Division: 1st Wendy Ng 35, 2nd Marg Leersnyder 39, 3rd Jill Briant 41, 4th Marg Linklater 42. Lucky card went to John Fraser. Raffle went to Roy Powell. Next week's starters: Barry Williams and Brian Short. Cards: Mike Moreland and Sam Atkinson. Kitchen Wendy Ng.

8-BALL POOL

The 3rd round of inter-club play on May 23 saw the Marton team travel to Wanganui RSA and Bulls RSA travel to Wanganui East. Marton recorded a 13-8 victory, after leading 9-3 at the end of singles' rounds. Graham Marshall, Steve Lewis and Lee Bush all had 2 wins from 2 matches for Marton. Marshall then combined with his father Ross to win 2 of 3 pairs' clashes. Bulls took on competition leaders

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Wanganui East Gold: losing 4-17. Jason Trethewey excelled for Bulls; winning both his singles matches, against the home team's top 2 players.

MARTON HOCKEY

The Marton men's hockey side got a reality check on Saturday; being well beaten 7-2 by a rampant College division 2 side. This followed a pleasing performance, the previous week, when Marton won its game by five goals. So, it's back to the drawing board for coach Matt Belk. Conceding an early penalty stroke the boys showed some spirit and were able to contain the College side which was playing some good hockey. The half time score was 3-1 in College's favour. Marton's goal came via a well taken penalty corner by Todd Sutton. It was a different story after

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the break, with College exerting plenty of pressure and the Marton team scrambling. Our boys had a couple of good scoring opportunities but they were well saved by the College goalie. The free flowing game in the first half appeared to take a toll on the Marton side, and by three quarter time a combination of poor fitness, lack of basic ball skills and poor decision making saw College score another brace of soft goals in quick succession. Sadly, the team then appeared to give up and College helped itself to another couple of soft goals before the finish. Marton did score a consolation goal towards the end - a well taken shot by Xavier Andrews. All in all, a disappointing effort by Marton - perhaps the midday start time was a bit early for them! The boys, individually and the team collectively need to take some pride and responsibility in their performance for the games to come. The coach was not happy with the team effort on the day and consequently no player points were awarded. Marton's sponsor for the match was BJW Motors. Next week is Queens Birthday weekend and there is no hockey scheduled for this Saturday. Marton is drawn to play the fit and skilful Varsity Div 2 side, on 9 June at 4.30pm.

The Marton Women's team had a bye last week. Talking to a couple of the girls they are delighted with their start to the season and a break was required to recharge the batteries!

TARGET SHOOTING MARTON

This week was the second round of club champs. Again we saw some very good scores from those wanting to get ahead on the monthly ladder board. Unless you were able to shoot a 99, or 98, the night was not going your way. All very positive as we shoot another interclub in the next couple of weeks. Gary Cuff 98.05 99.09 197.14 Tony Bayler 98.04 99.06 197.10 Barry Nelson 98.05 98.03 196.08 Samantha Gledhill 96.04 99.05 195.09 Peter Lissington 98.03 96.04 194.07 Kayla Gledhill 96.04 97.02 193.06 Fred de Burgh 98.01 95.04 193.05 Jake Wright 97.04 94.03 191.07 Wayne Hunt 98.04 92.04 190.08 Don Hamilton 95.02 95.02 190.04 Dave Gledhill 95.01 93.01 188.02 Allan Wright 92.01 95.03 187.04 Alan McCubbine 93.04 88.00 181.04 Graeme Sixtus 85.00 87.01 172.01 Kevin Moody 85.00 87.01 172.01 Jacob Harris 86.00 86.01 172.01.

RANGITIKEI RUGBY

Byford's Readmix Taihape beat Border 39 -14 on Saturday, at Memorial Park in Taihape, to take its turn at the top of the table in the Wanganui premier rugby competition. They also picked up the Grand Hotel challenge trophy. Right behind Taihape on 33, is Ruapehu 32 and Border 31 points.

All of the Taihape try scorers have been named in the country team for a rep trial match this Friday night. They include: Jaye Flaws, Te Rangi Tapu McLeod, Kameli Kuruyabaki, Wiremu Cotterill, Dane Whale. Ratana is placed last, with 1 point at present.

In the senior competition, Hunterville leads the pack, to take a place in the top six to fight out the new championship round. They beat Wanganui Pirates convincingly 78 -12. Taihape beat Marton at home; 37-20. Both remain in the top six. Marton 4th and Taihape 6th. Utiku Old Boys was beaten 45-17 by Marist; putting them in 7th place - out of the championships to play the consolation round.

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

This week, we had a good turnout of members and also a visitor - Alan. We hope he enjoyed the evening. This week we played three games of pairs. Two teams won their three games and, after a play off between the leads, Rose Plank and Ari Bron came out the winners. Bev Shand won the raffle. Next week will be another normal club night, so we'll see you all there.

Black Stick offers nutritional advice

NZ Black Stick, Samantha Charlton visited Rangitikei College on Tuesday to speak to a small group of students about sports nutrition for adolescent athletes.

Sam has a degree in Sports Nutrition and spoke about her own experiences as a professional athlete, as well as the nutrition of other professional athletes. She talked about fuelling up for training, pre-match, during and post-match, as well as imparting advice about the use of supplements, eating overseas and travel nutrition.

Sam told students where their energy comes from - carbs, fat and protein - with the most important being carbohydrates for energy. The students found it to be very interesting and valuable information.

Rangitikei is grateful to John and Angela Turkington for organising Sam's visit.



Graduate keeps gates shut and options open



April Gleeson, teaching assistant at Bee Kids Childcare Centre, Marton. Photo Karen Hughes/ Training For You.

By Karen Hughes

At the Bee Kids Childcare Centre in Marton, an enormous rabbit lolling about the backyard is just one of the joys of work for April Gleeson.

The appropriately-named 'Peter' rabbit is free to roam around throughout the day, until he gets tucked into bed each night. Catching him for this purpose is probably April's biggest daily challenge - but it all adds to the enjoyment of her new role.

In early 2017, April was considering career options. She was looking for a six-month study option when the Working With Children, Level 3 programme at Training For You came up. April started the programme with the midyear intake and immediately felt that she had chosen the right path. "It was just fun," she says. April had volunteered before in a childcare centre but completing the Working With Children programme gave her skills and knowledge she needed, "I feel like it was really helpful. Doing the course helped me to understand a lot more and learn what kids can learn, how they learn and how they develop."

For the practical work experience component, April was based at Marton's Bee Kids. She says, "It's a different centre. In most centres, they separate the under 2 babies from the older children but here, they are all together. It's cool because you get to see the babies learn from older children. They are really good role models for the younger ones with their behaviour... (she laughs) usually!"

April graduated from Training For You in December 2017, gaining the National Certificate in Early Childhood Education, Level 3.

"My tutor (Michaela Newman) was really awesome, she was really helpful."

April has now secured a permanent role with Bee Kids, as a teaching assistant. The centre is registered to care for eight under 2-year olds and 23 children in all. April works with six other staff members.

April contacted her tutor at Training For You to share the news of her appointment. Michaela Newman says, "I was delighted, and not at all surprised that April had been offered a role at Bee Kids. During her placement visits she was a wonderful ambassador for Training For You and seemed a natural fit in the teaching team." April even has a special connection with one of the clients - her little cousin has just enrolled at the centre, so she's getting the opportunity to care for a family member.

April is looking at continuing her education. She is considering the NZ Diploma in Early Childhood Education & Care, Level 5, as online study, alongside her work. However, she is in a good position to look at a range of study possibilities. "I've got a lot of options," says the 20-year-old. "I like to think that I'm still young, so if I choose to go into vet nursing I can still do that." For the meantime, her advice to anyone considering a programme of study in early childcare is this: "Make sure you have patience," she says with a smile. "And if you're really sure about it, just do it. Life is short."

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22 Waitere Street, Marton
4 BED, 2 STOREY HOME
2 bedrooms downstairs and 2 bedrooms plus toilet upstairs. Lounge with logfire and heatpump, plus HRV system installed throughout the house. Open plan kitchen and dining room. Bathroom with shower and bath. Separate toilet. Full sized ¼ acre (1,012m²) fenced section. Garage/workshop. 4 bedroom homes of this nature are far and few between at the Realistic Price of \$217,000. Currently tenanted at \$300 per week.
Property ID: M1328

\$217,000



57 Skerman Street, Marton
1ST HOME START OR INVESTMENT
2 bedroom stucco home. Sunny north and west facing open plan kitchen, dining and living rooms. Neutral décor and polished floorboards add to the lightness and charm of the home. Skerman St location, within walking distance to town centre. Set on a 770m² section, with garage and off road parking. Currently tenanted at \$210 per week. Realistically Priced to sell at \$169,000.
Property ID: M1335

\$169,000



25 Main Street, Marton
TIDY FIRST HOME OR INVESTMENT
Tidy 3 bedroom weatherboard home with separate lounge, combined kitchen and dining room. Bathroom with shower over bath. In recent years this home has been updated with new carpet, floorboards inside and out, plus carpets and vinyl and in all rooms. The living and underfloor, which makes this a great opportunity for the first home buyer, or retiree. Separate garage/workshop. 1.11 acre section with minimal gardens.
Property ID: M1323

\$165,000



Marton
ENVIABLE LIFESTYLE
\$535,000 +gst (if any) on land

Enjoy country life on this sheltered 4.18ha lifestyle property. 5 bedroom family home with space for everyone. Large north facing lounge with open plan dining/kitchen. 3 bedrooms (2 en suite) plus en suite. Games room or 4th bedroom. Plus guest or teenager's bedroom. Full wet floor bathroom. Carport, plus double garage. 2 separate older sleepouts/rooms. 4 bay hay shed, cattle and horse sheds plus tackroom. Viewing by appointment only.
Property ID: M1317



Marton
EQUINE LIFESTYLE

Located in the heart of the Rangitikei, this private and sheltered 6.8ha property offers an enviable set up for horses, calf rearing, or country lifestyle. Divided into 8 paddocks, with 7 covered stables, tack room & washdown shed, 2 bay hay shed, 4 horse stables, plus sheep handling/shearing area. Farmhouse, with kitchen/dining, day lounge, 3 double bedrooms, games room with full slate pool table, formal lounge with north facing sunroom. Viewing by appointment only.

Property ID: M1326



\$597,000 inc gst



Marton
STEP ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER
\$155,000

This entry level home or next rental is realistically priced to sell on today's market at \$155,000 with the current tenant prepared to stay on. 3 bedroom weatherboard home with open plan kitchen, dining and lounge. Bathroom with shower and bath. Separate toilet. Compact, easycare 506m² section. The property could be enhanced with redecoration so has been priced at \$155,000 with this in mind.
Property ID: M1329



Marton
FIRST HOME AFFORDABILITY
\$139,000

Ideal entry level home, or your next rental with potential. 3 bedroom villa, with open plan lounge, kitchen, dining and 2nd living area that opens thru ranchslider to the side yard area. The interior is very tidy in neutral colour and has relatively new floor coverings. The exterior requires painting to your colour scheme. 1,442sqm fenced section, with carport and garage/workshop. Realistically priced to sell at \$139,000.
Property ID: M1325