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Shearing stars come out in Marton

Former world champion Sheree Alabaster, of Taihape, was the local star winning the North Island Open Woolhandling final at the Marton Shearing Sports last Saturday.

The winner of the Open shear final (20 sheep) was Rowland Smith from Maraekakaho. Gavin Mutch, Whangamomona farmer, Scots international and 2012 world champion, produced the second best quality points to claim another in a sequence of second placings since winning at Tauranga last month.

John Kirkpatrick had to settle for third, while fourth was Te Kuiti veteran Digger Balme, who had been second to finish, in 17min 20.94sec. Woodville shearer Tegwyn Bradley completed a Friday-Saturday double by adding the Senior title to that he won at the Dannevirke A&P Show 24 hours earlier, while former world woolhandling champion Sheree Alabaster, of Taihape, also made it a second win in two days over 2010 world teams title



Sheree Alabaster, of Taihape, won the North Island Open Woolhandling final. Photo supplied.

teammate Keryn Herbert, of Te Kuiti.

Mid-40s Hawke's Bay farmer Mark Ferguson had his first win since a 2017 Golden Shears and New Zealand championships Junior double, by winning the North Island Intermediate championship final at Marton, in which overseas shearers were second, third and fourth. Northern Wairarapa shearer



Junior Shearing title and Saturday, won the Novice Logan Kamura, who won shearing final. the Open Woolhandling Senior Shearing runner-up

final at Taihape the previous Ricci Stevens, of Napier, won

the Senior Woolhandling final, and the Junior Woolhandling title went to schoolboy Cortez Ostler of Marton.

A senior woolhandler blends the clip. Photo Terry Stillman.

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Talking about pumpkins & scarecrows



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The annual Marton Harvest Fair is next month so there are a few things that need doing if you want to participate.

It's time to get thinking about the design of your scarecrow in front of your Marton home, business, school, or building.

It would be good to get them up at the beginning of March ...forms are on line at the Project Marton website. It's very cheap to enter and everyone in and around Marton is invited to participate.

Giant pumpkins can win prizes up to \$400 in the Rangitikei District Monitor and Stewart Street Surgery giant pumpkin and giant produce competition .. .along with lots of other pumpkin prizes at the fair. If you have pumpkins growing that are likely to be over 200kg, contact the Rangitikei District Monitor and put your name down.

You can also enter pumpkins of all kinds and sizes and giant vegetables

Look after your valuable produce and keep it growing until the Marton Harvest Fair...and it could also win you some cash. Competitions include big fruit and veges as well as pumpkins of all shapes and sizes...even ugly ones. There are categories for all weights; for adults and children. Children can also enter a decorated pumpkin on the day Bakers are encouraged to get their pumpkin pie recipes ready. Your ready-made pie will be judged by celebrity chefs. Entries have grown each year in the pumpkin pie baking competition and the judges are always impressed. Bring your pumpkins and pies to the fair and show just how good our local cooks are. The proceeds of this competition go to the Marton St John Ambulance service.

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Marton Harvest Fair



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Agencies agree next steps in Manawatū contamination issue

Leaders from local councils and central government agencies met in Feilding last Friday to agree next steps in the response to the discovery of PFAS contamination around the Ohakea

Mayors, Chairs and Chief Executives from Horizons Regional Council, Manawatū District Council and Rangitikei District Council met local cabinet minister Iain Lees-Galloway (on behalf of lead minister David Parker) and senior officials from Ministry for the Environment, NZ Defence Force and the Ministry of Primary Industries.

"The biggest outcome today was that the agencies are unified around the needs of the community. This includes ensuring that affected people have easier access to the information they need, that the wider community knows what's happening and that there is 100% consistency in what people are told," said Bruce Gordon, chair of the Horizons Regional Council.

"I was pleased to see the level of collaboration between the agencies. That close interaction will mean the full spectrum of support can be provided to the people of the area," said Minister Iain Lees-Galloway.

"I had heard a range of concerns from local residents and I'm confident those are all on the agenda now. From a local perspective, I think we're all much clearer on the current state of affairs, and have the right people involved to make the next steps," Manawatū District Council Mayor Helen Worboys said.

The combined group is now working at pace to meet the needs and expectations of the community.

Concerned local residents should continue to call the 0800 line (0800 668 776) or visit the website www.mfe.govt. nz/pfas

Vandals smash trees local to the rescue

Vandals have entered the Marton Community garden at the top end of Centennial Park recently and smashed and snapped off branches of heritage fruit trees planted there.

Garden organiser Cath Ash says it is demoralising for people involved in the garden. There has been a silver lining though. Generous locals have come forth to provide help. Former local Tim Saywell, who lives overseas, has offered to send security cameras and Wendy Wagner from Marton's Property Brokers office has also offered help.

Green vandalism has become a problem in Marton recently with vandals also smashing and pulling out signs and trees in the Forest & Bird Walkway next to the Marton Memorial Hall. Cameras will hopefully catch someone in the act.

If you see anything suspicious in the gardens or walkway area, call the police.

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Sweet Dreams and other stories in song. Marton Players' Theatre – 7.30pm, 17 and 23 February. Tickets from Ray White, Broadway, Marton.

Marton Saracens Junior Cricket - Marton Saracens junior cricket sessions, have started - Fridays, 5.30pm start at Centennial Park. All interested children from 5 years of age (and their parents) are welcome.

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

VIEWPOIN

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

An open letter to Marton Community.

On behalf of the Marton Country Music Festival committee, I want to thank you for helping to make this year's Marton Country Music Festival a huge success.

The weekend ran smoothly, visitors stayed for extended periods of time and seemed to enjoy themselves, evaluations from the visitors had many good comments and overall, the weekend was a success. Even the much-anticipated bad weather stayed away for the weekend.

The Marton Country Music Festival is a huge event and it wouldn't be possible without the assistance of countless people who help prepare ahead of time, work during the event itself and clean up afterwards. It truly is a community event - from the committee planning it, to the people working it. Thank you for helping to make the day possible!

A great deal of appreciation is owed to the mayor, deputy mayor, the RDC and its staff who made the organisation of the event as easy as possible and were very supportive. It is definitely a Marton centred event and such a great venue and location. We must also thank the local community who were supportive and helpful – we appreciate your support a lot. We had over 430 motorhomes attending, plus caravan and tents and day to day visitors. All of them left with a positive experience of Marton and the Festival.

I heard many great things from visitors. During the weekend many people came up to compliment us on how smoothly the event ran or how successful it seemed. Evaluations from visitors also included positive comments about Marton. Some of the comments were about how lively the town of Marton was over the weekend and how the community got involved. "Town was buzzing when we went down there" was a common

Once again, our sincere thanks. Now we look to next year and hope for an even more successful event in Marton.

John de Burgh,

Marton Country Music Festival Organiser





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

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Greypower News

President of the Grey Power Federation Tom O'Connor has urged Parliament to send the Green Party Bill on medical cannabis to the Select Committee stage so the public can debate the issue. O'Connor said, as he understands it, the government has introduced a bill, which creates a criminal defence for those using cannabis with a terminal illness.

"This probably does not go far enough as those with chronic pain should also have access to medical cannabis if it offers them some relief."

The Green Party bill, sponsored by Chloe Swarbrick, would allow anyone with a doctor's prescription to access medicinal cannabis and O'Connor said it was logical that such decisions should be made by health professionals, not politicians.

O'Connor said there has been a long campaign by several groups and individuals seeking a relaxation of the law around cannabis use.

"Unfortunately, the genuine needs of seriously ill people were clouded by a noisy group seeking the right to grow their own cannabis for recreational use and so-called self-medication. O'Connor said there was a world of difference between cannabis-based pharmaceuticals, fully tested or otherwise and home-grown cannabis for self-medication, which the federation did not support.

"Self-medication is hazardous at best and for as long as recreational home-grown cannabis is illegal, we cannot support its use for self-medication, as it would be too easy to abuse."

Generous donation to Rise Up



Two groups of volunteers helping each other out... from left: Sandy Smith, Nicole Corcoran and Jean Sadler from Marton Christian Welfare handing over a donation to Red Cross chair, Judith Tamblyn, Pat Hatzen (CW), Jean Hansen and Paul Whitford from Red Cross.

Rangitikei Red Cross is very appreciative of a generous donation of \$500 from Marton Christian Welfare, presented on Monday at the Opp Shop in Follett St.

Christian Welfare donated \$500 to the Red Cross "Rise Up" Camps.

Judith Tamblyn from Red Cross says, "We wish to acknowledge their generosity towards our project."

Rise Up is an adventure programme hosted by New Zealand Red Cross in Palmerston North. Held during the summer holidays, the programme gives students the chance to 'rise up' through challenges that build self confidence and develop new skills. Participants use problem solving and teamwork skills to take part in a range of activities, from camping, participating in a fire service exercise, to jumping off a wharf. Aimed at 10 to 12 year olds, the programme takes place over four days and three nights. It combines a mix of outdoor education skills, as well as modules to help young people along their future path. The New Zealand Fire Service, New Zealand Police, Surf Life Saving New Zealand and the New Zealand Army help deliver the

Nicole Corcoran from Marton Christian Welfare says, "We are very much in support of the work of the Red Cross. This is joyous presentation that gives the many volunteers who give their time to the Opp Shop a chance to see where the money is spent when it is donated."

Both organisations agree that they must encourage new volunteers to participate. Marton Christian Welfare volunteers run the Opp Shop and Rangitikei Red Cross volunteer drivers provide travel support for patients using health services around the region.

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Iconic landmark up for auction

Marton's former post office is on the market and due to be auctioned next week.

Its overseas owner has decided to sell. The building was opened by then NZ Prime Minister, JG Coates, in 1925 and served Marton and district until it was closed when postal services in NZ were rationalised by the government and historic post office buildings all over NZ were closed.

The building was partially renovated by a former owner but has deteriorated somewhat, mostly from birds roosting inside but it still maintains four useable spaces in the downstairs area. They are lined with new gibboard and it is where some aspects of the original character of the building are still intact; with doors, ceiling features, decorative columns and the steel windows of the era.

As flats, shops, a gallery, offices or restaurant ... it has possibilities. Wendy Wagner from Property Brokers says it still has a future in Marton. Earthquake strengthening has a 15-year window for completion so the possibilities for a renewed life remain.

Property Brokers describe it as the "grand old lady." It is a category 2 historic building and an L shaped, two storied corner building designed in the "interwar stripped classical style" by John Mair. Strengthening of a portion of the building

took place in the 1970s. It is centrally located in Marton's central business area and was home to the only town clock until recently.

The land area is 1312m2 and the building's floor area is 1396m2.

The market will set the price for the property at auction. It will be sold in "as is, where is" condition. There is no set price ... no one knows how much the property will sell for.

The auction will take place at the Marton Property Brokers office, 266 Broadway on Wednesday February 14 at

Contact Wendy Wagner for any further information or to view the property.



The original character of the building is still intact



The building was partially renovated.





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All women who have ever been sexually active should have regular cervical smear tests from the time they turn 20 until they turn 70. The Ministry of Health states that in NZ approximately 160 women develop cervical cancer each year and about 50 die from it. They say regular smears can reduce the risk of cervical cancer by 90 percent.

The 'Smear Your Mea' campaign is being promoted during the national kapa haka regional competitions, which run until June. "Mea in Maori means thing, the thing that we are talking about is obviously female genitalia.

Whanganui Regional Health Network, Manaaki Te Whanau Outreach Team, encourages all women to get up to date with their smears. The team can support you by providing transport to and from your appointment and can mind your children

Clinics are being run throughout February, offering free cervical screening:

- •Bulls Medical Centre, High St, Bulls 25 & 26 February from 8am to 12pm.
- •Stewart St Surgery, 26 Stewart St, Marton will have appointments available during surgery hours.
- •Taihape Health Wednesdays from 4pm to 6pm.

Book an appointment through your GP or attend one of the February clinics. For more information, please phone Whanganui Regional Health Network on 0800 775 001 or (06) 348 0109 ext 736 or text us on 027 601 7101.

Real Life Therapy by Shirley Henderson

Dentist Denial

Ok, so I admit it, I'm a bit scared of the dentist. Not of the dentist personally, you understand, but of the process. And, as such, I've done a great job of avoiding the dentist for more than 20 years! I can hear some of you gasp at this statement.

Now I know that dentists are all nice people, they are extremely well trained, most have families and sometimes they eat the wrong foods and possibly from time to time – they don't floss either. It's just so hard to relax and stay calm when there are fingers and hard metal objects in your mouth. Anyway, I decided to practice what I preach, put on my big girl panties and made an appointment. Of course, I still felt nervous but concentrated on breathing (always a good thing) and decided to fake it and pretend I was ok.

It was so much better than I expected. The people were professional, the consultation was quick and painless, and the result was good. No fillings, no work required just a

The clean, well, let's just say that she was dealing with 20 years of avoidance! But even that was better than my imagination had lead me to believe.

And you see that's the thing! My imagination had taken me down a road that was far worse than the reality. My belief system was flawed. I was pleasantly surprised and felt so damn proud of myself after the appointment.

All our thinking is a work in progress. Some of it is spot on, some of it a matter of interpretation and at times that interpretation can be wrong.

Deciding to be strong and test some of our thinking can be a bit scary. However, the pay off when you achieve something, or when you leave something behind that has kept you stuck, can be worth it.

Let's just say – I've made my next appointment for the dental hygienist – not another 20 years of avoidance and I could smile and say a genuine thank you when I left.

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Local Marton shearer Jacob Moore competes in the open section.

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Event commentators Jimmy Samuels and Morgan Lissington (left) were never lost for words.



In the pens, a pen boy holds a sheep for the judges inspection.

Rangitikei Shearing Sports Shearing & Woolhandling Competition 2018 Results from the North Island Shearing and Woolhandling Championships at the Rangitikei Shearing Sports in

Results from the North Island Shearing and Woolhandling Championships at the Rangitikei Shearing Sports in Marton on Saturday, February 3, 2018: North Island Championships: Shearing: Open final (20 sheep): Rowland Smith (Maraekakaho) 17min 20.7sec, 60.485pts, 1; Gavin Mutch (Scotland/Whangamomona) 17min 56.31sec, 63.516pts, 2; John Kirkpatrick (Napier) 17minn19.46sec, 63.723pts, 3; Digger Balme (Te Kuiti) 17min 20.94sec, 64.097pts, 4; David Buick (Pongaroa) 17min 21.6sec, 64.53pts, 5; Mark Grainger (Te Kuiti) 19min 41.44sec, 70.622pts, 6.

Senior final (12 sheep): Tegwyn Bradley (Woodvile) 10min 21.37sec, 43.291pts, 1; Ricci Stevens (Napier) 10min 36.69sec, 43.613pts, 2; Ilan Jones (Wales) 10min 14.5sec, 44.17pts, 3; Connor Puha (Kimbolton) 11min 4.7sec, 44.457pts, 4; Tomas Lima (Levin) 11min 32.22sec, 49.166pts, 5; Jaycob Brunton (Levin) 11min 34.31sec, 51.049pts, 6. \Intermediate final (5 sheep): Mark Ferguson (Elsthorpe) 8min 1.97sec, 32.699pts, 1; Jeremy Leygonie (France) 7min 43.24sec, 33.962pts, 2; Gwydion Davies (Wales) 7min 26.65sec, 34.533pts, 3; Emily Te Kapa (Scotland) 8min 13.61sec, 35.681pts, 4; Ruka Braddick (Eketahuna) 8min 9.16sec, 39.258pts, 5; Daniel Seed (Woodville) 7min 21.71sec, 39.886pts, 6.

Junior final (5 sheep): Jonathon Painter (Pahiatua)



World shearing champion and a Golden Shears John Kirkpatrick sets the pace.

A Taste of Rangitikei

Lunches for college students

Marton's Centennial Park Dairy provides a daily lunch service for Rangitikei College students.

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Reuben Alabaster (Taihape) 8min 16.25sec, 45.013pts, 4 Liam Pritchard (Pongaroa) 11min 3.44sec, 50.172pts 5; Mark Baxter (Pongaroa) 10min 20.27sec, 56.414pts, 6 Novice final (1 sheep): Logan Kamura (Marton) 3min 33.77sec, 21.689pts, 1; Andrew Baxter (Pongaroa) 4min 16.83sec, 22.842pts, 2 James Geddy (Whanganui) 3min 50.79sec, 37.54pts, 3 Karolin Bunting (Germany) 3min 59.03sec, 43.952pts, 4 Adrienne Samuels (Marton) 4min 10.78sec, 46.539pts, 5 Samantha Baxter (Pongaroa) 4min 49.95sec, 49.498pts Woolhandling: Open final: Sheree Alabaster (Taihape)

9min 40.78sec, 41.039pts, 1:

Danniel Biggs (Mangamahu)

9min 25.95sec, 42.698pts, 2 Brooke Hamerton (Hastings) 9min 35.39sec, 44.97pts, 3

Woolhandling: Open final: Sheree Alabaster (Taihape) 66.488pts, 1; Keryn Herbert (Te Kuiti) 73.65pts, 2; Jamie McLean (Taihape) 83.12pts, 3; Eramiha Neho (Dannevirke) 107.014pts, 4; Cushla Abraham (Masterton) 107.19pts, 5; Logan Kamura (Marton) 110.62pts, 6.i

Senior final: Ricci Stevens (Napier) 56.43pts, 1; Ash Boyce (Dannevirke) 65.53pts 2; Angela Stevens (Napier) 77.93pts, 3; Nova Kumeroa (Mataura) 88.81pts, 4; Bianca Hawea (Masterton) 90.53pts 5; Emily Te Kapa (Scotland) 107.53pts, 6.

Junior final: Cortez Ostler (Marton) 57.75pts, 1; Crystal Bird (Eketahuna) 65.414pts, 2 Ngaira Puha (Kimbolton) 75.97pts, 3; Summer Pritchard (Pongaroa) 90.868pts, 4; Lucky Garrett (Eketahuna) 108.1pts, 5; Lee George (Te Kuiti) 111.988pts, 6.

Novice: Lara Pritchard (Pongaroa) 40.09pts 1; Jennifer Kumeroa (Whanganui) 86.19pts 2; Mereana Kumeroa (Whanganui) 102.4pts, 3.

Still underprepared for the next big one

NZ is still underprepared for the next big earthquake or major disaster.

That is a central finding of a research report, Recipe for Disaster: building policy on shaky ground - launched recently by the NZ Initiative. Lianne Dalziel, Christchurch mayor, wrote the foreword.

Post-earthquake disaster recovery in Christchurch was substantially hindered by avoidable policy mistakes that have still not been adequately addressed. The report's authors, Dr Bryce Wilkinson and Dr Eric Crampton with Jason Krupp, argue that government should preplan for future disasters by establishing an off-the-shelf framework for a recovery agency; including disaster contingencies in council long-term plans; progressing the changes to Earthquake Commission coverage and processes proposed under the last government and trialled in Kaikoura.

"Such changes would reduce the problems Christchurch experienced, otherwise will be unnecessarily difficult and costly. Building off-theshelf arrangements now that a future recovery agency could quickly deploy, would allow for more deliberative decisions.'

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Bridget McLean, a lawyer with previous experience in

Palmerston North and Wanganui, is a recent addition to the staff. Legal executive Jenny Pain is the practice manager and has been at Evans Henderson Woodbridge for close to 30 years. Teresa Cunningham and Andrea Vijande Grace round out the legal executive group, both having joined the Marton firm in 2013. Five very capable and committed support staff complete recovery from the next disaster the Evans Henderson Woodbridge team.

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ANOTHER PREVENTABLE RURAL TRAGEDY

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is saddened to hear of the death of a nine-year-old boy whilst riding a quad bike in rural Waikato last week and our thoughts are extended to friends and family.

"It is very sad, but it need not have occurred. We need to prevent families and friends from the heartbreak of losing a loved one in such tragic circumstances," says national president,

"RWNZ is concerned on two levels, one is children riding age appropriate quad bikes unsupervised and the other is children under the age of 16 riding adult-sized quad bikes.

"Last night's incident is an unfortunate but timely reminder of manufacturer's recommendations, that children under the age of 16 should not be riding adult-sized quad bikes.

'Children do not have the weight, strength or judgement to be operating these vehicles. 'When young children are riding age appropriate quad bikes, they need to be wearing a helmet and be supervised at all times.

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"It is heart breaking to receive news like this," says Ms. Gower.

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Results from Wednesday 31 January: competition stableford: Karen Yorke 44pts, Heather Craig 42pts, Pat Pearce, Kelvin Burt, Bill Patene 41pts, Bob Pittaway 40pts, Brian Northcott. Neil Atkins, Mark Nevile, Steve Boyens, & Bruce Kinloch all 39pts, Peter Young, Dan Scotson & Matt Brown all 38pts, Clive Robinson, Bob Wilson, Graeme Stephens, Geoff Ingram, Henry Potaka, Neville Berendt & Lynne McDonald all 37pts. Twos: Heather Craig 3rd, Michell Mossop 5th & Kelvin Burt 12th. Jackpot holes - 10 & 11: Matt Brown, Bill Patene & Gary Cuthbertson all 7 stablefords. Lucky draw: Ann Robinson.

Marton Golf CLUB

Twilight golf. Wednesday 31 January. Golfers: B Gunn 25, Ř Winn 21, E Grant 21, D Williams 21, N Gray 20, I Gunn 20, S Duncan 20. Non-golfers: D Small 51, J Webb 51, H White 51, S White 51. Twos: B Gunn 12th. Lucky draw: 1st B White, 2nd D Melody.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results for Saturday 3 February - Rangitikei Tavern stableford: seniors: Tamati Anaru 45pts, Graemae Stephens 43pts, lan Harvey 42pts, Jason Harris 41 pts & Andrew Richardson 38pts. Juniors: Wendal Masters & Brent Vann 41pts, Liz Halford & Nepia Andrews 40pts, Bryan Northcott 39pts & Linda Harris 38pts. Twos: Martin Field & Jason Harris on 3rd, Alan Wix on 12th.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 30th. Nine hole stableford; B Hills 26, B Philps 21, D Penfold 19, Hu Amo Fiu 19, D Wright 18, W Wereta 18, J Van Loo 16, M Carroll 16, J Stantiall 15. Two; J Stantiall No 7. Nearest pin; B Hills. Saturday 3rd The Strong Room summer shield; Rd 5, stableford: Sen men; D Todd by lot 40, R McDermott, G Cunningham 40, G Forbes & G Franks 38, J Stella 37, G Bond 36. Jnr men; M Neumann 46, D Wright 37, M Porter 36. Women; L Tipu 1st, S Wells 2nd, D Todd 3rd. Twos; M Neumann 2 & 14, G Forbes 11. Jackpot 24 balls #7 not struck.

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WARNING: RIVER LEVEL INCREASE FLOW CHANGES IN THE MOAWHANGO AND RANGITIKEI RIVERS

Genesis Energy's resource consents for the Tongariro Power Scheme require flushing flow releases from Moawhango Dam. This release is the third of five releases for the summer of 2017-2018. The purpose of the flushing flow is to help improve the ecology of the Moawhango River. As the Moawhango River flows into the Rangitikei River, the flushing flow will result in an increased flow in both rivers.

The flows will be at least 26 cubic metres per second for 5 hours (flows are released Tuesday 9pm to Wednesday 2am from Moawhango Dam). The flushing flow will result in an increased flow in both the Moawhango River (from Moawhango Dam) and the Rangitikei River on the following date:

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Nearest the pins; s/men= D Todd. J/men = M Neumann. Women = D Todd. Coming events: Tuesday summer golf; 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 10th; season opening day, 11.00 am tee off. Sunday 11th February; prizegiving & family fun day, 11am till 3pm. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

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MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 2 CRICKET

Central ITM Saracens played Wanganui Collegiate at the Collegiate ground on Saturday. Saracens won the toss and asked the school team to bat first. Collegiate was all out for 208, dismissed in the 39th over. Jayden Lane took 1 for 13 from his 5 overs, Mark Transom 2 for 22 from 6, Brett Cunningham 0 for 35 from 7, Phil Galpin 1 for 24 from 4, Vern Kohi 2 for 33 from 7, Allan Pond 0 for 20 from his 3 overs and Dave Woolston 2 for 35 from 7. Lane and Woolston each held 2 catches and Kohi 1. The Saracens reply featured a sound opening partnership from Andrew Spence (20) and Woolston (53). Transom scored 13, Pond 25, Justin Lock 4, Kelly Kumeroa retired hurt for 5, Ronan Spence made 32, Galpin 0 and Cunningham 1. Kohi was 8 not out and Lane was run out off the last ball of the 40 overs, attempting a single that would have tied the scores. Saracens finished at 207 for 9...losing by 1 run. Dave Woolston was the Richards Construction player of the day. This Saturday, Central ITM Saracens play Wanganui Wicket Warriors at Centennial Park at 11am.

Over 60s Cricket

Marton's Allan Pond is representing Central Districts in this week's national Over 60s cricket championships in the Wellington region. Central played Otago in their 1st

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match, on Sunday. Otago batted first and scored 209 for 9 in their 40 overs. Pond bowled the maximum 7 overs allowed and was economical, taking 0 for 29. When Central batted he opened the batting and was dismissed for 1 by Otago captain and former first class cricketer John Cushen. Central Districts were dismissed for just 159, in the 34th over, and lost by 50 runs. On Monday, CD played Wellington, won the toss and put Wellington in. Pond took 2 for 42 in his 7 overs, in the Wellington total of 203 for 5. Central openers Gordon Kuggeliyn and Pond then shared an opening stand of 72 before Kuggeliyn was dismissed for 34. Pond was out soon after for 35, then the middle order rather 'lost their way' and the run rate blew out. Despite a hard hitting 40 from wicketkeeper Bruce Hooper-Smith, the CD side finished their overs on 173 for 7, to lose by 30 runs. Tuesday was a rest day and Central Districts were due to play the front running Canterbury team on Wednesday.

MARTON CROQUET

Results Monday 29/1/18: D Winmill 26 v T Martyn 13, S Johnson 14 v G Thompson 5. Golf croquet; L Thompson 8 v A Winmill 3, T Martyn 7 v D Winmill 3. Saturday 3/2-18; golf croquet; M Meek/M Vallance 7,1,3 v S Johnson/A Winmill 5,7,7, L & G Thompson 7 v L Johnson/K Fitchett 6. L McLay/ Andy Watson 7,4 v D Winmill /Liz Rayner 6,7, J McDougall/E Ogden 3,1,3 v L Hughes/A Bates



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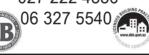


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Deaths

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Sylvia's family wish to sincerely thank all those who supported us by sending flowers. baking, letters and cards during the loss of a very special person. Thank you to all those who attended the funeral service and helped us

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CROQUET MANAWATU-WANGANUI

Association croquet Interclub competition. At this stage of the competition, Rose Gardens is in pole position (just), as they are equal on points with Levin, but have a match in hand. However, that postponed match is with Marton/Wanganui and could go either way. Moreover, RG's final round is against Levin. So, there is much to play for in the forthcoming week, or so, and any of the top three teams could win.Week four - Levin 2, Marton 1. Individual results: Margaret Troup (Levin) bt Selwyn Johnson (M) 13-10; Gordon Thompson (M) bt Rosemary Eyres (L) 11-3: Ted Anderson & Lois Molloy (L) bt Murray McNae & Lyn Johnson (M) 16-13. Week five - Feilding 2, Levin 1. Rose Gardens v Marton/Wanganui postponed. Points to date: Rose Gardens 8, Levin 8, Marton/Wanganui 7, Feilding 4.

MITRE 10 MARTON TRIATHLON OFFERS NEW BUSINESS HOUSE CHALLENGE

The date is set and registrations are open for the second Mitre 10 Marton Triathlon at Rangitikei College on March 11. This year, Mitre 10 and Sport Whanganui are delighted to introduce the new business house team event, giving local businesses the opportunity to put together a team and be involved in a fun corporate challenge. Organisers are inviting all local businesses to enter a team in this exciting new category. It's a great chance to get colleagues together and challenge other businesses and friends outside normal team building activities. To enter, businesses must put together a team of 3 to participate in the medium course, consisting of a 200 metre swim, 12km bike and 4km run. A trophy will be given to the winning local business team on the day. Sport Whanganui and Mitre 10 Marton have in mind to grow local business participation. Marie Kinloch, event coordinator says, "The new business house challenge is a fun way for businesses to be involved in a community event. Last year was a great day and we hope to see plenty of local people enjoying themselves again at the second Mitre 10 Marton Triathlon." If your business is interested in entering a team, please go to www.sporty.co.nz/mitre10martontriathlon/Entries-1/Enter-online. The cost to enter is \$10 per team and registrations close on March 4. The event caters for all ages and skill levels. For those who want to enter as individuals, the event will again offer short and medium course options. For more information about the Mitre 10 Marton Triathlon, please contact Marie Kinloch on 06 349 2327, or email marie@sportwhanganui.co.nz.

Email us your Sports and Club Reports by 10am Tuesday; monitoradvertising@xtra.co.nz up to 200 words



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Croquet mural celebrated

A mural painted on the wall of the Marton Croquet Club was completed over the past few months by Liz McLay, artist, former scenery painter and the secretary of the Marton Croquet Club.

Liz was helped by other members and also by local painter Peter Rayner, who painted the roof of the building and donated paint. The Marton Community Committee provided a grant to cover the rest of the paint for the project.

Mayor Andy Watson assisted Liz in officially celebrating the mural and he participated in a game of golf croquet, ably assisted by Liz McLay, against Monitor editor Liz Rayner and David Winmill.

During the painting process, Liz McLay says she was approached by many people, walking past the mural, all giving favourable comments.

The Marton Croquet Club hopes the colourful mural increases awareness of the game of croquet in Marton and encourages people to try the game – it's a game for all ages. The club's membership ranges in age from 18 (a current NZ representative) to several

players in their 80s who're still well able to swing a mallet and play competitive games. Marton Croquet Club has had some very good players over the years, with several playing for New Zealand.

Anyone who wants to have a go is very welcome to go along on a Monday, Wednesday or Saturday Afternoon, between 1pm and 4pm. The croquet courts are situated in Tutaenui Rd.



Hottest month since records began

January 2018 was the hottest month on record for NZ using the seven-station series, surpassing the previous record of February 1998, when the nationwide average temperature recorded was 19.6°C. The exceptional and persistent warmth during the month, meant mean temperatures were well above average (>1.20°C of average) throughout NZ. Notably, over half of NZ's regularly reporting stations observed mean temperatures at least 3°C above their January average. The nationwide average temperature in January 2018 was 20.3°C (3.1°C above the 1981-2010 January average from NIWA's seven station temperature series which began in 1909).

January was a contrasting month for rainfall, as relatively few observation stations recorded near normal rainfall overall (80-119% of normal). The predominant northerly-quarter airflows delivered a steady stream of relatively humid air over the country. This combined with strong daytime heating to cause frequent, relatively short-duration, high intensity rainfall events - particularly over inland parts of the North Island. Further highlights:

- The highest temperature was 37.6°C, observed at Clyde on 30 January.
- The lowest temperature was 1.0°C, observed at Manapouri on 7 January.
- The highest 1-day rainfall was 223 mm, recorded at Takaka on 17 January.
- The highest wind gust was 143 km/h, observed at Mt Kaukau (Wellington) on 6 January.
- Of the six main centres in January 2018, Auckland was the warmest, Dunedin was the sunniest, driest and coldest; Tauranga was the wettest and Hamilton the least sunny.
- Of the available automatic sunshine observation sites, the sunniest four locations in 2018 so far (1 January 31 January) are Cromwell (277 hours), Akaroa (272 hours), Lake Tekapo (271 hours) and Paraparaumu (267 hours).



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4 Toia Street, Marton A HOME TO ENJOY

\$279,000

Well maintained, 1970's, low maintenance spliwith spacious covered outdoor entertain, area with built-in wardrobes. Moder cooktop, rangehood, wall oven, Illicrowa and separate shower room. Priva 2) double garage, plus separate workshop caravan/motorhome parking. Inground swimming pool. Property ID: M1322



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Property ID: M1287

\$287,000



Marton \$38,000 **RESIDENTIAL SECTION**

itles This 1,012m² section, with on services at the road front, off will suit a relocated house, or Partially even perhaps a motorhome fenced, power and telephone base. Located on the western to the boundary. Surrounded side of Racecourse Ave it mment offers all day sun for your new osed home. Realistically priced at ther \$38,000.

Property ID: M1324



57 Station Road, Marton **FIRST HOME AFFORDABILITY**

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 \$147,000. Property ID: M1325



TIDY 1ST 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 a new roof, decoration inside and out, plus carpets and vinyl and insulation in the ceiling and underfloor, which makes this great opportunity for the first home buyer, or retiree. Separate garage/ workshop. 1,012m² section with minimal gardens.

Property ID: M1323



That's right, Privacy, plus the advantage of being close to schools and town centre, with this home of 3 bedrooms, plus a 4th small bedroom, or office and a separate sleepout for teenagers, or extended family. Separate lounge. Open plan kitchen and dining room that opens to the large entertaining deck and private, fully fenced backyard. Ideal for a busy family looking for private living. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$287,000. Property ID: M1320



\$353,000 +gst (if any) on land **ENVIABLE LIFESTYLE**

Enjoy country life on this sheltered 4.18ha lifestyle property. 5 approximately 200 metres bedroom family home with space for everyone. Large north facing from the centre of town, giving lounge with open plan dining/kitchen. 3 bedrooms, bathroom, plus ensuite. Games room or 4th bedroom. Plus guest or teenager's churches, and medical centre bedroom. Full wet floor bathroom. Carport plus double garage at the house. 2 separate older sleepouts rooms. 4 bay hay shed, cattle yards, stables plus tackroom. Viewing by appointment only.



RESIDENTIAL SECTION Are you thinking of your

retirement and need a section that is close to town where you can build you low maintenance dream home? Then this is the ideal site as it is a 720m² flat corner section. Located you easy access to shops. Services located in road frontage. Realistically priced at \$72,000.

Property ID: M1315

Property ID: M1317