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We will remember them



The boys at camp in Cairo - T Keeble, J Gregory, D Davies, C Vernon, R Todd, B McLeod, J Palatchie and P Rayner.



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Kit Inspection N.Z. Troop at night

In WW2 HMT Strathaird carried hundreds of New Zealand troops from the Wellington West Coast Company to Egypt, including those who set forth from Marton and Rangitikei. These photos are from an album sent home by Phillip George Rayner. Phillip himself failed to return. He was killed in Corinth, Greece on the day New Zealand troops evacuated.



Phillip Rayner sitting on top of a pyramid in Egypt.



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Trans-Tasman ties at Hunterville service

The Dawn Parade in Hunterville had special guests from across the Tasman this year. Heather Armanasco and her husband Chris, with their New Zealand cousin David Squires, attended to honour Heather's grand-uncle William Sonners (known as Jack to his family). Jack was born on April 27, 1884, in Tasmania and, aged 17, left to work as a seaman between Australia and New Zealand. At that time he changed his name to James Hunter, although no one knows why. By 1914, aged 30, James was living at Marton and at the outbreak of WW1, he enlisted in the NZ Veterinary Corps. He was initially posted to Egypt, then transferred to France. He was wounded at the first battle of the Somme and returned to New Zealand where he was discharged unfit for active duty in March 1917. He was allocated 980 acres of Whirinaki land to lease and ran a postal and camp service for the riverboats. Eighteen months later, James succumbed to the 1918 influenza epidemic and died aged 34. Seven men from James' family served in WW1. His younger brother Victor was killed in France, while two other brothers and three brother-in-laws returned. Heather Armanasco read the welcoming and closing prayers for the day and Chris Armanasco and David Squires laid a wreath to represent the links between Australia and New Zealand and to commemorate both the soldiers who died and the animals that James cared for during the war. Both Heather and Chris are ex-service, having served in the RAAF.

When James died, this death notice was published in a Tasmanian newspaper:

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HEALTH SCENE +

Junior doctors will again strike next week, this time for a full five days, from 8am Monday to 8am Saturday. Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) is well under way with planning for the strike, and chief executive Russell Simpson says he is confident the level of disruption to patients and the public due to the industrial action will be minimised as much as possible. "As was the case for the previous four NZRDA strikes, in recent weeks, Whanganui Hospital's Emergency Department (ED) will be open as usual for emergencies," he says. "However, we will again need to reschedule some elective surgery and outpatient clinics booked for that week.

Whanganui DHB prepared for junior doctor strike

"Any patient with a planned surgery, procedure or outpatient appointment, booked for the five days of the strike, will be contacted as soon as possible if this needs to be rearranged. As always, patient safety is our foremost priority, so all decisions regarding the rescheduling of appointments or surgery, will be carefully considered. "Patients should still come to their scheduled appointment or surgery on the days of the strike action UNLESS we have contacted them directly, to say their appointment is being rescheduled." As usual, it is important to seek treatment early for non-urgent ailments or injuries so that the condition doesn't get worse. Visit your GP or after-hours clinic in the first instance. Anyone unsure if they need ED care should contact their GP or call Healthline (0800 611 116) for free advice from a registered nurse.

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Rangitikei Squash Club celebrates 50



Current and former members of the Rangitikei Squash Club came from near and far last weekend to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary.

Reunion organiser Di Tasker said about 100 people had registered for the celebration, and most of them were at the club last Friday evening for the party. The Club's history dates back to 1968, when the first committee was formed. The original courts were built the following year, in 1969. They have since been expanded and renovated. While squash has declined somewhat in popularity in the last decade or so, there are still between 60 and 70 members at the Rangitikei Squash Club.

The anniversary cake was cut by John Furness, who joined the club in 1979 and is still playing, making him the longest-standing active member.

RANGITIKEI HISTORY



Celebrating Peace. On 19 July, 1919, Marton citizens celebrated the end of World War I with a grand parade, running from the Pukepapa Road/High St corner, along Broadway to Marton Park. The parade was marshalled by Major Batten and Lieutenant Henry Arkwright, with 100 returned soldiers.

The Marton Historical Society archives have extensive history of Rangitikei servicemen from both WWI and WW2.

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Yes, you did feel an earthquake at 4.37am Wednesday. It was centred 10km south west of Dannevirke and at a depth of 25 km. It was preceded by a 2.8 shake, 15km south east of Whanganui at 3.32am - depth 33km.

Easter Choral Evensong, Sunday 28 April, 5pm.
Join the parish choir for this traditional service at St Stephen's Church, Maunero St. All welcome.

Arcadian Singers Taihape - first concert of the year
- Sunday May 5 at 2pm.

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CLUB SCENE



Marton Music Society



Guest artists Trio Bella

Trio Bella is an entertaining chamber group from Palmerston North which will perform the Marton Music Society this Sunday, April 28 at 2pm, in the Friendship Hall, Morris Street, Marton.

The programme is varied and ranges from light opera through to classics, including works by Handel, Telemann and Sarasate as well as selections from The Phantom of the Opera, The Merry Widow, and the film music for 'Schindler's List'. Dance music will also feature and includes tangos by the South American composer Piazzolla and Namita Pradhan from Nepal will perform a dance to the music of Ravel's Bolero. Members of Trio Bella are the very experienced flautist Diana Nield, who has enjoyed playing in musical groups all her life; well-known local performer and jazz pianist Chris Dann; prizewinning violinist Nathan Pinkney, now a music student at Auckland University and well-known cellist and teacher from Levin, Robert Dussler, who is standing in for regular cellist Joanna Dann - due to injury. This promises to be a most enjoyable concert. Tickets are \$20, and discounted to \$15 for Marton Music Society members. All are very welcome to this special concert, which will be followed by afternoon tea.

Arcadian Singers of Taihape

The singers present their first concert of the year on Sunday May 5 at 2pm. Their interesting programme opens with compositions by New Zealand composers, Dorothy Buchanan, David Hamilton and our own Helen Gordon. Dorothy Buchanan's Peace Song is an audience favourite and appropriate for the present circumstances. Two songs by David Hamilton include the beautiful From Away which was specially commissioned for the choir and is a setting of a poem by Irene Loder. The soprano soloist is Charlotte Oswald. Helen Gordon has contributed an arrangement of a well-known folk song. Several fine young singers will sing solo and will join the choir in John Rutter's Look at the World. Also featured are choruses by Handel, Brahms and Rachmaninov and the programme will conclude with some amusing novelty numbers. The conductor is Helen Gordon with Alison Stewart at the piano. Afternoon tea will follow.

Marton Contract Bridge Club

Results Tuesday 16 April. Charles Pownall Trophy (R2): N/S H Bostock and J Willis 58.0, G Kirton and M Hughes 54.0, J Bellamore and K Poppe 52.5. E/W J Baddeley and S Loudon 56.5, W Jones and C Skou 53.5, P Sullivan and J Sabine 53.0. Thursday 18 April. McVerry Crawford Pairs (R3): N/S K Poppe and H Bostock 62.5, M Lourie and T Ellery 59.17, D Cains and J Bligh 54.58. E/W S Gruys and J Meads and F Bertram and J Ellery 57.08, T White and B Bolt 51.25. Winners of McVerry Crawford Pairs; K Poppe and H Bostock.

Marton Players



Chris Melody on harmonica.

Last Friday night Marton players held its monthly open mic night with plenty of musical talent on display. Chris Melody joined in on his harp and as lead singer. In May two musical shows are planned at the theatre. Former Martonian Caroline Easter brings Caroline Easter and the Cinnamon Girls to the town for a show on Saturday 11 May. Caroline and her band will be playing from their new indie-pop album Lucky. Tickets are \$20, and are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz, or door sales will be available on the night if there are any tickets left. On Saturday 18 May Marton RSA presents Vicki Lee singing From the Era of Dame Vera Lynn. This was a very popular show last year and is sure to please again. Tickets are \$25 from Marton Print in High St.

With Scouts, the sky's the limit



The 1st Marton Scout Group is a great place to start your journey of discovery and adventure. During these holidays one of our scouts – Sam Parkinson – attended the Scouts' Aviation Flying School held in Palmerston North. The school is open to all scouts throughout New Zealand and there are only 42 places, so getting your enrolment in quick is key. Here Sam studied aviation and sat exams and, towards the end of the week, he was lucky enough to fly and operate a light aircraft, a micro-light and a glider. He gained all of the nine aviation badges, which he will proudly wear on his sleeve. Not only did he come away with some amazing life skills, he also met new scouting friends from around New Zealand.

Even though 1st Marton Scout Group doesn't meet as a group during school holidays, we are still active within its community. Committee members, Cubs, Scouts and venturers assisted with the refreshments at the late Duncan Hart's funeral and also ensured the Memorial Hall was clean and tidy afterwards.

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HEALTH SCENE



Protecting the whole community through immunisation

'Protected together' is the focus for this year's national Immunisation Week, from 29 April to 5 May 2019. This theme is being supported by Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB), Whanganui Regional Health Network and general practices, through the encouragement of high immunisation uptake, to protect everyone in our community.

In the Whanganui region, the majority of young children are fully immunised, with 89% percent of children at age 8 months being up to date with their immunisations as at 31 March 2019. Sue Hina, Whanganui Regional Health Network Immunisation Coordinator, says immunisation is the most important way of protecting individuals, whānau and the wider community from many different diseases. "The national immunisation target is 95%, so we still have some way to go in preventing serious diseases like measles from having an opportunity to spread," Mrs Hina says. "Disease outbreaks can have significant consequences for families and communities, which is why it's so important to vaccinate on time."

Those who are not immunised, whether by choice or other circumstances, are worst affected by these outbreaks. This year has already seen an outbreak of measles in Canterbury, with subsequent cases in other centres, including Auckland and the Bay of Plenty. The last major outbreak in New Zealand was in 1991, and led to seven deaths. Measles remains one of the leading causes of death among young children globally, despite the availability of a safe and effective vaccine. The World Health Organisation says about 110,000 people around the world died from measles in 2017 – mostly children under the age of five. Increased immunisation rates have had a major impact on reducing measles deaths. During 2000-2017, measles vaccination prevented an estimated 21.1 million deaths, which is an 80% decrease globally. Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions, so it's important your child is up to date; specifically with their 15-month and 4-year vaccination. "If you are not sure, then ask your practice nurse; your child can still catch up and it's free. Also check with the whole whānau, as everyone needs to have had two doses of the measles vaccination over 12 months of age, if they were born after 1969.

Winter is coming, so now is the time to get the influenza vaccination. This is available at your general practice and covers the strains that are currently circulating.

"While you may think you are okay, four out of five people don't show any symptoms. So there is still the risk of passing the flu on to your loved ones," Mrs Hina says. "Immunisation is the best protection against influenza. Even if you still catch the flu after immunisation, your symptoms are less likely to be severe."

People with long-term health conditions like heart disease, stroke, diabetes, respiratory disease, kidney disease and most cancers, who are aged 6 months or older; and everyone aged 65 years or older can also have free influenza immunisation. If you don't meet the criteria, you can still get vaccinated at a small cost.

"Last year the WDHB region topped the country at 69% for its over-65s flu vaccination, so we aim to get to the 75% target," Mrs Hina says.

If you would like more information talk to your doctor or practice nurse, or contact Sue Hina on (06) 348 0109 extn 723, or phone 0800 IMMUNE, or visit www.immune.org.nz

Circus Aotearoa

Circus Aotearoa brought some strength and daring to Marton when they set up in the grounds of Marton School last weekend.

The circus has been running for 11 years and features overseas acts, as well as three performers who trained at the Wellington Circus School.

The ringmaster led the crew and multi-tasking cast in a series of tumbling, juggling, balancing and flying acts, touched with a little comedy including a very stupid clown who fell in love with the writer.

The tent was everything a circus tent should be and the new age circus acts were all presented by fit, strong and well cared for humans. The popcorn and candyfloss finished it all off.

Story and photo Liz Rayner.



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Outside the Box

Growing older Part 2

Last month I spoke about how becoming older may present challenges that could cause depression and that it's important to identify this rather than putting it down to just becoming older.

Some symptoms of depression are constantly feeling down for several weeks, losing interest and enjoyment in usual activities, withdrawing from others, behaviour changes - e.g. irritability with others, anxiety, changes in eating and sleeping patterns, fatigue, memory and concentration loss, feelings of hopelessness or despair, undiagnosed pain and thoughts of death.

As we grow older, whether we realise it or not, we have used strategies to cope with challenges faced along the way. So a good way of dealing with depression is being able to recognise these and use them. Having meaningful relationships where you feel safe talking to others about how you feel is another way to help yourself. Keeping occupied, with things like gardening, fishing or visiting people, may give you a sense of accomplishment, which can help lift depression.

You can also seek help from your doctor or a counsellor to whom you can talk about your feelings; knowing that what you say is confidential and you are talking to a trained person who wants to help you. "Keeping your chin up" may be a way to tolerate what is happening in your life but you will feel a lot better if you can enjoy and get meaning out of your life.

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Summer gardening

by Wally Richards



Lawn sowing weather

The end of daylight savings means we have less time before dusk to do any gardening chores plus we're only two months away from the shortest day.

As the days shorten plant growth slows and temperatures cool. Gardeners need to be mindful of this and to be careful in watering gardens or containers as the plants require less water and wet feet gives rise to wet weather diseases - spray susceptible plants with Perkfection. Parched soils have been soaking up the recent rains and this promotes the seeds of weeds, which have laid dormant over the summer months, to germinate.

Watch out for these young weeds and zap them while they're still small. If allowed to grow, they will race to maturity before winter sets in and drop a fresh load of seed to create weed problems for you in the spring.

A few weeks back we suggested that gardeners should prepare areas where new lawns are to be sown. For those that have done their preparation work, now is about the time to sow the

new lawn seed. Preparation work involved making about the top 15 to 20 cm of soil, friable and a good medium of soil and compost/humus for the lawn grasses to grow. It also involved the laying of drainage and irrigation systems, if required and periods to germinate any weed seeds that were present.

If all the above have been done you will now have an area that is of bare soil of a fine tilth, free of weeds and moist with the recent rains. A sprinkling of gypsum over the area and lightly watered in, will assist in seed germination and root establishment.

At this stage you have done a lot of good work so don't spoil it by planting poor grass seed. The best seed types to sow are ones that are a mix of fine rye and fescue. Avoid mixes that have brown top in them, as the brown top is going to cause you heaps of thatch problems in the future. (Who wants to create more work and cost for themselves?) The modern fine rye strains are quick to establish, hard wearing and make a great looking lawn. The fescue is also a very fine bladed grass but slower to germinate and not as hard wearing.

Many lawn seeds offered to the home gardener are coated, which means you get less seed per kilo. Some coatings are so heavy that up to half the weight of a kilo of seed is coatings. These coated types of lawn mixes are a waste of money and can have much slower and poorer germination rates.

Greenkeepers – the masters of turf – seldom if ever, use a coated lawn seed. Instead they prefer uncoated seed that is certified – having a proven germination rate in the 90% plus with about a 99% purity.

This last figure is important as you don't want to be sowing a lawn seed mix that has a lot of grass weeds or other weeds in the mix. Consumer magazine, a few years back, tested common brands of lawn seeds for the home garden and found one that had no lawn seed in it at all, just weed seeds!

Though I am against coated lawn seed there is one brand called Super Strike which is an excellent mix of fescue and fine rye and the coating is so fine that it only adds 1 gram of weight per kilo of seed.

A great lawn is one that is a dense mat of fine grasses mowed at a height of 25 to 50mm. A dense mat means very few weed problems as weeds can't establish in such competition, and the odd one that does can be cut out with a sharp knife. A bonus to this is that you don't have to waste a lot of money on lawn weed sprays and moss controls.

The rate you sow a lawn at will determine how many seeds are in any given area. Often the rate for home gardens is one kilo of seed per 30 to 33 square metres. There is no reason you can't increase this by half or even double. A thick mat of grasses that establishes quickly will ensure a better lawn.

After you broadcast your seeds you can either lightly rake or even better cover the seed lightly with a weed free sand or fine pumice then lightly water to settle. It is now important that the area be kept moist for several weeks while the seed is germinating and the grasses establish. Failure to maintain a good moisture level means a poorer strike and establishment. At the same time, you don't want to drown the area and have seeds wash away from the places where they landed. A light watering morning and night, when it is not raining, is about right. On a hot sunny day a midday watering maybe needed.

Birds, if plentiful in the area, may help themselves to your freshly laid seeds. To overcome this you can feed the birds with cheap fresh bread on the other side of the house. The fresh bread will swell in their tummies and reduce their foraging habits. Put it out at dawn (or before you go to bed if not an early riser) and maybe another sprinkling of the bread later in the day. Bird Repeller Ribbon can be stretched out over the freshly sown areas till the grasses have established. Using the new fine rye grasses (Super Strike) means a very quick germination and fewer bird problems.

You can further enhance germination and establishment by spraying the area with Magic Botanic Liquid after sowing and repeat two weeks later. Endeavour to keep the area free of activity until two or more mowings are completed. Never mow off more than one third of the height of the grasses in any one mowing. This helps the grasses to branch and form that dense mat.

The type of food you supply to your lawn is also very important. Do not use the common lawn fertiliser as it can cause problems such as thatch, burning and weak rapid growth. Besides, it only gives the lawn a boost, kills the soil life and weakens the health of the grasses. Instead use a slow release food and the best one for this is a natural product called Bio Boost. It's inexpensive, when compared to other lawn fertilisers and releases over a 12-month period but should be applied to lawns in both spring and autumn. It's not readily available except from a few garden centres and some farm supply stores such as Fruit Fed/PGG Wrightson and Farmlands.

For those with existing lawns, now is the time to apply Thatch Busta to your lawns to clean up the thatch that has gathered in the last six months. Thatch is the debris that builds up on the soil at the base of the grasses. It causes problems of drainage, disease and moss. Thatch Busta is sprayed over the lawn and it will eat up an inch of thatch in a month in average conditions. If you wish to thicken up the existing grasses, it pays to run a scarifier over the lawn and sow fresh seed into the grooves that are left. By scarifying and over sowing a lawn with quality lawn seed every spring and autumn, you'll achieve the desired lawn you require. This process will tend to force weaker grasses and weeds out of the lawn and convert a poor lawn into a great one.

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The newly erected Memorial Gates at Mangaweka in 1925, showing the old Mangaweka School in the background. This school was destroyed by fire in June 1926. Mangaweka residents marched to this Memorial Gates at 6am on Anzac Day for a dawn remembrance service and laying of wreaths.

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The Annual Plan
for 2019/20



Improving Recreational Facilities

A number of upgrades are planned to Council's parks including playgrounds and toilet facilities. With the recent addition of a new skatepark at Marton Centennial Park and planned upgrade of the playground at Marton Memorial Park larger numbers of visitors are expected. As a result, Council is investigating additional toilet facilities at both sites and has applied for external funding of \$270,000 which will be topped up by \$30,000 from Council if the funding is successful.

Improving Resilience to Climate Change

Council is aware that climate change will have a significant impact on our region, notably on roads in the event of flooding. This means a larger investment into stormwater systems, especially in Marton, and finding longer term solutions for communities like Whangaeahu and Kauangaroa. Lowering our carbon footprint is important and was a key driver in the lower energy design of the Bulls Community Centre.

Unwanted Cats

Feral and unwanted cats are a real problem in our district. Submissions on the revised Animal Control Bylaw supported de-sexing of cats and a proposal to include a \$5,000 to assist owners with the costs.

Council also felt that micro-chipping should be included – a view strongly supported by the Companion Animal Council. Over time, de-sexing and microchipping will lead to a reduction in the number of unwanted cats.

More information on this issue is included in the Annual Plan.

Supporting the new St John Ambulance station in Taihape

Council is proposing to include a \$50,000 provision towards the \$837,043 estimated price of the new facility.

Submissions

The submission period closes at midday on Wednesday, 1 May 2019. You can make a submission on line at Council's website or complete a written submission form and send it to Freepost 172050.

More Information

For information on how to make a submission, or to view the full Consultation Document and draft Annual Plan visit our website – www.rangitikei.govt.nz.

Snapshot of Council's draft Annual Plan for 2019/20

Rubbish and Recycling

This is a fast-changing landscape both internationally (particularly China) and nationally and Council decided to defer any decision on how to proceed until more information becomes available. Recycling facilities will continue at transfer stations and Council will continue to investigate options.

Bulls Community Centre

One of the key issues signalled in the Long Term Plan was town centre developments and the Bulls Community Centre was the first cab off the rank. Construction has begun and is expected to be completed by December 2019, and fully functional by early 2020. A group is being formed to consider options for the old library site.

Proposed Marton Civic Centre

A feasibility study / concept design is underway following the Council's purchase of three heritage listed buildings in Marton's main street. The main options are retaining all the street facades and significant internal heritage features and building behind the facades or demolishing the buildings and starting anew. This is a key point for upcoming public consultation alongside the merits of remaining at the existing sites being examined in a business case.

Taihape Memorial Park Facilities

Council has already made the decision to build a new changing, shower and toilet facility in the Park. Community consultation is ongoing about the final design brief. A budget of \$1.2M is included in the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan with \$200,000 to be raised externally.

Putorino Landfill Remediation

This has featured in the media recently after heavy rains and Mother Nature changed the course of the Rangitikei River, exposing part of the old Puturino landfill. Horizons is managing the realignment of the River to prevent further erosion and rubbish entering the waterway. Once that is done, Council will investigate how to contain the landfill. The estimated cost for a solution is \$500,000.

PFAS

There has been much media coverage of PFAS at Ohakea Air Force base – per and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances- and its environmental impact. While the Ministry of Health has advised there is no risk to public health from the traces of PFAS in Bulls water, Council is sending samples of water overseas for more rigorous testing. Estimated costs are likely to be less than \$5,000.

Replacement Water Reservoir for Bulls

A new reservoir is planned for Bulls to meet earthquake requirements, increase water pressure, and to increase fire-fighting capacity.

Marton Water

Ongoing manganese and seasonal algae problems at Marton reservoirs have prompted Council to undertake a "Marton Water Supply Strategy" which will look at the raw water source, treatment, storage and reticulation network. This will complement ongoing water pipe replacement work signalled in the Long Term Plan.

Marton / Bulls Wastewater

The Long Term Plan heralded the end of Marton's wastewater going into the Tutaenui stream and instead pipe the wastewater onto land south-west of Bulls. The project will be associated with a similar shift from the Bulls wastewater plant discharging into the Rangitikei River. This is the largest and most complex infrastructure project undertaken in the District. Work will begin in 2019/20 with the purchase of land and plans for the pipeline between Marton and Bulls.



RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB

Saturday 13 April. Men - first qual medal - S Martin 63, A McAlley 68, G Eldridge 70, B Barrell 70, J Bismark 71. Twos: C Renshaw, G Eldridge, M George. Putts: B Barrell 27. Wednesday 17 April. 9 hole: par - D Gregory +5, R Florence +2, J Virtue +1, G McConachy +1. Wednesday 17 April. Women's Marton visit: stableford - J Adkins 40, R Williams 39, K Fallaver 38, N McCoard 38, F Robertson 38, M Walshe 37, H Bismark 37, R Rainey 37, J Ritchie 37, H King 36, C Rhodes 36, M Brennan 36, M Simpson 36, C Gregory 35, J Christie 34, J Griffiths 34, L Gordon 34. Twos: C Skou. Rangitira retained the trophy - beauty!

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 17 April: stableford: Pat Pearce 41pts, Pat McCarthy and Neil Atkins 39pts, Jullian Elliott, Peter Young, Al-lek White and Rex Wilson 38pts, Geoff Ingram, Dave Fitzpatrick and Stew de Burgh 37pts, Kevin Taylor and Lyndon Moore 36pts. Twos: Rex Wilson 3, Jason Bowles 5. Lucky draw: Dan Scotson.

MARTON GOLF CLUB

Results 20.4.2019. Great scoring was the order of the day on Saturday, with Tom Bliss Bennett taking out the top prize with a great round of plus 9, closely followed by Bruce Poppe with plus 8. Scores: T Bliss Bennett + 9 B Poppe + 8 A. Duncan plus 6. T Bliss Bennett + 9, B Poppe +8, A Duncan + 6, A Bremner + 4, P Simpson + 3, K Field + 3, C Skou + 3, P Skou +3, S Ballard + 2, T Calkin +2, M Gilmour +1, C Williams +1, A Bary sq, S Muir sq, H Bremner sq, M Tapp sq, M Downs sq, C Bary sq, S Duncan sq. 3 FBH: M Simpson, G Calkin, M Jones. Twos: 3 D Oliver, 12 T Hammond, 17 A Bremner, K Field, T Calkin, C Mciver - sharing the jackpot of 40 balls. Note: Tutaenui handicap sheet is on the board along with the McDonald mugs sheet for entries. Working bees Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (cart shed and wood splitting). Anzac tournament; Thursday 25 April. Saturday 27; medal round. Duty: T Hammond. Bar: N and L Belsham. Sunday 28; duty: G Jongen.

MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF

Results from Tuesday 23 medal round: first division: 1 Jill Yortt 37, 2 Neil Powell 40, 3 Louisa Craig c/b 41. Second division: 1 Ewen Grant. Third division: 1 Judy McConachie, 2 Mona Barrett, 3 Adrian Penning. Lucky card: Mike Donlon. Raffle winner: Marion MacPhee. Starters for next week's par round: Mona and Bob Barrett. Cards: Ewen Grant and Adrian Penning. Kitchen: Gillian Campbell.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results Saturday 20 April - TDL Automotive stableford: seniors: Daniel Waho 42pts, Pete Masters and Andrew Ellery 41pts, Kelvin Burt, Ken Boyle and Hone Morris 40pts, Henry Potaka 39pts, Peter Thompson. Wallace Miller and Murray Bruhn 38pts. Juniors: LeQuan Mason 43pts, Clive Robinson & Al-lek White 40pts, Steve Boyens 39pts, Heather Craig & Dan Scotson 37pts, Kevin Taylor 36pts & Pire Wehi 35pts. Twos: Tamati Anaru, LeQuan Mason 3, Daniel Waho 12, Jordan Wells 16 and Andrew Ellery on 3 and 5.

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

Another good evening of bowls this week. We played two games of pairs, with the only team to win both their games: Lyn Phillips and Rose Plank. Rose also won the raffle. Next week we'll hold a committee meeting before club, with a 7pm start. Then

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Notice of Meetings

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings for
May 2019

Sport NZ Assessment Committee

Thursday 2 May at 9.00am

Finance/Performance Committee

Thursday 2 May at 9.30 am

Council

Thursday 2 May at 1.00 pm

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub Committee

Wednesday 8 May at 4:00 pm

(Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape)

Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Thursday 9 May at 9.30 am

Policy/Planning Committee

Thursday 9 May at 12.45 pm

Council

Thursday 9 May at 2.30 pm

Oral submissions to the Annual Plan

Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee

Monday 27 May at 4.00 pm

Finance/Performance Committee

Thursday 30 May at 9.30 am

Council

Thursday 30 May at 1.00 pm

Deliberation on submissions to the Annual Plan

All meetings are open to the public, unless there are specific items which Council resolves to consider 'public excluded'.

At least two working days before any scheduled meeting, meeting papers are available online through the Council website or in hard copy at the libraries in Taihape, Marton and Bulls and the Marton Council office.

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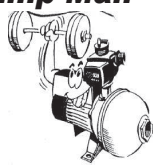
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 Loved grandmother of James and Cameron.
 Sister and sister in law of Judy Hartley (Taupo), Jeanette Rayner (Gold Coast), David Rayner (Palmerston North), Phillip Rayner, Peter and Liz Rayner, Carol and Tony Rees (Marton).
 A service was held in Taupo on April 23.

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there'll be a fun game of bowls, starting at 7.30pm.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

Last week, the air force 40th bowling tournament was held, attended by locals and visitors. The weather was superb for the whole week, with some good bowling to be seen. The good weather continued over the next three days for the club's centenary. Friday night was a mix and mingle. There was an enjoyable dinner with entertainment on the Saturday night, followed by the club centennial tournament on Sunday. We had a happy crowd enjoying the day. The winner for the day was R Cutler and her team from Foxton. S McGavin and team; second. E Jones' team were seventh and J Gear's team from Himatangi eleventh - our tournament director Gay had to be different in scoring!! A good day was had by all. Down to earth now, with just the E Walker to play this week. ANZAC Day is on our usual club day; only ch of ch to be played this coming weekend and some shield games. Next week, the Baxter triples will be played, then the ladies are taking themselves out to lunch, prior to the final days of bowling for the season. Our prizegiving is on Sunday 5 May at 1.00pm. Next housie evening is on 30 April at 7pm sharp. Everyone welcome. Good bowling everyone.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Marton Croquet Club is holding its closing day on 27 April. All names for AC play must be in by 9.30am, with play to begin at 10.00am. GC players names in by 12.30. Play commences at 1.00. Results from Wednesday 10 April: association croquet: Murray McNae 26 def 22 David Winmill, Tom Martyn and Lyn Johnson 19 def 5 Graeme McIntyre and Selwyn Johnson. Golf croquet: Jenny Vickers and Eila Ogden 7 def 5 Jeannette McDougall and Ray, Annette Winmill and Jeanette 7 def 5 Eila and Ray. Saturday 13 April: all players played progressive croquet. Murray McNae and Marilyn Vallance 17 drew 17 David Winmill and Gordon Thompson. Mary McNae and Lyn Johnson 16 def 14 Tom Martyn and Selwyn Johnson. Krina Fitchett 11 def 9 Annette Winmill. Mary and Lyn 11 def Murray and Marilyn. Tom and Selwyn 11 def Annette and Krina. David 13 def 10 Gordon. Monday 15 April: AC: Murray McNae 18 def 14 Robert McLay. Liz McLay 26 def 17 David Winmill. Mary McNae and Krina Fitchett 18 def 11 Tom Martyn and Annette Winmill. Lyn Johnson 14 def 12 Maurice Costello. Wednesday 17 April: AC: Graeme McIntyre and Annette Winmill 17 def 10 Tom Martyn and Mary McNae. David Winmill and Selwyn Johnson 24 def 18 Murray McNae and Eila Ogden. GC: Jenny Vickers and Ray 7 def 6 Lyn Johnson and Amy Gust. Lyn and Kim 7 def 4 Jenny and Ray. Amy and Kim 7 def 6 Jenny and Ray. Ray and Lyn 7 def Amy and Kim. Saturday 20 April AC: Graeme McIntyre and Tom Martyn 26 def 17 David Winmill and Gordon Thompson. GC: Linda Hughes and Marilyn Vallance 7 def 4 Lyn Johnson and Eila Ogden. Selwyn Johnson 7 def Annette Winmill. Linda and Lyn 7 def 4 Eila and Marilyn. Marilyn 7 def 5 Lyn. Annette and Linda 7 def 4 Selwyn and Eila.



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HOW TO DO IT...

There are two ways to complete this years Annual Resident Survey, either online (via the link below) or by calling us (06 327 0099) to arrange to have a survey posted to you. Please consider the environment before requesting a printed copy. If you do not have access to a computer, your local library and/or ICT hub will be able to help you access the Survey. Survey Closes 19 May 2019. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Safety focus 'crucial' this game bird season cautions Fish and Game NZ

Game bird hunters will be in the public eye "as never before" when the new hunting season opens – and safety measures have never been more important.

It is crucial that hunters treat the safe transport and handling of their shotguns with the "utmost care and sensitivity" when the new season begins on Saturday 4 May, says Fish & Game chief executive Martin Taylor.

Many game bird hunters will be catching up with old friends, or family members, to enjoy what is often a long-standing tradition of harvesting some birds on opening, he says.

"It's about much more than hunting – there's the camaraderie and, of course, the taking home of some tasty wild food.

This will be the first season under the reformed gun laws which have made most semi-automatic firearms illegal.

"Fish & Game supports these changes to these gun laws and believes that good decisions have been made for both game bird hunters and the community," Mr Taylor says.

"There will be no real change for the vast majority of game bird hunters as we successfully made a case to retain semi-auto and pump shotguns for game bird hunting.

"This means game bird hunters can use semi-automatic and pump action shotguns as long as their internal magazines only hold five shots.

"This season, we will again have thousands of licensed game bird hunters in the field for opening weekend.

"Each and every hunter should have made themselves, with Fish & Game's help, completely familiar with the new gun laws and what they need to do

to comply."

Fish & Game has asked police to clarify some points of the new law and is sending those details to all game bird licence holders, Mr Taylor says.

He says, as the season gets underway, every single hunter out in the field is urged to focus on safe gun handling by each person in the party and to be fastidious about checking firing zones, to make sure it's safe to fire.

Fish & Game is again joining with police and Mountain Safety Council and Water Safety New Zealand to advise game bird hunting licence holders to focus carefully on their actions and to make sure they do everything possible to keep themselves and others safe.

The season closes on August 25 for upland game like pheasant and quail, while duck season closes on June 30.

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39 Ahuru Street, Marton

RURAL VIEWS

Looking for your 1st home - then this has to be an excellent contender. 3 bedroom brick home. Separate lounge with heatpump. Combined kitchen and dining room. Bathroom with shower over bath, and separate toilet. Compact 688m² section with single garage. Located at the end of Ahuru St Marton with views across the neighbouring farmland, this is realistically priced to sell at \$205,000.

Property ID: M1368



\$205,000

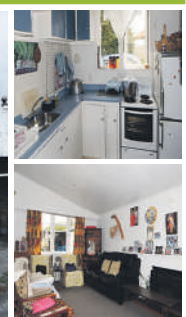


11 Bell Street, Marton

4 BED UNDER \$200K

1st home buyers and investors with an eye for a bargain need to consider this 4 bedroom home with separate lounge and logfire heating. 2nd day room at rear of house. Openplan kitchen and dining room. Bathroom off the kitchen - shower cubicle, and separate toilet, 2nd bathroom and laundry. Carport and garage with rear storeroom. Compact 353m² section that is fully fenced. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$199,000.

Property ID: M1367



\$199,000



1 Oaklea Avenue, Marton

CONTEMPORARY FAMILY HOME

This solid 1960's home, set back from the road, creates privacy and is located in the sought-after area of Oaklea Ave, amongst other established homes. 3 bedrooms with wardrobes. Combined kitchen and dining. Separate lounge with logfire and French doors to the front porch. Ceiling and underfloor insulation. Double garage and workshop, plus adjoining hobby room or studio. The backyard is sun drenched, sheltered, and private. Priced to Sell on Today's Market at \$347,000.

Property ID: M1366



\$347,000



505 Wellington Road, Marton

LOOKS CAN BE DECEPTIVE

This property is like an unhatched butterfly; waiting to be appreciated and admired when it is fully developed. The basics seem good and sound, with plenty of space inside - 3 bedrooms, open plan kitchen and dining, Separate lounge with logfire. Large double garage and workshop space, plus carport. All set on a manageable ¼ acre that backs onto the Tutaenui Stream. Realistically Priced to sell at \$255,000. No Open Homes. Viewing by Appointment Only.

Property ID: M1365



\$255,000



40 Canteen Street, Marton

ENTRY LEVEL HOME

Step onto the property ladder, or add to your rental portfolio with this 3 bedroom 1960's weatherboard home. Single garage and 889m² fenced yard. Combined kitchen/dining room opens into the lounge with logfire heating. Bathroom with shower over bath. Room for the kids to play. A blank canvas ready for you to add your decorative tastes and colours. Realistically Priced to sell at \$179,000.

Property ID: M162



\$179,000