

Motorhome friendly Taihape making plans

the status of a Motorhome Friendly Town by the NZMCA.

The NZ Motor Caravan Association has thousands of members nationwide and they say that listing on their website could mean an extra 50 percent in revenue for Taihape retailers, during peak holiday periods.

Michelle Fannin, chair of Taihape Community Board says, "The board intends to bring a submission before the Rangitikei District Council to develop suitable sites for all motorhomes to park up, when in Taihape. The nearest is Awastone riverside haven, a



Daylight Saving starts on Sunday morning, **30 September. Put** your clocks forward 1 hour at 2am.

Taihape has been awarded beautiful Rangitikei River spot near Mangaweka but we are getting all types of motorhomes parking in town; in Taihape.

"There are several suggestions such as the Weka St Extension. It needs to be developed and beautified. Motorhome visitors spend money in the town, which is amazing but we need more spots that encourage them to stay. Papakai Park is another area that the Friends of Taihape Society has been working very hard on - several areas and walkways have been developed. We want selfcontained motorhome units to stop there and at the Outback area, close to town. It needs to be central, so motorhomes will stay awhile."

Michelle says the Board will also work with groups with an interest in the development of Memorial Park.

"We have to identify the best spots and get it through council; then work with them spots for some time but to develop areas, which can be finally getting the NZMCA a long process."

motorhomes to the town is not "We will work with the a new project for Taihape. The NZMHA; to inform them Board has been working on of events in Taihape and

suitable motorhome parking Motorhome Friendly Town She says attempting to attract designation is a positive step.

the availability of activities like tramping and others in the Taihape area. Marton was awarded Motorhome Friendly Town status several years ago, which has led to big increase in the number of visitors staying and spending time and money in the town.

Taihape being awarded its Motorhome Friendly Town certificate. From left: Mayor Andy Watson receiving the certificate from Whanganui NZMCA chair Dave Burroughs, Michelle Fannin (chair Taihape Community Board), Ann Abernethy (deputy chair Taihape Community Board) Gail Larsen (motorhome enthusiast) and Richard Aslett (Taihape councillor).

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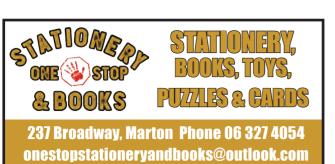
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Looking to the future by volunteering

Two Marton young women, Celine Lowe and Mary Laki, are embarking on a volunteer journey in 2019 and seek any support the Marton community might be able to give them. The pair say, "In 2019, we hope to embark on a year of hard work, service and experience, with international youth development charity; Lattitude Global Volunteering. This is an organisation that helps educate young people and develop their skills in preparation for adulthood. Through Lattitude we hope to make a positive difference in the lives of others, whilst gaining invaluable experience of other cultures, countries and communities - discovering and learning from all that is different and similar to our own.

Celine Lowe says, "As part of my journey into adulthood, I wanted to experience a wider world but I wasn't sure how to achieve this. I discovered the Lattitude program through personal research and gained more knowledge of it through Rangitikei College. As part of this programme I chose to travel to Canada, where I would be volunteering as an outdoor activity instructor at youth camps. This opportunity begins in March and ends in November 2019. I will be required to take responsibility for kids aged 8 to 18, from a wide range of backgrounds, as we discover activities together. I will also





Celine Lowe (left) and Mary Laki, are embarking on a volunteer journey in 2019.

be involved in helping specialist camps that cater to the needs of disadvantaged youth and those with mental or physical disabilities."

Mary Laki, current head girl at Rangitikei College says, "My family and I moved from Samoa to New Zealand in 2010. We wanted a better life with greater opportunities in education. We found this in Marton. Over nine years, this community has helped to shape me into the person that I am proud to be now. Now, it is time to shape my future.

Lattitude has sparked a passion in me; overseas travel and service, identifying needs and working hard to see them met. I have been doing this in Marton and now seek greater challenges outside my comfort zone. Therefore, I will be volunteering in Fiji from August until the end of 2019.

" I will be a primary school teacher aid in the rural areas of Fiji, teaching English and Music, coaching sport and creating educational opportunities in the lives of Fijian children. I will also serve the community, finding and facilitating change that will contribute to community-wide empowerment.

In order to achieve these goals, we look for support. We have the ambition, but not yet the funding. We look to you for sponsorship or fundraising opportunities, so that we can continue our journey, as ambassadors of our beloved little Marton, in the big, wide world.

"If you want more detail about this amazing adventure, feel free to contact us on our email lattitude2019@gmail.com or contact us on 0273276829."

Armistice concert Saturday

The Peace At Last concert will mark the end of WW1 at a combined choirs concert in Wanganui on Saturday 29 September at Wanganui Central Baptist Church in Wicksteed St at 2pm.

Choirs from the Whanganui and Rangitikei area will join together for songs and readings from the war and about peace. Choirs include the Wanganui Male Choir, the Lyric Singers, Schola Sacra Choir, Wanganui Community Choir, Arcadian Singers (Taihape) and the Rangitikei Anglican Parish Choir. Each choir will present its own items and there will also be an opportunity for everyone to sing along to famous WWI songs. There is also a distinctly New Zealand flavour to the concert, which includes some of our most famous songs. These were collected and arranged for the WWI Maori soldiers' songbook.

Modern NZ songs will also feature, from the popular style of folk musician Marian Burns' Beautiful Soldier to poetry by Fairburn and local composer Alan Cruise-Johnston. Three young instrumentalists will join the choir; Wanganui's

Gregory Xavier on violin, Marton's Richard Munt on snare drum and Joe Inman (PN) performing a historic tune, cornet solo.

A Power Point show of historic scenes from the war and Armistice, will run throughout the concert, complemented by celebratory decorations.

Admission is at the door: adults \$20, seniors and students \$15 (cash only).



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Armistice Concert Combined Choirs

Rangitikei and Whanganui featuring WWI Songs and readings

Wanganui Male Choir Lyric Singers Schola Sacra Choir Wanganui Community Choir Arcadian Singers (Taihape) Rangitikei Anglican Parish Choir CORNET, SNARE DRUM, VIOLIN



Whangaehu catchment community project applications open

For the first time ever, Horizons Regional Council has invited applications for community projects specifically from the Whangaehu Catchment.

The programme aims to assist non-profit organisations such as community groups, schools, catchment care groups and iwi/ hapu with projects that will help increase engagement with Whangaehu waterways and its tributaries, to improve water quality in the catchment.

Local Horizons councillor and chair of Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu Governance Group, Bruce Rollinson says, as a result of a successful application to the Ministry for the Environment's Freshwater Improvement Fund and co-funding from Horizons, the council has been able to target community grants specifically for the Whangaehu catchment.

"I'm looking forward to supporting projects in their efforts to engage communities while improving the Whangaehu River and its tributaries," he says.

"We know there are some fantastic ideas out there that may need a bit of help to get off the ground or grow. If you or someone you know, has a project in mind, please get in touch with Horizons' freshwater team," says Mr Rollinson.

Horizons freshwater and partnerships manager Logan Brown says eligibility information and application forms are now available on Horizons grants and sponsorship page at www. horizons.govt.nz.

HEALTH SCENE

Whanganui DHB hails easier access to Smokerlyzer testing

It's now easier for smokers in the Whanganui hospital region to find out just how healthy – or unhealthy - their lungs are, thanks to more pharmacy staff in the region being trained in how to use specialised breath-testing devices.

The state of the art device called a Smokerlyzer (pictured) is not the same as those used to target drink drivers though. Instead, they measure the amount of carbon monoxide in a person's lungs.

Making the devices more readily available is part of a suite of nicotine replacement therapy initiatives aimed at helping smokers in the Whanganui region to quit.

Whanganui DHB's Smokefree project leader Rosie McMenamin says around 20 Smokerlyzers are available in total across the Whanganui district, including at Whanganui Hospital, the Whanganui Regional Stop Smoking Service, and through some lead maternity caregivers. However, having pharmacy technicians trained in how to use them means the tests are now more accessible than ever.

"To make it easier for smokers, testing is now available at Aramoho, Central City, Gonville, Wicksteed and Marton Pharmacy," Mrs McMenamin says. "That means people can now talk to any staff member at those pharmacies about getting their lungs tested."

Mrs McMenamin says pharmacy staff are non-judgemental, so there's no reason not to go in and get support. "It's free and you can find out just how healthy your lungs are."

The devices count the parts per million of carbon monoxide (CO) in a smoker's lungs, giving a percentage reading which can then be measured against a traffic light system to let the smoker know just how severe the CO level in their lungs is.

"We're really pleased to be able have funding available for

the catchment, as it will complement work undertaken over the

last few years - for which we are starting to see improvement

This was reflected in a River Award in 2017 for an improving

trend in E.coli concentrations, with the Whangaehu River the most improved in Horizon's region and also the fourth most

"Now the local community has a chance to access external

funding to speed up these interventions and be a part of

Mr Brown says applications will be assessed on environmental

benefits, feasibility, community involvement and long-term

benefits to the catchment. There is also likely to be a strong

"In addition to funding, the grants provide an opportunity for

groups to tap into the support and technical advice available

at Horizons. We can't wait to see what ideas are brought to

Applications for the Whangaehu catchment community grants

close 4pm Tuesday 23 October. The amount granted depends

on the merits of the applications and there is a total funding

preference towards 'on the ground' work.

the table through this new funding round."

in water quality." he says.

improved nationally.

positive change."

pool of \$33,000.

To use a Smokerlyzer, the person takes a deep breath, holds it for fifteen seconds, then blows into a disposable mouth piece on the device. A digital screen then counts down before displaying the percentage reading.

Specialised maternity Smokerlyzers are also available and can tell a pregnant woman just how much of her unborn child's blood is being poisoned, as well as measuring the CO in the woman's breath.

Mrs McMenamin says Smokerlyzers are a great tool for encouraging people to quit smoking - especially smokers who are ambivalent about quitting.

"Those people who are sitting on the fence, seeing that percentage of carbon monoxide in their breath can give them that extra push to quit," she says.

People can also talk to their pharmacist about getting free nicotine patches, lozenges and gum, as well as where to go for additional support to quit smoking.

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St Andrew's Church Annual Fair, Broadway, Marton is on Saturday, 29 September, in the church hall, starting at 9.30am. Something for everyone. Stalls include: books, new and used clothing, bric-a-brac, face painting, sweets, drinks, morning teas, raffle draws and a whole lot of other things.

Rangitikei Country Quilters – after a three year gap, will be holding an exhibition of their work in the Event Centre at Nga Tawa School, from 10am to 4pm on Saturday Oct 6 and 10am to 3pm on Sunday Oct 7.

1st Marton Scout Group Annual Garage Sale. Saturday 27 October. Memorial Hall, Wellington Rd, Marton. Doors open 8.30am. If you have any good quality items please email martonscouts@gmail.com or take them down to the scout hall on Thursdays between 5.30 - 9pm. Sorry no electrical items, books, TVs, videos.

Marton Country Music Festival - it's time to start booking dates and registering for a camp/motor home site - powered sites are limited - first in first served. The 2019 Festival is shaping up to be a goodie. Registrations are now up on the website and organisers will start to update the artists info as well.

Register for the Festival at martonfestival.nz/register.

Mangaweka And District School 125th Reunion (includes Lower Kawhatau, Pourangaki, Potaka Rd, Manui, Makokine, and Mangaweka Convent.)

The school will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on the first weekend of March 2019. It will be a fantastic weekend for catching up with old friends and family.

Are you be interested in attending? If so, please email your details to the following address so we can keep you informed of developments. Email: mangaweka125@gmail.co or postal address:nb PO Box 14, Mangaweka 4746. Also, register on





Marton Contract Bridge Club

Results Tue 18 Sept, Petals & Presents Handicap pairs (R1) N/S J Meads & M Bartels 60.57, K Poppe & J Ellery 60.53, J Bellamore & M Morland 57.09. E/W C Skou & H Bostock 68.41, M Hughes & E Hughes 65.81, P McVerry & N Poppe 59.66. Thur 20 Sept, Broadway Colourplus Handicap pairs (R2): N/S M Lourie & S Thackery 71.62, D Cains & J Ellery 57.23, G Burne & F Bertram 57.04. E/W W Pittaway & M Gordon 57.62, P Davidson & J Meads 57.55, J Baddeley & S Marshall 57.36.

Marton Friendship Club

We are in Morris St - hall open 12.30pm, main programme begins at 2pm. Last Friday, was games day, housie and board games chosen. This day draws a good attendance and is a change from music. Remember last week's report asked do you wish to meet new people, laugh and have fun? Well, it's always interesting on Friday afternoons. Door charge \$1, your cuppa \$1 more and that is all. Quality entertainment and mainly retired members. Come and visit and find out- our Fridays do not disappoint. This Friday Sept 28, we have a music group from Feilding. The Crochets, an all-male choir of about 10 or more senior men with wonderful voices and harmony - a good conductor and very good pianist. Come and listen because they are special. See you all on Friday.

Marton Women's Institute

Our September guest was Heather Warren, who spoke about women's rights, pay parity, parental leave, gender equality and her work with unions in Manawatu. Heather has been invited to Thailand to speak at the Asia Pacific Inter-trade Women's Committee. This conference covers the Pacific Rim and Heather is speaking about women's equality and participation in work and society. With International Women's Day and suffragists celebrations, Heather provided us with much to talk and think about. As New Zealand women we have to be thankful for those who have battled for our equality in the past but there is still some way for us to go. We remember our sisters who still have no rights in their communities.

At our meeting on Monday October 1st we have our Wanganui Federation President visiting us and a gold coin collection for St John's, Whanganui. You are welcome to join us at the Marton Friendship Hall at 1.30pm.

Thank you for taking an interest in our WI and the time to read our report. Come along to learn something new and enjoy our company. Contact Jean 327 6460 or Gillian 327 7352.

Grey Power Rangitikei

A recent trip to Wellington to visit the Weta Workshops was enjoyed by a group of 24, mainly Grey Power members. This gave something of an insight into the large contribution that this talented group of people made towards the success of many movies and especially the Lord of the Rings series. They were also responsible for most of the Gallipoli display at Te Papa, which some of our group visited after having been to the Weta Workshops. Our next planned trip is to Whanganui for a Glass Blowing demonstration, after which we will go to the mayoral offices to view their pictorial windows. We will then go to the Jane Winstone Retirement Village for a tour of their premises so that we can see what's available for us in our 'twilight' years and they will provide us with lunch. The total cost for the day will be \$15. Anyone interested in joining us can contact Alan (phone 327 6460).

St Andrew's Church Fair

Keep this Saturday morning free to visit the annual St Andrew's Fair in Marton.

The fair is in the St Andrew's Church Hall from 9.30am. There will be the usual stalls, including a plant stall, morning tea, face painting, sausage sizzle, cakes and jams etc. A new

thrill this year will be several draws of a spinning jenny. The plant stall will have an emphasis on home grown and local garden plants.

Organisers say, "Our congregation has many talents and the products of those will be on display for you to buy. Our organising committee has done an amazing job revamping the annual fair and has been busy for months, organising this fundraiser. All that is needed now is you. See you there to enjoy the heaps of goodies on sale."

Age Concern New Zealand

International Day of Older Persons held on 1 October every year is a day to celebrate all older people – to highlight the value of older people and to promote dignity and respect.

The 2018 international theme is Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions.

This year, Age Concern New Zealand want all New Zealanders to sign up as Age Concern Dignity Champions and stand up for the human rights of older Kiwis.

"There is no excuse for elder abuse, says Stephanie Clare, Age Concern New Zealand CE. I am appalled that we are still having to deal with cases each day where older people are taken advantage of.

"Just because someone is older, it doesn't mean they are less valuable, have less purpose or should lose basic human rights, the right to make their own choices and respect from those around them. "Of the cases we see, 75% of alleged abusers are family members, either adult children or partners of adult children and that needs to stop!"

You can join a pledge to respect the elderly see: www. ageconcern.org.nz

Rural Women NZ Midwives Need Equal Pay

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) backs the call by the New Zealand College of Midwives for pay equity.

"Effective maternity care is vital for the safety of New Zealand's women and babies particularly in rural communities and reducing the gender pay gap is an important tool in that effectiveness," says health portfolio convenor and board member Margaret Pittaway.

"Rural midwives are the most affected by the gender pay gap because of their increased workload due to longer travel distances and lack of midwives based in rural New Zealand. "This week we celebrated 125 years since women won the fight to vote – in 2018 we shouldn't have to fight for pay equity.

"RWNZ asks that the Government front up with the budget needed to fund the model of care co-designed by midwives and the Ministry of Health," says Mrs Pittaway.

A movie for senior citizens

Marton Rotary serves members of the local community of all ages and at all stages.

This time it is the senior members of our community who will benefit from a special mystery outing Marton's senior citizens are being invited to a mystery movie.

It will be shown at the Valhalla Cinema (opposite McGruers) in Marton on Sunday, starting at 1.30pm. The name of the movie is being kept a secret. Afternoon tea will be served by Rotary members, at

the conclusion of the movie. If you intend going, please ring David on (06) 327 6513 or Colin on (06) 327 7648. These two people can also arrange transport if needed.

FROM THE PULPIT

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO CHURCHES

Maybe this is in your mind, as we don't see nuns and priests like we were accustomed to.

Like society in general there is a lot of variation is dress styles and lifestyle. Some wonder where the cassock has gone to, others the veil for nuns. But all is well as a deliberate Kiwi style is emerging with the change in the type of work for the churches and how it is done now. Part-time is very much part of the scheme. There are fewer ministers and more participants.

Things are moving along. A Vatican document outlining the initial working positions for October's global meeting of Catholic bishops on the needs of young people, focuses on considering how church leaders can better help the rising generation deal with unique 21st century challenges, such as the part-time economy, digital dependency and even so-called "fake news." This takes a notably inclusive tone towards both young Catholics who express disagreement with church teachings and young, gay people. Noting that some younger believers disagree with the church on contraception, abortion, or same-sex marriage, for example, it acknowledges that many of them also "express the desire to remain part of the church."

The document makes what appears to be the Vatican's first use of one of the preferred acronyms for the gay community, stating that "some LGBT youth ... wish to benefit from greater closeness and experience greater care from the Church.

The Church has become an institution that is trying to listen, not to judge and to be concerned of the needs of people churched or not churched. The 32,000-word text noted here draws from considerations of the bishops' conferences and the meetings of young people. **Fr Bernard O'Donnell**

Taihape Catholic Church

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Successful kapa haka/waiata competition



Te Kopiana Ratana (right) and Tia Wright were recognised as top Tane and Wahine for their leadership and performance in the Rangitkei College competition.

Rangitikei College's House kapa haka/ waiata competition was held on the afternoon of Wednesday 19 September. The school hall was packed with students attired in their house costumes and friends and whanau who had come along to watch the competition.

After many weeks of practice the students performed with pride and passion. What a sensational afternoon it was, the atmosphere was electric with sweet waiata and fierce haka.

The competition was tough but Kaweka house took out the competition this year. Kaimanawa was second, with last year's winner Tararua third and Ruahine fourth. Individually, Te Kopiana Ratana and Tia Wright were recognised as the top Tane and Wahine, respectively, for their leadership and performance.

The students also provided a live video stream of the event.

Te Kopiana said, "It was an amazing way to end your high school years."

" He really enjoyed leading the haka team and his advice to incoming students, "Don't worry about the small things, give everything a go, it's all about participation."

The school's core values are respect, excellence and participation.

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

'ECO-FRIENDLY' SHOP OPENS IN BULLS



Charlotte Fulton in her Bulls shop, where the slogan is 'fun, sustainable living.'

Bulls' new retail outlet 'Indie Rose' was born online, over a year ago and business has expanded quickly, bringing about the opening of the store at 81 High St.

Owner Charlotte Fulton grew up on a farm between Bulls and Marton. After leaving school, she moved to Australia, where she travelled around the country for a number of years and started a family. Charlotte and the family then returned to her hometown of Bulls, five years ago, and she took up a career in retail.

Charlotte has a real passion for looking after the environment and providing waste free options for customers. As well, she has a passion for providing high quality, unique, New Zealand made products and supporting as many small businesses as possible. Charlotte says, "Buying locally made products provides our markets with the support they need to survive."

'Indie Rose' stocks a wide variety of 'eco-friendly' goods and gifts, including a range of 'charity supporting' products, such as Plunket's re-usable cups and Project Jonah's whale tote bags.

'Indie Rose' opened for business on 15 September. The store is open from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and 10am to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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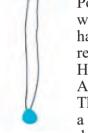
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A help for training students - Charlie **Duncan (left)** from Otiwhiti **Station Land Based Training** Agricultural School, last Friday. took possession of a new Massey Ferguson 6713, **130HP tractor** from TRC **Tractors Feilding** branch manager **Aaron Meurk.**



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New tractor for Otiwhiti farm training school

Otiwhiti Station Land Based Training Agricultural School has a brand new Massey Ferguson 6713, 130 HP tractor made affordable at a reduced cost from TRC Tractors in Feilding. Otiwhiti Station manager Charlie Duncan says," A new tractor has made a difference. We needed a new, reliable tractor as the current 16 pupils have to do 30 hours each of tractor time, as part of their course ; a total of 480 hours. He says some students a have already driven the tractor, doing some of the jobs that were fast stacking up.

TRC Tractors Feilding branch manager Aaron Meurk says, "We are very excitied to be involved with Otiwhti and we're looking forward to working with each other on further projects. The company is holding a driving day on October 26 at Westoe farm near Marton; one of the training school's farm training venues.

Otiwhiti also has a new generator thanks to the Four Seasons Trust which gave them a \$10,000 grant towards it. Charlie says, "We we had five days without power this year, so a generator guarantees continuous power for the school's community hut and for the surrounding community. In the past, we were loosing freezers full of produce. "

A Pub Charity grant has also allowed Otiwhiti to carpet the Hood Building, relocated from Flock House and used by students.

Potato virus detected in Canterbury

Biosecurity NZ is working with Potatoes NZ to respond to a detection of Potato mop-top virus (PMTV) in potato tubers in Canterbury.

Incident controller, David Yard, says PMTV is not a food safety issue. "Potato mop-top virus is a crop disease which, if found to be widespread, could cause some productivity issues for growers. It's a notifiable and unwanted organism in New Zealand under the Biosecurity Act."

Mr Yard says to date, potato tubers from two properties in the Canterbury region have tested positive for the virus. Further sampling is underway in the region.

"This is the first time the virus has been found in New Zealand. However, it is common in other countries."

Potatoes NZ CE Chris Claridge, says the affected potatoes are from the Innovator variety, which are only used for potato chips.

"The industry is working closely with Biosecurity New Zealand to learn more about the virus, the impact it could have on growers and to stop any risk of spread," Mr Claridge says.

"We will then consider if it is possible to eradicate it, or whether we will need to work with growers to manage its impact over the long term."

The Innovator variety of potato was last imported as germplasm into New Zealand in July 2011.

Affected potatoes can display symptoms including distortions to the skin, deep cracking and rust-coloured arcs, streaks or flecks in the tuber flesh.

Biosecurity New Zealand is investigating how the virus may have entered the country.



Community BBQ caps off Taihape events



Selling homemade lemonade Grace (left) and Poppy Fannin. Photos supplied.

There was a large crowd and beautiful weather at the Spring Fling Community BBQ which provided the first chance for the Taihape Community Development Trust to display their new colourful gumboot signs created by local artists.

The BBQ, which fell on Taihape's 124th Birthday - September 7, was held at the Outback and sponsored by the Rangitikei District Council, which helped the trust provide a bouncy castle, music and lively entertainment..

The Cancer Society's Diane Mickleson and a helpful team, fundraised with a gold coin sausage sizzle and gourmet burger options.

Homemade lemonade, provided by local school children, was enjoyed by those attending. Bronwyn and Curly Troon, new president of the NZ Boot Throwing Association and winner of his division last year, ran the fun gumboot throwing, assisted by Elizabeth Mortland, NZBTA treasurer/secretary and also now the International BTA's president.

Taihape local Ariana Hansen, who came second in last year's National Boot Throwing Competition in the women's group, gave some great demonstration throws as Mrs Gumboot TV. Earlier in the day, Taihape Rotary organised a clean-up with



volunteers giving the town and entrance roads a quick spring clean. The fun BBQ event was the culmination of the Spring Fling festival, which is likely to become an annual event for Taihape. Gill Duncan of the Trust commented, "The kids loved it and didn't want to go home. They were even packing up in the dark."

Colourful gumboot signs cretaed by local artists.

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RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 19 September. Stableford: Bob Pittaway 44pts, Steve Boyens, Clive Robinson, Stew De Burgh & Matt Brown 40pts, Noel Crocker, Dave Wright & Neil Atkins 39pts, Edith Leary, Peter Young, Kelvin Burt, Geoff Ingram, Ash Reed & Ian Whitehead 38pts, Michelle Mossop & Joe Yorke 37pts, Henry Potaka, Lyndon Moore, Karen Yorke & Lindsay White 36pts. Twos: Geoff Ingram 5th, Karen Yorke & Neil Atkins 12th, Joe Yorke 16th. Lucky draw: Mike Fagan (Omanu Golf Club). Best stableford on 10,11 & 12: too many, as only 1 voucher. Saturday 22 September. Farm Supplies stableford: seniors: Geoff Ingram 40pts, Karen Yorke 37pts, Ken Boyle, Pete Masters & Wallace Millar 35pts. Juniors: Derek Philipps & Manny Dreliozis 40pts, Peter Young & Dan Scotson 38pts, Joseph Tapper & Stu Amor 37pts, Alan Wix 36pts, Ash Reed & Michelle Mossop 35pts. Twos: Vince Cameron & Derek Philipps - 3rd, Hone Morris - 12th, Peter Young & Wendel Masters - 16th.

MARTON GOLF CLUB

Marton Golf Club held its McVerry Crawford sponsored open day on Oct 15. There were 100 players from 12 clubs from the district. Results: men's 1st division gross: Doug Muir 45. Net: Dave Thompson 27, Trevor Anderson 30, Clive Smith 32, Dave McDougall 35, Stephen Kupa 36, Alan Tucker 37 Brian Shaw 38. Men's 2nd division: gross, Richard Peirce 53. Net: Sam Atkinson 35, Adrian Penny 35, Garry Willard 35, Roy Powell 35, Luke Leersnyder 37, Bob Barrett 38, Gerald Connor 38, Graham Pedley 39. Women's 1st division: gross: Raewyn Young 49. Net: Viv Seymour 35, Colleen Howard 36, Heather Craig 36, Jan Bowen 36, Mavis Yeo 36, Anne Stewart 36, Heather Harnet 37, Barbara Smith 39, Vickie Bradley 40. Women's 2nd division: gross: Louisa Craig 54. Net: Sylvia Young 36, Dianne Peterson 38, Marie O'Brien 39, Carol Kupa 40, Jan Nixon 40, Anne Flipp 40, Joy Mummary 40, Jaquei Reid 41. Women's 3rd division: gross: Anneke VanDam 61. Net: Jane Watts 37, Moana Barrett 37 Judy McConachy 38, Madeline Powell 38, Clare Aston 39, Shelly Russell 41, Sally Higgie 41, Gaylene MConachy 42. Men's 1st division: longest drive: Julian Howard, Dave McDougall. Nearest pin: Clive Smith, James Atkins. 2nd division: longest drive: Trevor Anderson, Gerald Connors. Nearest pin: Richard Peirce, Graham Harper. Women's 1st division: Longest drive: Linda Brandon, Barbie Wallace. Nearest pin: Elaine Petterson, Mavis Yee. 2nd division: Longest drive: Jan Nixon, Gaylene McConachy. Nearest pin: Jane Watts, Sylivia Young. 3rd division: longest division: Rawinia Connors. Nearest pin: Christine Lough. 2's -17th Christine Lough. Thursday golf 20.9.2018. Great day, great course. Scores: A Duncan 40, B Beck 40, T Arnott 39, R McDermott 38, F Ravn 38, R Yorke 37, T Hammond 37, A Stewart 36, B McGinniss 35, S Muir 34, P Connolly 33, G Calkin 33, M Rothman 31, I Batcheler: Crunchie bar. Sat Sept 22. Another good field enjoyed playing in the warm spring weather, with Les Wake scoring a nett 65, to win the medal competition and the Wanganui Furnishers voucher. Several other competitions were decided, with Richard Ellery winning the Tutaenui handicap from Tony Mishchewski. Peter Škou won the Masters' Cup. Other results: Shirley Ballard 67, Steve Muir 69, Terry Hammond, Nigel Belsham, Andy Clarke, AD Duncan 70, Aron Bremner 71, Peter Skou, Anne Fleming 72, Billy Beck, Glen Jongen 73, Campbell Bary, Darin Arnott, Mike Jones, Hugh Bremner, Colin Murphy 74 Twos: 6th Aron Bremner. The 8 ball jackpot was won. Sat Sept 29 Santoft rosebowl; 18 hole qualifying round. Duty: Mike Jones. Bar: committee & members. Sun Sept 30 Santoft rosebowl; 36 hole stableford. Duty: Dave Angove. Coming events: Friday Oct 26 Central ITM tradesmen's tournament; 10am shotgun start. \$30 entry fee includes light meal. Entries: Peter Skou 06 327 6725 p.skou@ xtra.co.nz, jack@centralitm.co.nz

MARTON LADIES' 18 HOLE GOLF

Wednesday 19 September. Par Cup; division 1: C Ellery +4, C Skou +3, L Belsham -1, J Ritchie on countback -1. Division 2; A Fleming +5, S Ballard +4, M Hunt +1. Sponsored balls; S Marshall, G Burne, R Williams. Twos; R Williams 6th and G Burne 6th (the Kevin Jensen sponsored hole). Lucky draw; S Jensen

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

13 handicapper Gary Cleaver made the most of the sunny conditions, scorching a superb 75 off the stick, with 45 points; five points clear of the field. Cleaver's round included 10 pars and 2 birdies on the par fives, 15th and 18th. His 45 points lifts him to top spot in the shootout qualification ladder; one above Alan Thomas on 44 points. Coming in second, was Gary Thomas on 40 points, James Fannin made 39 points, Barrie Randall 38. Briany Bristol 37. Alan Thomas and Merv Tapp both made 36 and tied, for 35 points each, was Duane

Dick, Peter Valentine and Kerry Wells. This Sunday is the club champs semi-finals, teeing off from 9am. The haggle now moves to 12 noon tee offs, during daylight saving.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 18 September. Atkins & Associates stableford; G Burgess 22, R Little 19, D Penfold 19. B Parlane 19, R Cadwallader 18. G James 17, G Stanton 17, D Rohde 17, B Philps 15, J Stantiall 12, E Bergen 12. Two; G James #11. Nearest pin; R Little. Raffles: R Karatea, E Bergen. Saturday 22nd: Golf Warehouse club champs, semi finals bogey competition. S/men; G Cunningham, G Franks, R McDermott +1, M Spackman & G Stanton sq. J/men; M Pickford +6, D Bond +5, M Carroll +4, B Hantz & P Scott +3, D Todd +2, M Porter +1. Women; P Charlesworth +2, D Todd & S Wells sq. Twos; Dave Todd & A Baker #16, P Charlesworth #2. Jackpot: 23 balls struck #2. Club day nearest pins. S/men #11 G Franks. J men #14 D Todd. Women #14 Diane Todd. September nearest the pin jackpots. S/men, j/ men & women not struck. Taimui challenge; Grant & Spike lost to Rex & Dave R. Next challengers: Pinky & Toddy. Coming events: Tuesday golf; 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 29th: club champs, semi finals; 11 am tee off. Sunday 30th: Father & son, family cups; 11 am tee off. Saturday October 6th: gruesome twosome tournament. Come and enjoy a day of fun golf. Contact Grant on 021 057 2931, or email hawkestonegolf@ gmail.com. 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 9 HOLE GOLF

Marton 9 hole golf was cancelled, due to weather on 25 September. Duties for medal round next week: starters: Tim and Linda Brandon. Cards: Brian and Lyn Shaw. Kitchen: Marg Lampp.

MARTON BOWLING **CLUB**

Wednesday 19 September roll-up results: 1st Michael Bentley- 3 wins, 13 ends, 23 points. 2nd Andy Craegh- 2 wins, 12 ends, 24 points. 3rd



the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the road listed below for the purpose of permitting The Hunterville RSA to hold the 2018 Armistice Day 100th Commemoration Service on November 11, 2018.

Road to be closed:

10:45am to 11.30am High Street - from State Highway 1 to Kotukutuku Road

Any person objecting to the proposal is called on to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof, in writing, before 4.00 pm, Friday October 19, 2018, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

Should the Rangitikei District Council decide to close the said road, a public notice shall be given.

> Ross McNeil **Chief Executive**



PURSUANT to Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that, the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the roads listed below for the purpose of permitting Project Marton to run the annual Marton Market Day on Saturday November 24, 2018.

Roads to be closed

7am - 5pm Broadway - from High Street to Hopping Electrical on

Broadway Follett Street - from Stewart Street to Broadway.

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J.D.- 2 wins, 10 ends, 18 points. Ladies' Gordon pairs results: 1st Joan Black (s) & Sharon Gordon; 2nd Joanne Simpson (s) & Jean Coleman. Saturday 22 September roll-up results: skips: 1st Andy Craegh- 3 wins, 18 points. 2nd Elaine Saywell- 2 wins, 26 points. 3rd Murray Coleman- 2 wins, 18 points. Twos: 1st Neil Gardener- 3 wins, 21 points. 2nd Josie Bismark- 2 wins, 15 points. 3rd Brian Mitchell- 1.5 wins, 25 points. Leads: 1st Ces Allen - 3 wins, 21 points. 2nd Peter Burbery - 2.5 wins, 28 points. 3rd Bruce Aplin - 1.5 wins, 18 points. Up-and-coming event: Tuesday 2 October - club ladies' fours @ 9am - whites please.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

24.09.18. The Bulls club got underway for the season, with a good muster of 28 keen bowlers at our opening day on Sun. Sept 16. We had two members visiting from the Himatangi club and a member from the Manawatu centre. Barbara Way, our patron and Bruce Robertson, our longest serving member, put the first bowls up and two social games were played in the afternoon. We have had 5 new members join our club this year, which is very pleasing. Thursday last, saw the start of the ladies' year, playing the Belle Wilson 3-2-1 aggregate, an ongoing formula through the year. Then to Saturday, when we had 'bring a friend' social games day and on Sunday, the Hirst trophy, a 2*4*2, which was hotly contested. The winners were Edgar Jones & Basil Anderson. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed playing in lovely



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sunny, windless weather. Our ladies' fours team had to play in a champion of champion final, held over from last year. Unfortunately, they didn't come home with medals but well done girls. The men kick off their year playing their handicap series on Sat 6 Oct. People - don't forget that we have housie on Oct 2 - 7pm start. Also, we need to remind people to indicate their interest in attending our centennial next April, so please ring 322 1284, or email bullsbowls@gmail.com

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWS

This week was the final night of the season. First we played our ladies versus men tournament which was won this year by the ladies. Then the cups, trophies and prizes were awarded to all the championship winners. Then we finished off the evening with a wonderful supper. Thanks to all the members who made this a great evening.

BULLS INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

With our season almost at a close, we can look back on a great season. Our final competition; the ladies' and men's pairs, were won by Alison and Marilyn (Pam and Margaret runner ups) and Kevin B and Tony (Allan and Maurice runner ups). We are a social club but some members, who've entered tournaments elsewhere performed well. With only our AGM and our final dinner to go, we think, as a club, we have had a very good season.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Marton Croquet Club had a good first week of the new season, with the weather very kind and 3 new people coming along to play. Results: Monday - David Winmill 12, Graeme McIntyre 10, Annette Winmill and Mary McNae 12, Krina Fitchett 10, Lyn and Selwyn Johnson 11, Lynda and Gordon Thompson 2. Golf croquet: Marilyn Vallance and Brenda 7, Mary Meek and Maria 2. Second game: M and B 4, M and M 7, Marilyn 7 Mary 3. Wednesday golf croquet Lynda and Beverley 7, 7 v Jeanette 3,4. Association croquet Robert McLay 9 Graeme McIntyre, Liz McIay 25, David 18, Annette and Lyn 11, Gordon and Selwyn 13. Saturday - 14 members enjoyed the afternoon playing golf croquet; playing a round robin of 3 games each, with different partners each game. Everyone was a winner by the end of the afternoon.

MARTON BEARS NETBALL

Marton Bears Netball Club sincerely thanks New World Marton for its generous donation this year. This donation enabled our club to equip both teams with much needed, top of the line, equipment; providing a better netball experience for our girls and ensuring our club can also cater for teams next season. Both Bears teams took out the open day knockout tournament and our A2 girls went on to become the season champs, winning the division 1 grade. Our new equipment played a huge role in successful training and practice games.



Above: Brendon Shoebridge (left) and staff member Paul Ngatai (far right) with members of the Marton Bears Netball Team.

MARTON SWIM CLUB

Marton Swim Club is a volunteer run, community club based in Marton. It operates during school terms 4 and 1, two evenings a week, out of Marton Pools on Hereford Street. Club spokesperson Nicki Kosking says "We believe swimming should be accessible and affordable for everyone in the community. Any commitment in the water always pays off and being in NZ, where we have rivers, lakes and oceans to enjoy, we want to encourage every child to feel comfortable in the water. "We would love to see more of our local community come along and make the most of this opportunity right here in town. Most of our swimmers are primary to high school age. It's really great seeing them improve over the season and have some fun doing it. Our focus at the moment is non-competitive swimming, though the kids from the club generally do well at interschool sports. Anyone who can swim 50 m is welcome to join the club, come down and do some laps, improve their swimming and their fitness. We have a learner's lane as well, though due to its popularity, there is often a waiting list and preference is given to siblings of club members. Our first night is Tuesday 16 October, then we will be swimming every Tuesday and Thursday nights; 6-7 pm during term time," Nicki says. If you want to know more, call 027 522 1064, or come down to the pools on the 16th or 18th, at 6pm and check us out".

Sport Whanganui encourages community to get nominations in for the 2018 Ray White Whanganui Sports Awards.

The team at Sport Whanganui is calling for nominations for the 2018 Ray White Whanganui Sports Awards, to be held on Friday, 16 November at Wanganui Function Centre. Sporting communities across Whanganui, Rangitikei and Ruapehu can nominate now on the Sport Whanganui website. It is important to note that all nominations this year are to be submitted online, with staff available at the Sport Whanganui office for anyone who needs assistance. The deadline for getting nominations in is Friday, 5 October.

The Ray White Whanganui Sports Awards are a great chance for us to celebrate our sporting community. Not only will our top athletes be awarded and recognised for their successes, the ceremony is also a chance for us to recognise the hard work and contribution of the people behind the scenes who make sport possible.

As well as a buffet dinner and music, there will also be a guest speaker to be revealed in the next few weeks who is guaranteed to get the crowd laughing. Nominations are being sought across the following categories:

- NZME Services to Sport Recognition
- David Jones Motors Masters' Award
- Mars Petcare Coach of the Year
- Stihl Shop Wanganui Club of the Year
- Rivercity Gas Disabled Sportsperson Recognition
- Treadwell Gordon Junior Team of the Year
- Ali Arc Senior Team of the Year
- Stirling Sports National Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- NZCT National Senior Sportsperson of the Year
- Velo Ronny's Bicycle Store International Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Mitre 10 MEGA International Senior Sportsperson of the Year

Danny Jonas, Sport Whanganui's CEO, is urging the sporting community to get its nominations in now: "The Ray White Whanganui Sports Awards recognise excellent performance and contribution to sport. This is a great opportunity to showcase the outstanding talent in our region and celebrate these successes as a community. Jump on to the Sport Whanganui website and nominate now! Let's make sure those deserving people are recognised!"

On the night, the annual induction of members to the 'Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame' (where the region's past outstanding sports achievers are acknowledged) will again take place – as well as the 'Sport Whanganui Roll of Honour', which recognises volunteers who have contributed 25-plus years of service to the region's sports.

Last year's event attracted around 80 nominations, with 420 guests attending. This is the 55th year the awards have been held, with Ray White Real Estate Wanganui being the principal naming rights sponsor for the sixth -year-running. Tickets go on sale from Monday the October 8 and will be available from the Sport Whanganui office at a price of \$60 each, or \$40 for nominees. Alternatively, you can purchase a full table of ten for \$550.

To find out more about nominations and the event, please contact event organiser, Nicky Malipaard on (06) 349 2880, or nicky@sportwhanganui.co.nz.

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