

Rangitikei to mark ANZAC Day

RSAs throughout the district will commemorate ANZAC Day at dawn next Thursday.

Those attending fall in at 5.45am to march to memorials in each of the district's towns. You can expect a flyover from an NH90 and A109 for the ANZAC dawn parades.

Historic aircraft flyover

On ANZAC Day, after the dawn ceremonies are concluded, flypasts will be conducted throughout Manawatu/Rangitikei/Wanganui. This year is the 11th year aircraft from the Biggin Hill Historic Aircraft Centre at RNZAF Ohakea have marked ANZAC Day with flypasts around the Manawatu/Rangitikei/Wanganui districts.

For the third year, our aircraft will be joined by aircraft from the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The 1944 Supermarine Spitfire and 1945 Grumman Avenger will be joined by two Beechcraft T6 Texans. All four aircraft in the special ANZAC Day formation will be flown by current RNZAF pilots. The Spitfire will be flown by SQNLDR Sean Perrett, the Avenger by SQNLDR Jim Rankin and the two Texans flown by FLTLT Shane Huisman and FLTLT Mary Robertson.

The programme of local flypasts will takeoff-
Ohakea 0940

Sanson 0950

Rongotea 0952

Palmerston-North 1000

Ashhurst 1004

Pohangina 1007

Apiti 1012

Hunterville 1018

Aramoho-Cemetery 1026

Whanganui-City 1030

Whanganui-Airport 1032

Marton 1038

Halcombe 1043

Feilding 1045

Bulls 1050



Supermarine Spitfire Mk IX PV270 - built in Sept 1944 and served with RAF in WW2, post war Italian Air Force, Israeli Air Force and Burmese Air Force. Rebuilt to airworthy condition between 2003 and 2009.



Beechcraft T6C Texan 2 - served with RNZAF since 2014 with Central Flying School and 14 SQN. Used for pilot and instructor training.



Grumman TBM-3 Avenger - built in July 1945 and served with US Navy; after retirement in 1954 used for 30 years for insecticide spraying.

RSA



Wreath for fallen Hunterville WW1 soldier

Hunterville RSA will welcome three special guests to their ANZAC Day dawn service. Family members of Tasmanian James Hunter who died for NZ in WW1, will lay a wreath and niece Heather Armamasco, will read a prayer. Two of the family are RSA members from Australia.

On 17 April 1916, their uncle was posted to 2nd Battalion, Wellington Infantry Regiment as a trooper in the Egypt Expeditionary Force.

Seven men in James' family served in WW1. His younger brother Victor was killed in France. The others returned.

The Hunterville RSA remember the many men of the district, etched on the cenotaph; names of all those who served; all entrusted into God's care.

Concrete change of hands

A longstanding Marton business, McIlwaine Ready Mix changed hands on 1 April. It's now Higgins Concrete Marton, part of the Higgins Family Holdings business based in Palmerston North. Higgins Concrete already

operates concrete plants in Feilding, Palmerston North, Dannevirke, Pahiatua, Waipukurau, Wellington, Porirua, Masterton, Nelson, Otaki and Auckland. The Higgins family has been a shareholder in McIlwaine

Ready Mix since 2010.

Higgins Concrete is a family run business which will continue to provide the great service that the community have experienced. With the same staff of Danny Motu and George Tekai and the same phone number, the only notable difference will be a new colour truck.

McIlwaine Ready was started in 1966 by Brian McIlwaine. It was one of the first plants in the area and in those early days, serviced Foxton to Mt Ruapehu. McIlwaine Ready Mix has been fortunate to have had a great team of long serving loyal staff over the years.

McIlwaine Ready Mix thanks its customers for past business, "We know that you will be well looked after by Danny and the Higgins Concrete team for your future needs," says Randall McIlwaine.

McIlwaines are still supporting the community with its Mitre 10 store, Builders and Timber Processing.



Marton's Russell St readymix depot transition to new owners Higgins Concrete held recently. From left: Danny Motu, Shane Higgins, Randall McIlwaine and Rebecca Gray.

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VIEWPOINT



Lovely man

I wish to express my personal condolences to the Hart Family with the passing of Mr Duncan Hart QSM JP. Recently, Mr Hart met with me at the Shelton Pavilion at Centennial Park to discuss the RSA using the hall for future functions. Mrs Hart said, "I had no idea this hall was so well set up. I am very impressed.

I wished him well and looked forward to hearing from him again. He was such a lovely man...a true gentleman and hero; always doing his best for our community. I was so saddened to read of his passing. Rest in peace Duncan. **Felix Bell, Marton.**

Final tribute to Duncan Hart

In a tribute to his community spirit and outright friendliness, over 1000 people gathered last Friday April 12 to farewell 96 year old Duncan Hart QSM JP at the Marton Memorial Hall. Duncan was instrumental in raising funds for the building of the hall and it seemed fitting that it was the place for his funeral. A WW 2 veteran and stalwart member and past president of the Marton RSA he was honoured with the playing of the Last Post by Barry Williams.

Rev Phil Warner from St Andrew's Presbyterian Church led the ceremony. Speakers included Alan Buckendahl, president of Marton RSA and a longtime friend; Nelson Speirs a fellow founding member of the Lions Club of Marton in 1963 and District Governor of Lions Club, Lynette Stewart who invited Lions members to stand in his memory. Duncan reached nearly every level of service in the Lions Club locally and internationally and he was one of very few Lions members honoured by Rotary.

Family members including Craig Hart and Duncan's daughter Virginia as well as his grandchildren, spoke lovingly about Duncan and his very large role in the Marton and Rangitikei as well as nationally. Duncan Hart and his late wife Doreen to whom he was married for over 66 years, both contributed to the fabric of the district. Duncan will long be remembered for his camaraderie and support for people and projects and Doreen for her unstinting support. Duncan posed for hundreds of photos over his life time. Below is his finale - with flag at half mast.



Serious assault

A serious assault in Marton has left one person fighting for their life.

The person was taken to hospital, in a critical condition, after the incident on Broadway.

Police and ambulance were called to central Marton at 9.45pm on Saturday.

Police are speaking to another person as part of their investigation. They are not seeking anyone else.

HEALTH SCENE



Generous family donates wheel chairs in brother's memory



Peter Boerboom presents three wheelchairs to Shirley Murray from Rangitikei Cancer Society. Marton's Boerboom family very generously donated the three wheelchairs to the Rangitikei Cancer Society, for local use.

The family raised funds for their son and brother Ryan when he needed to pay for cancer treatment. He sadly succumbed to cancer but the family bravely decided to use the money left over to help others with medical needs in Ryan's memory.

Shirley Murray says the very generous gift will be of great help to both cancer sufferers in need and anyone else who might need to borrow a wheelchair for health reasons. Shirley will keep track of the wheelchairs.

Each wheelchair has a small plaque acknowledging the Boerboom family's donation. The family has already made other donations towards medical equipment in Marton.

BITS n' PIECES



Marton Players Open Mic Night - Friday April 19- 7pm
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St Andrew's Annual Garage Sale - 11 May, 9am - St Andrew's Hall, Broadway Marton.

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WILL RURAL MIDWIVES MISS OUT?

Rural Women NZ is pleased an accord has been reached between the midwives' unions, DHBs and Ministry of Health to address longstanding workforce issues. The recent Midwifery Workforce Accord will ensure that strategies are developed to retain and grow the existing midwifery workforce and that action is taken on issues of safe staffing and workloads. "RWNZ has consistently promoted improved resourcing for midwives, particularly in rural areas," says RWNZ spokesperson on health, Margaret Pittaway. "As the NZ birth rate increases, the number of midwives and full-time equivalents has been steadily shrinking since 2010. "Rural communities are heavily impacted by this workforce shortage because core midwives and Lead Maternity Carers provide the majority of services to rural mothers and babies. Yet, rural midwives are burdened with excessive workloads, limited access to maternity centres and high travel times and costs. "RWNZ hopes that the details of the accord will ensure specific strategies to support midwives working in rural areas- it is vital that the Midwifery Workforce Accord is 'rural proofed'," says Ms Pittaway.



Marton Contract Bridge Club

Results Tue 9 April, Ward Furniture pairs (R3):N/S H Bostock & S Loudon 64.0, S Marshall & C Watson 57.0, P Sullivan & K Poppe and P Davidson & H Rowe 43.5. E/W J Baddeley & F Bertram 59.0, C Skou & D Cains 57.0, J Meads & J Vickers 56.0. Winners of Ward Furniture Pairs C Skou & D Cains. Thur 11 April McVerry Crawford Pairs (R2): N/S S Marshall & C Skou 66.67, K Poppe & H Bostock 56.67, H Rowe & G Burne 53.44. E/W S Gruys & J Meads 65.83, W Jones & W Pittaway 57.5, J Baddeley & P Davidson 55.0.

Marton Friendship Club

There will be no club day this Easter Friday 19 April. Next club day will be Friday 26 April, start time 1.30pm. Please note: our AGM early start and a short meeting for election of officers. Entertainment is John White and his band. All home grown and well liked. Come along and support your club. One hour of country music and good music. Afternoon tea about 3pm. See you all Friday 26 April.

Sports Science students Abel Tasman camp

Abel Tasman National Park was the destination of Rangitikei College's Year 13 Sport Science class at the end of March, for a week long camp. The camp was looking at the impact of ecotourism on the national park and some of the political influences on safety management issues unique to the area. They also did some investigation into the history of the region and its links with Ngati Apa and their own school haka.

This year's group consisted of 14 students as well as teacher, Miss Thompson and her assistant Mrs Tracey Thompson. The camp was a chance to challenge the students' personal and shared comfort zones. Days were spent camping, swimming, kayaking and tramping before they arrived home tired but happy, on Sunday morning.

Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters will hold their monthly meeting this Saturday 20 April at 1.30pm at the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre. Our speaker will be Ellen Whitlock, one of our members, so it is sure to be of interest. There will be our usual block of the month, fabric strip swap, show and tell and an opportunity to see what new books have been purchased since our last meeting. The afternoon will conclude with afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with friends – old and new. New members are always welcome. Come along and see if it is something that you would like to do.

FROM THE PULPIT



Marton Combined Churches Walk Of Witness - Good Friday, 9am see Church adverts.

The Festival of Easter

The True Self takes its title from a Gerard Manley Hopkins poem Immortal Diamond: The Search For Our True Self, which explores the deepest questions of identity, spirituality and meaning. He helps his readers discover who they really are and how they can live as their truest self every day. Remaking yourself is never easy but it is something that you must do if you are going to live your best life. Otherwise, you are simply going to be acting out the imitation of a person who does not exist. There are some ways you can live resurrection every day and get more in touch with your True Self. Values we might think about at Easter are being positive, saying 'I'm sorry.'

Bernard O'Donnell (Taihape Ministers' Association)



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Fish & Game's game bird hunting licences are valid for use throughout New Zealand (except in the Chatham Islands).

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Licences are not upgradable, exchangeable or refundable.

Report lost or stolen licences to your local Fish & Game office and they'll issue you with a replacement.

You can view more information on game bird hunting licence categories, terms and conditions and hunting licence FAQson the www.fishandgame.org.nz website.

Get ready for the big day

Duck Shooting season starts on May 4 this year but there is plenty to do leading up to the big day.

Game bird hunting is one of the great NZ recreational sports in New Zealand - great for exercise and spending time outdoors with friends and family.

Here are a few tips for getting organised.

GET PERMISSION:

Confirm access with landowners (say 'thank you'!)

Get permits to hunt on Fish & Game, DOC and forestry lands

SORT OUT THE MAIMAI

Claim your hunting spot with the tag that comes with your licence.

Fix any leaks, rotten boards, seating.

Finish camouflaging maimai with camo net or vegetation Find tips on building a maimai or camouflaging.

Make sure vegetation isn't blocking your firing zone or where the ducks will land

Make sure your access path is cleared and safe to use.

CHECK YOUR GEAR

Clean & rig decoys – get a few new ones if needed.

Ensure your shotgun is in tip-top condition.

Make sure your shotgun magazine complies with the rules. Check and double-check that you don't have any lead shot ammunition in your duck hunting bag.

Make sure your boots and waders are still waterproof.

If you are using a kayak or rowboat, ensure it's shipshape.

If you are hunting on open water, check your lifejackets.

Continue your dog's fitness regime, check vaccinations & worming

PRACTICE

Practice your shooting – organise a clay bird session with your mates before the season starts

Pattern your shotgun – get to know the ammunition and chokes you are using

Practice your calling – make sure you know what you are doing with your duck call.

Practice with your dog – reinforce the basic commands and have a refresher on retrieving. Remember to keep your dog on a leash when moving through farm stock, or meeting up with other people and their dogs.

Hunting away from home? Check the regulations for the region you're going to:

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Memos

MP for Rangitikei



The past month in New Zealand has been both heart wrenching and heart warming. Our sympathy must go out to the people of Christchurch who have been the victims of an unprecedented and incomprehensible attack. The shocking events will have a lasting effect on us all, as new levels of security and wariness creep into our society. As I look out my window of Parliament, I see an armed policeman below; while at my offices in Feilding and Taumarunui the public are locked out, with entry allowed by appointment only – and all this in New Zealand.

In Parliament we have passed, in record time, the Arms Amendment Bill which makes a range of guns and gun parts illegal in this country. Basically all semi-automatics, 5-shot shotguns and 10-shot .22s are now banned, other than in exceptional cases, for pest control and of course the Armed Forces and Police. An amnesty and buyback system will be put in place, running until the 30 September. I am concerned that the amnesty period will not be long enough and believe the terms of the buyback need to be made public and advertised widely, as soon as possible.

I have been heavily involved in the Arms Amendment Act as I sat on that select committee. We sat for five days at various times but credit must go to the officials who worked very long hours to achieve the very positive result they did. The Government intends to bring more legislation to the House, later in the year, to ensure the registration of individual firearms and changes to the licensing process are dealt with in a sound manner. The real challenge for the Government will be to ensure law abiding citizens are not unduly punished, while at the same time making sure those who don't surrender their now banned guns are punished appropriately.

Parliament has gone into recess for two weeks and, when it resumes, we will be looking forward to returning to some form of normality following the Christchurch murders. Having said that the End of Life Choices Bill will face a somewhat controversial passage through Parliament having been reported back from the Select Committee with only minor changes. Should it make it through the second reading - and I think it's likely to - there will be an opportunity for changes to be made at the Committee stage, which may make it more palatable for some. Once through the Committee stages it would then go to a third reading for a final decision and passage it into law. If the Bill passes with (or should it be without) NZ First support, I understand, it could go to a referendum before becoming law, although the details of any proposed referendum are unknown at present. There is much debate to be had around this controversial legislation.

Anzac Day is nearly upon us and of course will be preceded by the Easter break. In the meantime I am spending a week in Taiwan looking at trade and other matters. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and an opportunity to commemorate Anzac Day.

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Looking out for Rangitikei district's economy



Rangitikei District Council's new Strategic Advisor, Gioia Damosso.

Public consultation on the new strategy is expected to start in the next month. Another major focus of Gioia's work is promoting the district to others. "There's lots of amazing things to see and do here, but not enough awareness of it. We want people to stop and see, rather than just driving through. "The promotion isn't just about tourism, but also showing business what opportunities there are here for them."

Business networking is something Gioia is keen to promote. While Project Marton organises some local networking opportunities, Gioia thinks there could be more networking district-wide. She's talking with nearby networks to see whether there are opportunities to work with them, but is also investigating whether a Rangitikei Chamber of Commerce is an option.

"A lot of it is about finding groups and individuals who want to do something, and helping them to achieve that."

While Gioia won't be offering direct advice to business, she is focused on being a "connector" – finding out what people need and connecting them with organisations that can help.

Story and photo Belinda Howard.

Horizons prosecutes water polluters

Horizons Regional Council welcomes the sentencing of PGG Wrightsons and Carrfields Livestock following a significant animal effluent discharge from the Feilding stock yards into the Makino Stream in February last year.

The prosecution case was heard by the Environment Court in Levin Monday, when Judge Dwyer imposed fines of \$75,000 on Carrfields and \$71,250 on PGG Wrightson.

The Court noted that the offending was reckless, particularly given the stock yards are largest in the southern hemisphere, as well as the significant effort by the Manawātū River Leaders' Forum to improve rivers in the Manawātū catchment.

Horizons strategy and regulation group manager Dr Nic Peet says the Council takes its role as an environmental regulator seriously.

"Where appropriate, we put significant matters before the Court."

Dr Peet says the discharge, initially reported to Horizons' pollution hotline staff by a member of the public, was entering the Makino Stream directly from a stormwater pipe connected to the Feilding stockyards.

"The Court noted that PGG Wrightsons and Carrfields are large companies which had been very careless about how they managed disposal of animal effluent," says Dr Peet.

"The judge commented that commercial operators should be aware of their legal responsibilities and manage their business accordingly. In particular, he noted significant amenity, environmental, and cultural impacts.

"We recognise that the companies' guilty pleas were a useful acknowledgement of the offending which reduced the time and cost of prosecution.

"Council has an active compliance monitoring programme and also responds to pollution incidents.

"Another significant prosecution was adjourned this week, and four further formal investigations are underway.

"Members of our community are encouraged to report any environmental incidents to our 24 hour Pollution Hotline on 0508 800 800."

WINTER GARDENING



By Wally Richards

RAIN AT LAST

The arrival of autumn rains has not let us down and progressively, most of the country is enjoying the benefits of water from the sky.

Rain brings down nitrogen which gives plants a nice growth spurt and as its not full of chlorine, like some people's tap water. It allows the soil life to prosper and breed, increasing their numbers to the advantage of the soil and plants.

In a nice wet spring, I have seen how gardens come alive; along with the longer daylight hours and temperatures rising to warm the soil.

As time passes and the rains stops, we then have to start watering and if your tap water is chlorinated, then your plants suffer with leaf diseases. They don't look as healthy and as happy as previously. Then, a summer shower for a day or so and suddenly, the gardens perk up again as the soil life, which can have 3 generations in a 24 hour period, responds, assisting the plants by breaking down organic material. Plants obtain great benefits from their actions when microbe populations are high.

You want great gardens and happy plants then keep destructive chemicals out of them. Keep your soil viable so that you can grow food crops and your favorite plants.

When you read headlines from the UN like the following, you start to wonder what are people going to eat in the future? "Only 60 years of farming left if soil degradation continues! Generating three centimetres of top soil takes 1,000 years and, if current rates of degradation continue, all of the world's top soil could be gone within 60 years," a senior UN official said. If you look after your bit of dirt you may have something to leave to your children that will have more value than gold. The 1000 year period to create 3 cm of top soil is the time it takes naturally in nature. It can take mankind less than 100 years to destroy that 3cm with conventional farming practices. By using natural methods, you as a gardener, can build up to 3cm of top soil in ten years. Not hard to do as all you have to do is feed the soil life.

I read one time that given perfect lab conditions, the amount

of microbes than can be assisted to multiply could within a fairly short period of time have a mass as big as the planet. A good start for this is using our Organic Fish Fertiliser (it contains beneficial microbes) with mycorrhizal and molasses. Add some garden lime into the soil for an alkaline pH and keep moist with non chlorinated water. Add animal manures and compost teas with Magic Botanic Liquid for the cherry on the top. (If you are really successful you might have to lift your home higher as the soil level grows upwards). Anyway back to reality; with the rain comes a few problems as well as the advantages of our gardens perking up.

Slugs and snails which have been dormant during the dry times, will come out very hungry and your nice smelling seedlings will be very enticing.

You don't want to use chemical poisons for slug baits as they are harmful to you and your food crops and to pets and wildlife.

There is a bait that is iron based and not harmful, from Tui, called Quash. You could make your own bait using a combination of bran, sulphate of iron and yeast. The bran is the carrier. The yeast is the attractant and the chelate sulphate of iron is the killer.

Other ones I saw on a website are: cornmeal – slugs love it and die shortly after eating it. Caffeine – diminishes slugs and snails appetites - a very effective slug killer - mix a small amount of coffee with water and the slugs dies within 2 days. Spray on or around plants or on the slugs themselves (not sure about that but try it). Iron phosphate – completely disrupts their digestive system and adds iron into the soil while at it (yep, iron is a good killer). Copper is a compound/metal that slugs and snails can't abide by and if they come into contact with it they die.

I suggest placing untreated sawdust around your seedlings and the spraying them with Wallys Liquid Copper with Raingard added. Spray the seedling at the same time, repeat two weeks later. Slugs and snails will not go over copper.



This is also a good control for ornamental garden plants that get shredded by the pests.

Copper wire can be used by some as a snail wall but metal copper tends to tarnish and become ineffective.

Powdery mildew will now be seen on a number of annuals and vegetables plus some ornamentals. This is normal and older annual plants are likely coming to the end of their days. Cubits such as squash, pumpkins and zucchini are also on the way out.

Roses are going to drop leaves and winter rest.

It maybe useful to keep a few vegetables going to mature a bit more produce, but with flowering annuals there is little point. The best control for delaying the problem that I have found is spraying the white foliage with Wallys Super Neem Tree Oil. It turns the leaves back to green straight away allowing the plant to gain energy from the sun. If you have plants unaffected by the mildew then you can protect them by mixing a tablespoon of baking soda into a litre of warm water, add a mil of Raingard and spray the foliage.

Moist times brings out the 'bryophytes' which are small, non-vascular plants, such as mosses, liverworts and hornworts. They play a vital role in regulating ecosystems because they provide an important buffer system for other plants, which live alongside and benefit from the water and nutrients that bryophytes collect. They also can be unsightly and with mosses and algae, slime dangerously slippery when wet.

Where you do not want them or where they can cause a fall such as on steps and paths, best to get rid of them. Wally's Moss & Liverwort control is the most cost effective product to use - cleans up the problem nicely and does not harm plants. For moss and liverworts mix at 50mils per litre of water and turn the nozzle of the sprayer to a jet and shoot them. A mist or spray doesn't work as the product has to be forced into the target bryophyte. For lichen and others, a mix at 25mils per litre is usually sufficient and a good wetting spray normally does the trick.

I was talking to a reader this week who told me of a tree that was covered in lichen. I offered the solution but he informed me that his wife liked the appearance and so could not spray it. Likely it will cause rot in the bark and the death of the tree over time but in saying that, lichen can look fairly attractive. Easter this weekend and if not traveling away a good time to sort out your gardens before winter hits in harder.

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See Council's website for a copy of the job description, and you can apply online at www.rangitikei.govt.nz. The closing date for this role is 3 May 2019.

For further information, contact Athol Sanson, Parks and Reserves Team Leader - athol.sanson@rangitikei.govt.nz

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A vacancy has become available in the Kitchen at Nga Tawa Diocesan School for a Catering Assistant. The hours during the school year which will be offered to the successful applicant will be the following;

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Please apply in writing to the Catering Manager,
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Private Bag 1101, Marton 4741 or by email to
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Taihape Rubbish Collection for Friday 19 April, please put out as normal. However, this will be collected on Saturday 20 April for Budget Waste Customers.

Anzac Day Closures

The Marton Waste Transfer Station will be closed on Anzac Day, Thursday 25 April. The red rubbish bag collection for Marton normally scheduled for 25th Thursday (ANZAC Day) will be on the next day Friday 26 April. All Libraries will also be closed on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Public Notices



Marton Returned and Services Association (Inc)

Cordially invite the public to the ANZAC Dawn Service at the forecourt of the Marton Memorial Hall commencing at 6am April 25.

For anyone wishing to join the march, "Fall In" will be at 5.40 on Wellington Road, outside BJW Motors.

Those attending should bring a small torch to help read the programme.

Programmes will be distributed by the 1st Marton Scout Group at the service.

Weather permitting, there will also be a service at the cenotaph in Marton Park, commencing at 2pm.

Medals should be worn and any person possessing medals awarded to a deceased relative may wear them on their right breast area.

At 9am, The Marton and Districts Pipe Band will present a poignant bracket of traditional tunes at Mount View Cemetery, adjacent to the military plots.

David Morris, Secretary.



HUNTERVILLE RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSOC. (INC)

ANZAC DAY

DAWN PARADE AND SERVICE

25 April 2019

Fall-in at 05.45am outside the RSA clubrooms in Bruce St, Hunterville.

- The Rangitikei Scots Pipe Band will lead the parade to the cenotaph and everyone attending is invited to march.
- After the Parade, members and friends are invited to the RSA clubrooms for tea, coffee and Anzac biscuits.
- You are then invited for a cooked breakfast at the Argyle Hotel, courtesy of the RSA & Argyle Hotel (gluten free option available).



ANZAC DAY 2019

DAWN PARADE AND SERVICE

Taihape and District RSA will host the Dawn Parade and Service on Thursday 25 April 2019.

Members of the RSA are to form up opposite the Town Hall at 5.45am - medals to be worn.

Service organizations, schools and members of the public are welcome to march with the parade and attend the service.

Anyone attending the parade may wear medals of deceased relatives on their right breast.

Service organizations, clubs, schools and members of the public who wish to lay a wreath at the Service are to contact Russ Levy on 06 388 1337 to have their name added to the list of wreaths to be laid.

At the conclusion of the service, all those attending are invited to the Workingmen's Club for breakfast.

RJ (Russ) Levy, Secretary/Treasurer

Raffle Results

Marton Floral Group

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ANZAC DAY COLLECTION

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Thursday 25 April rubbish collection will be now collected on Friday 26 April due to ANZAC Day commemorations. Bins and bags to be out at the kerbside by 7.30am.

Collections will return to normal from 2 May onwards.



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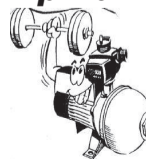
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Roads to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic on **Thursday 25 April**

Taihape
05.45am till 06.30am
Hautapu Street (SH1) – From Kuku Street to Huia Street
Huia Street – From Hautapu Street (SH1) to Kokako Street
Kokako Street - From Huia Street to Kuku Street

Hunterville
05.30am till 07.00am
State Highway 1 – At both ends of Hunterville (not closed for the entire duration of the parade)
Bruce Street – from Paraekaretu Street to State Highway 1
High Street – from State Highway 1 to Kotukutuku Road

Marton
0545 -0700 hrs
Wellington Road – From High Street to Beaven Street

Bulls
0540 – 0700 hrs
High Street (SH1) – From Bridge Street (SH3) to Wilson Street
Criterion Street - From Bridge Street (SH3) to High Street (SH1)
Daniell Street - From intersection of High (SH1) and Criterion Streets to Bull Street

During the period of closure, if and when appropriate, provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic that would otherwise use the road.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive



Campbell 17, 2nd Barry Williams 18, 3rd Marion MacPhee 18 c/b. Lucky card was won by Richard Peirce; raffle by Mona Barrett. Next week will be a medal round and the start of the Campbell trophy & Jean Duncan mugs competitions. Starters are: Mike Donlon & Sam Atkinson. Cards: Dave McDougall & Tim Brandon. Kitchen: Judy McConachie.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

A stunning, sunny autumn day greeted the teams, at the immaculately groomed Taihape Golf Club, for the fifth round of the A grade pennants. With the pin placements in their ceremonial challenging positions, scoring was tough going. Players required forethought to manage their approaches to the greens. However, it was locals against Feilding who struggled, on their home course, in the morning's play; being three nil down at lunch. Taihape needed to release the shackles after lunch and started positively; with Danny Mickleson winning 2/1 to record his second win in the competition against his favoured foe. Alan Thomas was up all day and held on strong, to see off a resurgence in a 1 up victory on the last. Duane Dick registered his first loss in three and a half seasons, ending his phenomenal run on the penultimate 1 down. Jimmy Mickleson played some exceptional golf at number 3, but was undone on the 17th, being only a few over the card. Matthew Booth secured a rare 4/3 win over the representative player Tony Chettleburgh at number two. George O'Brien lost on the 17th, in a stoic performance. Taihape lost 6 - 3 and narrowly retains 6th spot on the table, two games clear of Wanganui. Easter Sunday is the Dennis Robertson sponsored 27 holes three person ambrose. Players are asked to register at 9am and will be drawn into teams for a 9.30am tee off. Easter Monday is an 11.30am tee off for the chicken run. ANZAC day is a 12noon tee off for combined annual Logan shield men versus women match play on stableford and chicken run.

MARTON TARGET SHOOTING

Thank you to all who participated in our sports and business house shoot. It is much appreciated that you continue to support the club. Results: first man - Todd Spring 98.05. Second man - Jason Crawford 97.05. Third man - Allan Coleman 97.04. First lady - Michelle Downs. Second lady - Jen Yanko. Third lady - Linda Waddell 4.01. Teams: Huntley 349.03, Huntley Hotchpotch 345.05, Huntley Late Girls 342.03, Top Guns All Ladies 341.03, WHB Matt Burke 2340.06, Team Barney 338.01, Rural Men 335.05, WHB Matt Burke 132.02, Team Elmo 331.03, New World 1 331.01, Malteurop 2 329.03, Kleinys 329.02, Huntley Girls 329.01, Nates Mates 328.02, Turakina Valley 327.02, Tutaenui Terrors 1 326.04, JoyMotors 319.05, Triple A-I 319.03, Hogans 1 316.01, RTC 2 311.04, Baby Rustlers 311.01, Allen McNeil 3 308.01, Allen McNeil 2 307.02, New World 3 306.01, Hogans 2 303.01, Malteurop 1 297.02, Allen McNeil 1 295.03, New World 2 294.02, Top Guns 291.01, RTC 1 283.02, EHW 282.01, Rural Women 268.01, Tutaenui Terrors 2 264.00. Results 15/4/2019. It's getting harder to get to the top of the club's weekly score sheet - one can shoot a good 100.09, like Fred de Burgh, but if you only shoot an average 94 for your first card, then you can expect the rest of the bunch to overrun you like Gary Cuff, Tony Bayler and Brent Read. Angus Williams, a fresh shooter, improved on his last week's score as well. The club has this year a new sponsor for its 2019 open. It's now the J&J Walters Asphalters Ltd, Marton Rangitikei open. Target Shooting Marton is hugely indebted to the Walters family for its generosity. This competition starts on the evening of Thursday 18th and carries through all Saturday 20 April - Easter weekend. Brent Read 99.06 99.05 198.11, Tony Bayler 98.04 99.08 197.12, Don Hamilton 98.03 97.06 195.09, Gary Cuff 98.05 97.03 195.08, Fred de Burgh 94.04 100.09 194.13, Wayne Hunt 98.05 96.04 194.09, Peter Lissington 95.03 99.05 194.08, Jake Wright 98.05 96.02 194.07, Kayla Gledhill 96.03 97.03 193.06, Fiona Mills 96.02 97.03 193.05, Matthew Read 94.01 98.06 192.07, Allan Wright 96.04 92.02 188.06, Guy Forster Pratt 92.01 94.01 186.02, Alan McCubbine 90.04 92.01 182.05, Neville Rhodes 90.01 90.05 180.06, Jacob Harris 91.04 86.01 177.05, Graeme Sixtus 83.01 86.01 169.02, Angus Williams 87.00 80.00 167.00.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 10 April roll-up results - skips: 1st Andy Creagh - 2 wins, 17 ends 26 points. 2nd Kevin Mullany - 2 wins, 15 ends 23 points. 3rd Ray Harding - 1 win, 10 ends 13 points. Twos: 1st Graeme Morris - 2 wins, 14 ends 19 points. 2nd Joan Black - 1 win, 14 ends 21 points. 3rd Wayne Pudney - 1 win, 14 ends 20 points. Leads: 1st Paul White - 2 wins, 16 ends 26 points. 2nd Ron McDermott - 2 wins, 14 ends 23 points. 3rd Joy White - 1 win, 14 ends 17 points. Saturday 13 April: with mens & womens 4s competing @ Laird Park for champion of champions, a social roll-up took place but no results were kept. Up and coming events: Sunday 28 April @ 1pm - closing day. Whites and a plate please. Saturday 4 May @ 9 am - club working bee. Please come along, even if only for an hour, to help tidy away a few jobs before winter sets in. Sunday 23 June - AGM 2 pm @ club rooms. Please consider nominations for new committee. It's not far away.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB – CENTENNIAL

The little cottage the greens are adjacent too, is still there 100 years on. At a meeting on 2 Sept 1919, James Bull of London gave a house & grounds to the Bulls Town Board to form a bowling green, Wed 9 November 1921 the official opening day was held. The Wanganui Centre suggested that the club colours be amber & black. When the club aligned to Manawatu, they became blue and gold - today black & white. Among competitions held, a Mr Paull donated feathers for a pairs competition, played in the evening - a forerunner of community bowls! In 1946, Ohakea servicemen paid 10 pounds to be able to use the club green and facilities - a little more these days! Eighteen shillings were paid by 23 members in 1949 to the centre as levies! Mr Stevens, was an early greenkeeper, followed by R.Hazelwood, B.Roberts, with W.Cooksley at present. The women's section started in 1950, having the croquet green laid down as a bowling green. The 50th jubilee was celebrated with a swinging social evening in 1969. The men & women's clubs amalgamated in 2007-08 and this Easter weekend we are celebrating 100 years of 'Bowl-a-bull' style!

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

This week we played our senior singles championship. We had 10 entries and, after the four qualifying rounds, 3 made it through to the final. Rose Plank beat Lyn Phillips in the first game and then went on to beat Ray Harding in a close final. Bev Shand won the raffle. Next week we are back to a normal club night. See you all there.

UCOL cars ready for demolition derby

Distinctive blue and orange demolition derby cars will be crashing and bashing at Palmerston North Speedway this Easter weekend, thanks to the work of UCOL Automotive students. Students from the New Zealand Certificate in Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing, as well as the U-Skills Academy Automotive Panel & Paint programme spent the past few months preparing six old cars for the Peter Barry memorial derby teams champs. UCOL Automotive Panel & Paint lecturer Phil Oswald says the students took rusty, run-down cars, gave them a new look and made them safe and functional for the demolition derby. "The students have worked on all facets of the cars and developed a variety of skills like welding, painting, repairing, signwriting and fabricating. They've worked on things like suspension and electrical systems and used their engineering skills to build roll cages." Phil and his fellow lecturers Ash McKenzie and Nigel Hughes will drive the cars in the derby, along with a few stakeholders connected with UCOL's automotive department. Students will work on another group of cars for a November demolition derby, with a few given the opportunity to drive in the derby. "The students get really excited about working on the cars. They know that the harder they work, they greater the chance they'll drive later in the year," says Phil. "A lot of the skills the students have acquired is over and above the normal course requirements, which has added value." The demolition derby qualifying rounds happen on Good Friday at the Robertson Holden International Speedway (Central Energy Trust Arena), with the finals taking place on Easter Saturday.



Above: demolition derby cars ready for action in UCOL's automotive workshop.

Satisfaction with KiwiSaver providers drops

Customer satisfaction with KiwiSaver providers has dropped in Consumer NZ's annual survey. Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin said almost all 13 providers rated in the survey saw customer satisfaction ratings fall. "Overall, 48% of KiwiSavers were happy with the service they were getting from their provider, down from 52% last year," Ms Chetwin said. Satisfaction scores for three of the biggest providers – AMP, ANZ and ASB – were significantly below the industry average. "Only 36% of ASB customers were very satisfied with the service they were getting. AMP scored 37% and ANZ 41%," she said. Just two providers achieved satisfaction scores above 60%: Milford and Westpac both rated 66%. But it wasn't all good news for Westpac: the KiwiSaver scheme rated below average for keeping customers up-to-date about their investments. Ms Chetwin said the fall in ratings was likely influenced by sharemarket volatility, which had led to a bumpy 12 months for some funds. But the quality of information consumers got about their funds also affected satisfaction, she said. Consumer NZ's survey found: 75% didn't know what they paid in fees each year; 66% didn't know how their fund performed relative to the rest of the market; 44% weren't confident their KiwiSaver funds would be enough to support them in retirement. Overall, just 45% thought their provider did a good job keeping them up-to-date about their investment. Ms Chetwin said consumers also lacked information about whether their funds were being ethically invested. "For many, returns are just as important as knowing their money is invested responsibly. The majority said they'd be concerned if their cash was being invested in stocks such as gambling, pornography and weapons, but didn't know whether their fund manager excluded investment in these areas." Ms Chetwin said KiwiSaver providers need to do better at providing meaningful information about their investment approaches. "Demand for responsible investment is growing rapidly, but KiwiSaver providers aren't meeting this demand," she said. Satisfaction scores: Milford: 66% (Milford is Consumer NZ's people's choice winner in this year's survey), Westpac: 66%, SuperLife: 60%, BNZ: 57%, Fisher Funds: 57%, Booster: 55%, Kiwi Wealth: 51%, Generate: 49%, Fisher Funds Two: 44%, ANZ: 41%, AMP: 37%, ASB: 36%, Mercer: 34%. Consumer NZ's survey was a nationally representative survey of 2072 New Zealanders, aged 18 and over, carried out in February 2019. Satisfaction ratings show the proportion of respondents who scored their KiwiSaver provider 8, 9 or 10, on a scale from 0 (very dissatisfied) to 10 (very satisfied). Ratings are for providers that had 30 or more responses. For more information, contact: Sue Chetwin, Consumer NZ chief executive, Phone: 021 472 748, Email: sue@consumer.org.nz Consumer NZ is a non-profit organisation.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter FROM THE TEAM AT CENTRAL ITM



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NEW LISTING

39 Ahuru Street, Marton
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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