

Crafts Alive was an excellent opportunity to see skilled craftspeople at work - producing a big array of quality, handmade products for sale at Marton's Memorial Hall last weekend.

Crafts ranged from basket making to handpainted signs and woodcarving. It made for an enthralling exhibition of skills and was one of the best craft shows Marton has seen.

The Rangitikei Quilters group displayed some of their national and international quality work, complete with work in progress.

Marton's Samoan Methodist Fellowship displayed the skills needed to create Samoan hand printed fabric, satin flowers and intricate beaded lei.

Julia Fortune Stead, a Maori Visual Arts student from Whanganui, was creating te kainga Maori flax weaving, with a modern twist - with fabulous results.

An adult colouring group and a woodcarver offered even further interest among the many stalls.

Over the two day event, some craft stalls were only showing on Saturday, while others joined the show for Sunday only.

Organiser Gillian Futcher from the Marton Women's Institute says she and club members were thrilled with the result and with the many crafts represented, as well as with public support.



Tinei Agafili displays her printed Samoan style fabric.





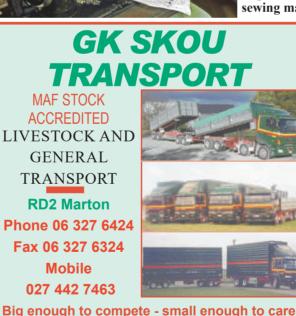
Sonja McCubbine paints her garden signs.



Left: Gillian Futcher (the organiser) with her vintage sewing machine.

Woodcarving skills by Aaron Sheehan Photos By Terry Stillman







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Election 2017

Ian McKelvie has been elected MP for Rangitikei for a third term, following a long tradition of National MPs representing the electorate in modern history since it was formed in 1861. In the recent times, the only exception was Social Credit leader Bruce Beetham who held it six years for six years.

Today the electorate has grown to become the third largest general electorate, by area, in the North Island. It stretches from a far as Linton (circling Palmerston North) and extends to Taumarunui, incorporating the Rangitikei District.

Ian McKelvie won his third term by a margin of 9664 votes maintaining the electorates tradition as a stronghold of national voters.

In the Te Tai Hauāuru Maori elctorate Adrian Rurawhe was returned by a margin of 1138 votes.

Rangitīkei - preliminary count. Votes counted 32,972. McCANDLESS, Robin Campbell 1686 McKELVIE, Ian18807 STEVENSON, Rob 2611 WARREN, Heather 9143 WILSON, Neil1 89 Green Party 1358 National Party 17486 New Zealand First Party 3463 Labour Party 9216 ACT New Zealand151 Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party111 Ban1080 77 United Future30 **Internet Party 3** MANA 8 Māori Party 140 NZ Outdoors Party 32 The Opportunities Party (TOP)664 Democrats for Social Credit 11

Te Tai Hauāuru - preliminary count

Labour Party

Māori Party

Votes counted 17,910 Labour Party 10399 58.1% Green Party 1127 14.9% Māori Party 2665

McDONALD, Jack 2159 RURAWHE, Adrian Paki 8038 TAMATI, Howie 6903 WAITAI-RAPANA,

Wikitoria 331

Returning MP says thanks

"Thank you Rangitikei. Thank you for giving me another three years of your support. It is not something I

take for granted and I will continue to work hard to deliver for you, for the many and diverse communities in our region, and for rural and provincial New Zealand. Whether or not you gave me your vote on Saturday, it is my privilege to serve as your Member of Parliament for the next three years. It has been an amazing election campaign and this is a great result for National. Nearly half of the country voted National which, in an MMP environment, is a strong endorsement of the direction New Zealand is taking.

I am very sorry the Maori Party did not win any seats. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them over the past six years and their contribution to New Zealand over the past nine years has been significant. I believe, under MMP, special interest parties should focus on what they stand for and try to find a place in Government whether it is right or left-led. I think more than most other parties, the Maori party demonstrated an understanding and a willingness to do this. I am sad that many of their supporters failed to see the benefit of being in Government, in order to effect real change. The election has helped focus everyone on what this country wants to achieve. We want to build on the economic direction this country is taking, which is the foundation of so much of our success.

We have put ourselves in a position where we can achieve sustained economic success. And that's important, because having a strong economy means we can make further progress on some of our most challenging, long-term issues - reducing poverty, supporting the most vulnerable and protecting the environment.

Until a new Government is formed, we will run a responsible and stable administration; abiding by the usual caretaker conventions. The business of government will not grind to a halt. We are able to deal with any pressing issues that arise over the coming weeks.

We do not need to rush this process but, equally, there is no greater priority right now than delivering a strong Government to take New Zealand forward.

Thank you again for your support. My offices in Marton, Feilding and Taumarunui are open for business. Please contact me if you require any assistance."

"Thank you Rangitikei. I will continue to work hard for you!

Ian McKelvie **MP for Rangitikei**

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29 September - 8 October

DUITIN

Guest Exhibitors: Karen Workman - felter Keli Jarvis - artist **Raemon Rolfe - artist**

Admission : \$5 (children free) 10am - 4pm daily Late night - Thursday 5 October to 7pm

> Marton Arts & Crafts Centre, **Cnr Grey & Signal Sts, Marton**

- Ian McKelvie

Highest population growth in a generation

For the first time in more than a generation in the region, population growth has returned to all districts in the Horizons Regional Council area – Horowhenua, Manawatū, Palmerston North, Tararua, Rangītikei, Ruapehu and Whanganui.

The latest Regional Economic Report shows the region is now home to about 236,900 people – surpassing the previous high in the 1990s – and comes off the back of increasing numbers since 2001.

The growth comes as NZ's terms of trade return to levels not seen in Aotearoa since the 1950s (terms of trade is a measure of the buying power NZ has abroad in exchnage for its exports. If rising, it means that NZ can buy more imports for the same amount of exports).

Central Economic Development Agency CE Linda Stewart says the region must capitalise on growth and close the gap on national indicators such as GDP per capita and household earnings. "In the year ahead, we will hopefully see job growth across all districts in the region, which will help. We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to strengthen the wider economy, so that we can obtain sustainable growth that provides opportunities for families across the central NI for generations to come."

She says the results will send a clear message to central government; its agencies and investors in general. Forecasting should be updated so public infrastructure investments take growth into account.

The latest Infometrics GDP estimate shows good growth across the region. Highlights include:

A 39% increase in the value of residential building consents.
Net overseas migration increasing by 19% and anecdotal evidence of increased migration from other areas of NZ.

• Strongest recorded population growth in 26 years, highlights include: Horizons north-west (Rangitīkei, Ruapehu and Whanganui) has gone from a net loss, from overseas migration, of 366 people (2013) to a net gain of 304 people- year ending June 2017.

Horizons south-east (Horowhenua, Manawatū, Palmerston North and Tararua) has gone from a net loss of 472 people (2013) to a net gain of 949 people.(June 2017)

• Numbers leaving to move overseas dropped dramatically: for Australia - from 1,629 (2000) to 899. For the UK -700

people (2000) to 248 (2017).

• Domestic visitor spending increasing by 6.3% and international visitor spending increased by 9.5%.

•The increase in provisional Fonterra farmgate payout price to \$6.15 for the 2016/17 season and the forecast \$6.75 for the 2017/18 season is a welcome improvement on the \$3.90 payout in the 2015/16 season. There is also strength in sheep, beef and skins prices despite the high NZ dollar, providing strong support for growth across the region.

Palmerston North City Council economic policy analyst Peter Crawford says, "Several major multimillion projects will be consented in the second half of this year, and the outlook is even stronger, with work already started and committed for a number of major projects: Defence Force \$469m; Powerco \$150M growth and security projects and renewal programmes; MidCentral DHB\$282m; Massey University \$184; significant national roading investment: Ōtaki to north of Levin, Manawatu Gorge replacement and Palmerston North ring road. Accelerate25 lead team facilitator Michael McCartney has welcomed the news of population and GDP growth across the region.

Ms Stewart says a skills shortage is already occurring in construction, distribution and logistics and IT."The increased work comes as our employment participation catches up with national averages," she says.

Mr Crawford says growth in electronic card retail spending in the Manawatū-Whanganui region accelerated in the June quarter. Horizons north-west, helped by improved retail options in Bulls, increased by 7.9% and Horizons south-east (excluding Horowhenua) increased by 4.1% compared with an increase of 4.3% for NZ. The quarterly growth rate for the region has been higher than the national growth rate since January 2017.

"We are attracting more visitors, both domestic and international with good growth in Horizons North-West where international spending increased by 12% for the year ending June 2017. However, the standout territorial authority was Horowhenua, which recorded a 33.9% increase in international spending."

BITS n' PIECES

Marton Arts & Crafts Centre EXHIBITION.

Open Friday 29 September - Sunday 8 October . Guest exhibitors: felter Karen Workman and artists Keli Jarvis and Raemon Rolfe. Admission: \$5 (children free) - open 10am - 4pm daily. Late night - Thursday 5 October to 7pm. At Marton Arts & Crafts Centre, Cnr Grey & Signal Sts, Marton.

St Andrew's Church Annual Fair - Broadway, Marton to be held on Saturday, 30 September in church hall, starting at 9.30am. Something for everyone; stalls include books, new and used clothing, bric-a-brac, facepainting, sweets, drinks, morning teas and a whole lot of other things.

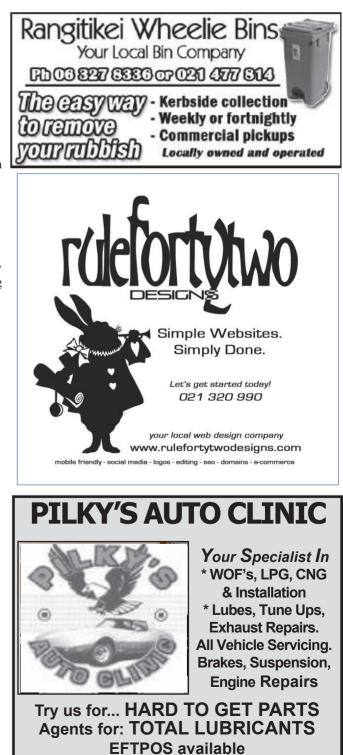
Top NZ players at Marton Croquet Club - this Saturday and Sunday.

Nga Tawa Pony Club - information session. 1pm Saturday September 30. For young riders aged up to 24 years. At Nga Tawa School.

Wanganui Model Railway & Engineering Society Expo, 84 Ingestre St - Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1, 10am -4pm.

St Stephen's Plant Fair - Saturday October 7, 9am till 12 noon. Maunder St, Marton. Seedlings, vegetables plants, raspberry canes. trees, succulents and plenty more. Garden themed raffle.

Mangaweka Fire Brigade Fireworks ... Friday October 27, gates open 6.30pm, McIntyre Reserve. Entry \$5 per person or \$20 family (2A & 3C). Stalls and barbecue food. Postponement date Friday November 3. No EFTPOS, no alcohol.



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Mayor Andy Watson on Marton's Water



Marton's water supply has been a feature in the media over the last few weeks, so I want to provide some information so residents better understand what the issues are, what Council is doing to address them and what residents can do to assist.

Marton has experienced problems with its drinking water supply for as long as there has been a reticulated supply in place - which is at least 130 years. Over the years, the water used for Marton has been relatively high in iron and manganese, but the level of treatment available hasn't, until recently, been sufficient to fully remove these from the treated drinking water. The result is that this iron and manganese, which discolours the water, has slowly built up over decades on the inside of the water pipes, with the oldest pipes most affected. This discolouration, which is more evident in some areas of Marton, does not make the water unsafe to drink, but its appearance makes the water unappealing. The only way of completely removing this residue is pipe replacement, but controlling water pressure and regular flushing does help minimise the problem. There is a regular flushing programme in place. Rangitikei District Council has been progressively upgrading the Marton water supply, with around \$9 million spent in the last 5-6 years. Most of this has been on a major upgrade of the Marton water treatment plant on Tutaenui Rd. There has also been a regular programme

of replacing older water pipes as they reach the end of their useful life. These older concrete (AC) pipes are progressively being replaced with PVC pipes, and AC pipes now make up less than 25% of the water network. Council will continue the pipe replacement programme until all older pipes have been replaced. Council is currently preparing the next long term plan (10 year LTP), and we will be reviewing the speed of the pipe replacement programme, to see if we can complete this expensive work sooner.

Occasionally, one of these older pipes will break, due to a manufacturing flaw. When this happens, the residual iron and manganese coating the inside of the pipe, is dislodged and

travels around the network as a 'pulse' of dirty water. Due to the layout of the water reticulation network, it's not always possible to accurately pinpoint where this discoloured water will go. When pipe breakages occur, like the one in the Kensington Rd area in August, Council staff respond immediately, to replace the broken pipe and undertake an intensive flushing programme to remove as much of the discoloured water as possible. Notifications are also made to local businesses and residents, and Council relies on calls from affected properties to help target the areas needing flushing. Residents and businesses can help speed up this flushing process - by turning on outside (cold) taps for at least 15 minutes and letting the water run until it is clear.

We also want to hear from you, any time you notice a change in the quality of your water (e.g. discolouration, taste/odour). Please ring the Council immediately and let our staff know. We operate a call centre 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If we don't know there is an issue, we can't do anything about it - so ring 0800 422 522, anytime you notice anything different with your water. Andy Watson





Marton Bridge Club

Results: Tue $1\overline{9}/09$ Petals & Presents Handicap pars (R1) N/S K Poppe & M Moreland 67.5, J Meads & M Bartels 59.32, J Bellamore & F Bertram 57.44. E/W Bostock & D Cains 68.0, E Saywell & M Shand 62.06, J Baddeley & H Rowe 55.60. Thur 2109 Broadway ColourPlus Handicap Pairs (R2) N/S S Marshall & J Baddeley 61.67, B Bolt & E Saywell 60.83, E Weber-Plows & K Poppe 50.83. E/W M Gordon & S Gruys 63.33, H Rowe & G Burne 61.67, S Thackery & H Bostock 55.83.

Marton Friendship Club

We meet at Morris Street Hall every Friday; start time 2pm, hall open 1pm. Last week, Dallas Graham entertained us on piano with songs from many countries. What a pleasure to hear everyone singing along. Our walls rang with lively music and song and our piano man was such a joy. Thank you Jean McFarlane, who finds us very good entertainers every Friday. Raffles were won by Rosa, Thelma, Ken, Bill and Jean T. This Friday, we have board games, housie, scrabble, cards or just chit chat – you choose. Visitors welcome to our club, a happy and safe place to come for an afternoon and a cuppa. Remember no door charge – just a smile. See you Friday.

Marton Women's Institute

Marton WI in association with Project Marton would like to thank all who supported us in any way with our «crafts+alive» event over last weekend. We are greatly humbled by the kindness of so many people. Your generosity is appreciated to assist us in raising funds for the Hunterville St John's Ambulance who need a new base to work from. Our next meeting is on Monday 2 October, 1.30pm at the Friendship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Cr Lynne Sheridan, who will talk about the new developments at Marton Park.

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

The Happy Tours

September 7 was not the most successful trip we've ever had. The skies opened and the wind blew a gale. Tui Breweries were not brewing on the day, so we decided not to do the factory tour; as the cost was rather expensive, as was the food. Our birthday girls were Jenny and Jean B. The raffles were donated by Barbara B, Jean and Allan and the lucky winners were Peter, Andy and Wendy. We will miss our travelling companion Joe who has moved to Carterton to live with his daughter. We were planning to go to the Stoney Oaks wildlife park for our next trip but with the unpredictable spring weather we have decided to do this at a later date. We have made arrangements to have lunch at the Whanganui Cosmopolitan Club, then visit the beautiful Putiki Maori Church. Simon Reweti will be our guide. The bus will leave at 9.30am on October 5. Those wishing to shop, will have time to do so before lunch. As always, we look forward to your company. Phone numbers; 06 327 6091, 06 327 7631 or 06 327 7967.

Kaitoke and Turakina WI's

The Combined Kaitoke and Turakina WI's Mini Flower Show was held on Saturday September 9, in the St John Ambulance Hall, Tawa St, Wanganui.

Considering the inclement weather that all had experienced the week prior, the number of entries in the Cut Flower Section and their condition, was a credit to all who entered. The Cooking and Handcraft were just as well supported with full tables of entries.

As members situations have changed over the years, it was with a sad note that this was to be the final Mini Show Kaitoke and Turakina are to hold. Kaitoke members T McMillan, V Meyer and J Marshall from Turakina were each presented with a lovely orchid spike each for the work they have done behind the scenes over the years.

Results: Floral - cut flower -Class 1 - one daffodil any variety. 1st Joan Marshall, 2nd Trish McMillan, 3rd Lewanna McLean. Class 2 - three daffodil any variety: 1st Trish McMillan, 2nd Joan Marshall, and 3rd Lewanna McLean. Class 3 - Three freesias: 1st Pat Perry, 2nd Tina Sutherland, 3rd Anne Berntsen. Class 4 - One other spring flower :1st Lewanna McLean, 2nd Joan Marshall, 3rd Trish McMillan. Class 5 One other spring bulb (excluding narcissi & Freesia):1st Joan Marshall, 2nd Pat Perry, and 3rd Donna Wallace. Class 6 - One stem flowering shrub (excluding camellia):1st Donna Wallace, 2nd Paulette Stent, 3rd Elizabeth Parr. Class 7 - One camellia: 1st Joan Marshall, 2nd Lewanna McLean, 3rd Hazel Thomson.

Floral/decorative: Class 8 - A design "Shades of Green" : 1st Lewanna McLean, 2nd Gay Manning, 3rd Joan Marshall. Cooking. Class 9 - Jar of plum jam: 1st Jacqui Gillam, 2nd Joan Marshall, 3rd Hazel Thomson. Class 10 - Jar of chutney. 1st Pat Perry, 2nd Hazel Thomson, 3rd Shirley Forward. Class 11 – Chocolate cake – square tin, own recipe, dusted with icing sugar: 1st Anne Berntsen, 2nd Myra Mitchell, 3rd Joan Marshall. Class 12 – 4 Jam drops. 1st Connie Millard, 2nd Myra Mitchell, 3rd Anne Berntsen.

Handcraft. Class 14 - Hand knitted jersey - to fit child up to 5 years: 1st Gay Manning, 2nd Jacqui Gillam, 3rd Hazel Thomson. Class 15 - article made using handkerchief/s hand and/or machine stitching and embellishments allowed: 1st Joan Marshall, 2nd Jacqui Gillam, 3rd Pat Perry. Class 14 - 6x4 colour photo: 1st Pat Perry, 2nd Gay Manning, and 3rd Elizabeth Parr. Class 15 - Fridge Magnet - open: 1st Pat Perry, 2ndVicki Meyer, 3rd Gay Manning. Section placings. Floral section - cut flower / decorative - classes 1-7, 8, 1st Joan Marshall - 30pts, 2nd Lewanna McLean - 23pts, 3rd Trish McMillan - 15pts. Cooking section - classes 9-12:1st Anne Berntsen - 10 pts, 2nd = Pat Perry, Jacqui Gillam - 9pts, 3rd = Joan Marshall, Hazel Thomson, Connie Millard, Myra Mitchell - 8pts.

Handcraft section - classes 14-17:1st Pat Perry - 15pts, 2nd Gay Manning - 13pts, 3rd Jacqui Gillam - 10pts. Kaitoke overall - class's 1-8, 9-12, 14-17: 1st Anne Berntsen - 21pts, 2nd Trish McMillan - 20pts, 3rd Shirley Forward - 14pts. Turakina overall - class's 1-8, 9-12, 14-17: 1st Joan Marshall - 46pts, 2nd, Pat Perry - 38pts, 3rd Lewanna McLean - 30pts. Overall - classes 1-8, 9-12, and 14-17: 1st Joan Marshall - 46pt, 2nd Pat Perry - 38pts, 3rd Lewanna McLean - 30pts. Sugar bowl - WI with most points: Kaitoke 126, Turakina 189. Total entries – 173 - Kaitoke 83, Turakina 90. Total members

entering - 21 - Kaitoke 14,;Turakina 7.

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St Andrew's Fair this Saturday

Make sure you keep Saturday 30 September free, so you can enjoy the atmosphere of our annual St Andrew's Fair. This will be an event held in the church hall, kick off at 9.30am on Saturday 30 September 2017. There will be the usual stalls, including a plant stall, morning tea, face painting, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, cakes and jams, candy floss etc.

The plants will have an emphasis on home grown and local garden plants. Our congregation has many talents and the result of thos talents 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 event. All that is needed now, is you. See you there and enjoy the heaps of goodies on sale," say organisers.

Scouts Return to Bulls



An open day will be held for families interested in finding out more about the new Bulls Air Scout Group.

From 10am, on Saturday 30 September, families will be able to come along for a fun filled day at the Bulls Scout Hall (behind the school on Wilson St - look for the driveway with balloons!).

"Scouts will be returning to Bulls in Term 4," says the Manawatu zone leader for Scouts NZ, James Bennett. "This year, we are focusing on setting up Cubs, for boys and girls aged 7 1/2 to 10 1/2. Next year, we will look at introducing Keas (ages $6 - 7\frac{1}{2}$) and Air Scouts (for youth 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ and above).

"The main point of difference for Bulls is that it will be an Air Scout Group. This will allow for a more aviation focus." The Air Scouts can earn a range of aviation personal development badges, plus others such as camping and bush craft."

The National Scout Aviation School is based in the Manawatu. Once Scouts move up to Venturers, they can learn to fly at the prestigious Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School and earn their Scout Wings. Most of the school's graduates are aged 16-18.

For over 100 years, Scouts have been developing young people throughout the region - providing adventures and outdoor learning experiences for thousands of youth. The values of having respect, doing what is right and being positive is just as relevant now as they were when Scouting began in 1907.

"The reopening of the Bulls Air Scout Group is the result of that significant membership growth," said Mr Bennett. For more information about Bulls Air Scouts, please contact Dianne Anderson. Phone 027 430 7827 or email



"Imagine a sower going out to sow… "

Parables are meant to resonate with truths and understandings we already have within us. In the Parable of the Sower and the Seed, Jesus talks about the seed of God's Word which is sown in us by Him. It is a Word which leads us to New Life with Him. But it is a New Life that is realised through the sacrifice of our lives; in the same way as it was realised gloriously in Him through the sacrifice of His life. In fact our sacrifices are to be united to His own sacrifice. This is because His sacrifice is the only sacrifice capable of gaining victory over sin and death and which then so allows us to pass over to that New Life He wants for us.

This helps us to understand why Jesus uses the image of a seed. A seed is very small. And if we look at the idea of sacrifice in the human context, it is not something that presents itself very prominently or as something very appealing. And yet it is the deepest truth about ourselves and is the way to realising true goodness and beauty in human life.

Jesus Our Lord, gives us everything we need for this seed to sprout, grow and bear fruit. May we open our hearts again to this grace - beginning today.

Fr Peter Brockhill. St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish.

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latest trends

Fire fighter says thanks

After having successfully completed the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb, with a time of 12 mins 15seconds, Hunterville Firefighter Jax Robertson wants to thank everyone for their generous support towards the fight against PTSD and depression.

Those she particularly wnats to thank include McDonalds Feilding and Taihape, Little Blue Lamb Taihape, FMG Young Farmer, Urzilla Carlson and, of course, the Rangitikei community.

Consumer Broadband Compare - lets you find the best deal

Want to know if you're on the cheapest broadband plan? Then go to Consumer NZ's new website consumer. broadbandcompare.co.nz.

The website features over 1800 plans, including fibre and rural broadband, from more than 60 providers. Using it is as easy as entering your address.

Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin says telecommunications is an industry where confusion reigns and that's the way the telcos like it. Consumer Broadband Compare aims to strip away the hype and jargon. It's a simple-touse tool that makes comparing broadband plans easy.

The website is a collaboration between Consumer NZ and Broadband Compare, a New Zealand-owned business.

Giving people the ability to check they're getting the best deal is nothing new for Consumer NZ. The consumer watchdog has run its energy price comparison site Powerswitch since 1999. Last month, nearly 4000 people used the site to initiate a switch to a new provider.

Gavin Male, Broadband Compare managing director says: "Consumer NZ has been at the forefront of helping New Zealanders find the best power provider for their needs with Powerswitch and it made perfect sense to partner with them to help Kiwis get the best value from their broadband plan too." Mr Male says there can be big savings to be made by switching telco. "We are regularly seeing users save over \$300 a year versus their current broadband plan. With the rollout of UFB and the Rural Broadband Initiative, we are seeing a huge increase in competition and there are some big savings to be made."



Landscaping your property adds value to your home and you can enjoy the benefits of the new space you have created. Outdoor kitchens are the curent trend, along with fire pits and

quality paving and concrete finishes.

It is also a great time to plant your outdoor area, as a well as the perfect time to get ready to plant and grow new grass.

Planning the work is the first step, so set your plan down on paper and set about costing the different aspects of the job. Figure out which work you can do yourself and what you will need experts for such as laying surfaces and preparing the site. There is lot to be gained from talking to the experts.



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Concrete's versatility, durability and low maintenance makes upgrading the driveway a popular choice for improving a home's overall aesthetic.

Smooth finish, broom finish, exposed aggregate or float finish or slate texture finish - there are many options to suit the style of your home. Concrete, plain or coloured ,creates beautiful and cost effective driveways that will set your home apart from your neighbours. It combines beauty and durability with the ability to create something absolutely unique for your entry.

One of the best attributes of a decorative concrete driveway is how little maintenance and routine care it will need over its lifetime.

Achieving a high-quality, uniform finish begins with site preparation so consulting the experts is best. They can fill you in on current trends and fashions.



PLAnt yOuR GARden

It's a great time for planning your new season's garden. Prepare your soil with topsoil and composts and then decide what foods you want to grow in the coming season and which flowers and shrubs your need to plant for successful blooms .

Visit your garden centre and ask for advice. Plants need varying growing conditions so it is important that placement suits the plant vou have chosen.

A handy rule gardeners impart is that plants with smaller hard leaves are more hardy to wind and poor drainage and soft leaf plants need moist soil and often, partial shade.

You can find or order ready to plant flowers, shrubs and trees at your local garden centre and they offer a choice of vegetable plants and packet seeds.

Good soil, good plants and good watering will get your plants off to a good start but good sunny days will finish the job.

Plant with plenty of room to flourish and follow planting instructions for best results.

Decide where to plant each variety of vegetable in your garden. Don't repeat plant where your potato patch was last season. This gives poor results.

If you plan now, you will reap the rewards for the Christmas season and throughout the coming summer.



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200mm x 100mm x 2.4m Macro Sleepers - \$35 each All the above specials are available in September and October



Youth festival Mint As

By Terry Karatau

Students from Rangitikei College, Feilding High, Nga Tawa School and Taihape Area School met in the Taihape school's multi-function centre on Monday to participate in the Mint As youth festival which was facilitated by the Rangitikei District Council (RDC).

The festival was funded by a grant received from "Community Action on Alcohol Partnership" for vouth activities. Youth development co-ordinator Gillian Bowler said the collaborative event is to bring together youth from across the district to not only create long-lasting connections but to learn new skills for the future. Inspirational speakers Rhys Williams was awarded the Western Australian of the Year Youth Award in 2015. At age 17 Rhys set up a nonprofit organisation - Make Place, and is now CEO. At 21 he started in local

government as a district councillor for Mandurah and is currently running for mayor for the second time and has a very good

2 votes the first time. The second speaker Will Hall is a well known NZ actor and previously attended a youth forum in Marton. Hall has a special way of connecting and



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engaging with students in the area of drama. He is passionate about making a difference to young adults lives and was happy to be involved with this event. Then Siobhan Marshall, another well-known NZ actor, spoke of her life experiences and how circumstances changed her lifestyle and career. Ms Marshall starred as Pascalle West in the comedy/drama Outrageous Fortune, Shortland Street and the kid's show, Amazing Extraordinary Friends. She also starred in the celebrity singing show "Sing Like a Superstar" and won the competition. In 2005 she was placed third in "Dancing with the Stars." She is now working as a writer and has two new TV shows in development. Inspirational Michael Andrews is in his 24th year of being drug, alcohol and smoke-free. He now helps people free themselves from substance abuse and

Andrews and participating students. has put up a website www. tewhareora.org.nz. His

A workshop "Inspiration

Plus" with local Michael

passion is helping youth to find their passion and purpose in life and is currently on the Taihape Health Trust, Taihape Civil Defence group, Neighbourhood Support committeas well as byeing a Youth Hutt volunteer and part-time tow-truck driver. The audience was captivated and listened intently to the inspirational stories by each of the speakers. Following a short break, the students broke out into four workshop groups.



GOT NEWS? Call Terry 388 1197 or text 021 061 9160

Alzheimers Whanganui **ARE YOU LONELY?**

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Fixing what lies beneath



Hogget Doughty (right) and Steven Parkinson digging in the hole created during Stage 2 of the Stormwater Renewal project.

Doughty Drainage Ltd has been busy relaying stormwater drains in Marton's Hammond St over the past month. It is stage 2 of the RDC's stormwater drain replacement project.

Hogget Doughty's team consists of Steven Parkinson, Ross Dear and Gill Doughty; in charge of safety and many supervising aspects of the project.

The crew has been digging big trenches along Hammond St from the Hair St end and is now drawing near to the end of the project at the Broadway corner.

Hogget says they haven't found any artefacts of interest during the trench dig except a few old pieces of wood. He says he would like to thank the public for their cooperation over the last month and is also grateful to the Rangitikei District Council.

"It is good to have council support for a local business -to be able to tender for work and for their confidence in a local civil engineering business."

He says Doughty Drainage is 40 years old this year.

Don't be alone with Alzheimers

Alzheimers Whanganui is committed to working towards a "dementia friendly community"

Nobody wants to feel isolated and alone, but for people with dementia, loneliness can be one of the most common and painful effects. Loneliness and isolation is a problem for lots of older people but it's particularly difficult if they are also struggling with dementia.

Alzheimers Whanganui Inc provides support for people living with dementia, those who are socially isolated and their family/whānau.

For people with dementia and/or socially isolated, who are living in their own homes; we offer "The Group" - which is a community based social programme. The outings are designed to develop relationships, while strengthening selfbelief and encouraging sufferers to make health and well-being decisions for themselves - enabling and empowering more

> confidence for each person to live in their own home longer. Empowerment involves getting out in the community, avoiding social isolation, creating a sense of purpose and belonging in the community. You do not need a diagnosis of dementia to join the "Group" if you are socially isolated. They are there to help.

> For more info, phone Marlene 06 3458833 or 0275574073 or email:livingwell@ alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz.

South Rangitikei Schools' Cluster

Local schools working together to provide high quality education for our children



roles during term 4 and we will also be creating a Stewardship Group to support the ongoing growth and development of our Community of Learning. We plan to have all of our positions and action plans ready to go by Term 1, 2018.

The focus for the year will be on improving outcomes for all students in the Kāhui Ako through a maths and whanau engagement lens. We are very excited about the opportunity for teachers to learn together, alongside each other, in each other's schools and during their professional development time to ensure our tamariki are being

parties from within the community I would be more than happy to do so. You can contact me at Bulls School on 063221184.

Ngā Mihi Nui, Kim Gordon on behalf of the SRCoL: Bulls School, Clifton School, Hunterville School, James Cook School, Marton Junction School, Marton School, Rangitikei College, South Makirikiri School, St Matthew's Catholic School

and Turakina School.





MARTON LADIES' GOLF

Results for Wednesday 20 September. Round 3 Jeanette Beilby memorial - overall winner: Christine Skou. Stableford: silver: 1st Allie Bary 37 st, 2nd Jenny Ritchie 36, 3rd Cheryl Rhodes 29. Bronze 1: 1st Di Gilmour 39 st, 2nd Viv Tattle 38, 3rd Sue Marshall 36. Bronze 2: 1st Ros Morrison 38 st, 2nd Helen Wilton 37, 3rd Di Chapmen 36. Twos: Jenny Ritchie 12th. Sponsored balls: Jenny Ritchie, Sue Marshall and Christine Skou. Lucky card: Pat McVerry. Raffle: Ros Morrison. Competition next week, Wednesday 4 October; medal & putting & flag. Starters: Sue Abraham & Sharon Jensen. Cards: Eleanor Bowler & Erica Clark. Duty: Erica Clark.



Above: Christine Skou – winner of the Jeanette Beilby Memorial Cup presented by Rachel Williams.

RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB

Saturday 16/9/17 club day. Members tournament Weal rosebowl: 1st day winner: W Guinivan net 65, D Fallaver 67, J McAlley 67, H Potaka 69, T Johnson 69. Sunday 17/9/17 Morgan rosebowl: 2nd day winner: J Griffiths 69, R Lambert 70, M Hurley 70, J Alabaster 71, H Lilburn 71, M Brennan 71, W Guinivan 71. Wednesday 20/9/17 ladies' 3rd round pres trophy Istas: J McAlley 59, R Rainey cb 55, H Bismark cb 55, J Alabaster cb 55, J Guinivan cb 55, M Young 54, D King cb 53, M Brennan 53. Twos: M Brennan. Nine hole tee to green: 1st R Florence, 2nd P Ross, 3rd Don Gregory, 4th = Wendy Totman. M Woodruff.

MARTON GOLF CLUB

Thursday 21 September. Hammond 41, B Beck 39, D Clark 39, B Craig 37, I Batcheler 35, N Gordon 34, G V Calkin 34, P Connolly 34, T Arnott 34, B McGinniss 34, H Bremner 33, A Stewart 31, R McDermott 31. Most golf: G Velvin. Saturday 23/9/17: Wanganui Furnishing voucher: A Duncan 41. Other scores D Arnott, T Mischawski 39, T Calkin 38, T Hammond, C Bary 37, B Craig, D Oliver, C Murray 36, S Duncan, P O'Connor, H Bremner, B Wingate, G Marshall, D Clark 35. Two FBH; K Field R. York. Two's: C Murphy D Oliver A Stewart A Bremner D Arnott. Coming events 30 Sept - 1Oct - Santoft rosebowl. ITM tournament 13 Oct.

MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF

19 brave souls battled the wind and rain. Only four finished the course after the downpours. Results: division 1 for par Brian Willis + 2. Division 3 Mike Donlon -2. Raffle winner: Madeline Powell. Lucky card: Tim Brandon. Next week starters: Brian and Lyn Shaw. Cards: Tim and Linda Brandon. Kitchen: Ewen Grant. Let's hope for better weather.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

JJ Walker (43 points) was firing on all cylinders; giving a superb golfing exhibition, as he raced home in 40 - 26 points on the back nine, including birdies on 10 & 18; an average front 9, which recorded 2 ringers, but still managing 17 points. Walker was all class; however, his motor gave out at the turn off and an unsympathetic Margo forced him to hitch a ride home from a neighbour. Daylight Saving was second and Danny Mickleson 3rd, on 40 points, as he dealt to his son in the champ's semifinal - booking an appointment with Gary Thomas in 3 weeks. Mickleson birded 7 & 9, along with 7 pars, in a solid 81 off the stick. A number of players recorded 39, including Duane Dick, Denise Millner, Koke Cashell, Merv Tapp, James Fannin and John Fenemor. Dick & Cashell both recorded 74 off the stick. Cashell was consistent with 15 pars, whereas Dick had 1 birdie & 13 pars. Millner played the par 3's extremely well; being fairly consistent throughout. Merv Tapp had a little trouble on the 15th, in an otherwise rock solid exhibition. James Fannin booked a place in the junior final. with the President, after dealing to the vice president John Gilbert being 7 up, after 18 holes, in an ultra consistent display. John Fenemor, like a number of players, finished his round in superb style; recording 12 points over the last 4 holes, which included pars on both par 5's and matching a super first 4 holes. Nick McGuinn came in with 37, whilst James Mickleson recorded 36; Matt Thomas 35; Kevin O'Brien and Pedro Valentine 34. The Glendinning Cup team of Noarie Bond 38. Alan Thomas 38. Diane Mickleson 34 and Garv Thomas 33. came 5th - 14 points behind hosts Rangatira, in a field of 17 teams.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 26 Sept. Medal: J Stantiall 72, R Karatea 74. Men; G Charles 68, L Moore 70, L Neumann 70, G Forbes 75. Nine hole; G Burgess 32, B Philps 35, B Hills 35, D Penfold 36, P Thompson 40, G James 41, J Van Loo 43. Twos; G Forbes No 5. L Moore Nos 14, 15. Nearest pin; G Forbes. Saturday 23rd; Mitre 10 Mega; left v right stableford: sen men; K Rei Jnr 41, J Stella, K Hill 40, D Worsfold 39, R McDermott 34. Jnr men; 42, G Cunningham 40, M Porter 39, D Todd, D Wright, G Bond 38, G Stanton 37, M Neumann 36. Women; R Karatea 40, L Tipu 39, S Wells 32. Nearest the pins; s/men not struck. J/men not struck. Women not struck. Twos; D Worsfold #7 &14, J Stella & K Hill #14, D Rhode #11. Jackpot 7 balls struck #7. Taimui challenge; Grant F & Spike v Rex & Toddy. Rights bt lefts 3-1. Sunday 24th. Glendinning Cup



Candidates with the following attributes and experience are eligible to apply: Experience in the fitness industry, managerial experience, computer skills, pleasant and confident personality, strong Interpersonal skills, excellent customer service skills. Send CV and cover letter to: Rangitikeiactivegym@xtra.co.nz or Contact (06) 327 8359 By Friday 6th October 2017

district event played at Rangatira. 1st Rangatira, 2nd Marton, 3rd Hawkestone. Coming events: Tuesday golfers; 18 holes 9am & 9 holes; 10am tee offs. Saturday 30th, bisque bogey; 11am tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

Saturday was open for all - friends, family and interested people. Unfortunately very few turned up, but those that did enjoyed a friendly afternoon. Sunday was the Hirst trophy (drawn pairs) which was rained off, after the first game, so no result yet, from that, Wednesday 20 September saw the start of the Flying Doctors trophy, the summer version of the greenkeeper's trophy, open to all saw some fierce competition take place. Looking forward to some great competition to come. Thursday 28 September 9.30am; ladies Baxter trophy; 1pm. Saturday 30 September; men's Lucas trophy (seniors v juniors). The Ladies start their Wimset Cup competition on Monday 9 October and, on Tuesday 10 October, the men start their home and away series (Skoglund triples) with everyone looking forward to the weekly, 6 months of competition. The club is open 1pm every Wednesday (weather permitting) and 4pm Friday evenings. Enjoy the company at Bulls Bowling Club. Club 3221284, secretary 0276262096, Anne Connelly. Email bullsbowls@gmail.com

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

This week, we had our season's final night. We played a ladies versus mens tournament, followed by the presentation of the club championship trophies, followed by a wonderful supper. In the ladies versus men; the ladies were the winners on the night.

ST STEPHEN'S INDOOR BOWLS

This week, was our last evening of the season, where we presented trophies to members who had won the respective club championships of the year. During the season I had reported who had won the championships but there is one other trophy award at season's end and that is the club captain's trophy. This year it was awarded to Ailsa Dickson for her sterling efforts during the season. Well done, Ailsa. On behalf of the members, I wish to thank the staff at the Monitor for their efforts each week, in placing our club reports in the paper. Thank you all at the Monitor. A reminder to all members – our Christmas cheer and AGM will be held on Monday December 11. A reminder will be in the paper prior

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The Rangitikei District Council will be carrying out weed

and pesticide spraying on parks, reserves, roadways and gardens; commencing 21 September 2017 to 20 March 2018, throughout the district.

Spraying may also be done on specific sports grounds for the control of broadleaf weeds during this period.

Spraying will only be undertaken by Growsafe or registered chemical applicators.

Members of the public must adhere to the warning signs, which will be placed on roads and park entrances in the vicinity of the control operations. Spraying will occur between the hours of 6.00am to 6.00pm on normal work days and will be only undertaken when weather conditions are suitable.

If you do not wish to have your roadside included in the weed spraying programme, you may phone the Rangitikei District Council, before spraying commences and register your details.

For more information, or to be put on the "No Spray Register", please contact The Rangitikei District Council on 0800 422 522.

NGA TAWA PONY CLUB Information Session

1pm Saturday 30th September

The Nga Tawa branch of the Rangitikei Pony Club is welcoming local families to join us for the 2017/18 season.

Traditionally, NTPC membership has only been available to current Nga Tawa Diocesan School students, however, we are now excited to open our gates to young riders, aged up to 24 years, and their families. Come along to our information session on Saturday 30th Sept at 1pm to learn more about the Pony Club and have a tour of our facilities.

Contact Libby Rayner with any queries. 0272418021 raynerlibby@ngatawa.school.nz



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MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 20 September: St Kilda's draw. Skips: 1st Trevor Evans, 2nd Tony Stockton, 3rd Trevor White. 2s: 1st Shirley Wallace, 2nd Kevin Redshaw, 3rd Jennie Redshaw. Leads: 1st Ron Mc Dermott, 2nd Sharon Gordon, 3rd Joan Black. Saturday 23 September: pairs, 3 games of 8 ends. 1st: JD & Russell Gillard, 2nd: Brian Mitchell & Kevin Redshaw, 3rd: Peter Saywell & Graeme Morris. Women's Gordon pairs - the weather gods were good to us and the competition enjoyable. Congratulations to the first and second placed teams who now go forward to compete in Whanganui. 1st: Jean Coleman & Joanne Simpson(s), 2nd: Sharon Gordon & Elaine Saywell(s), 3rd: Josie Bismark & Tanya George(s), 4th: Noeline Schollum & Joan Black(s). Up-and-coming competitions: men's Mahon singles reserve day - Saturday 30 September @ 9am; entries close Friday 29 September @ 5pm. Postponement; Sunday 1 October. Women's fours competition - Wednesday 4 October @ 9am; drawn teams.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Our opening day held on 15 September was a fun day, with visitors from Wanganui and Palmerton North. 3 games of progressive croquet were held in the morning and 3 games of golf croquet in the afternoon. A couple of showers passed over during the day and the wind was very keen in the afternoon. A nice hot cup of tea was most welcome, as we returned to the clubrooms and prizes for the day were handed out. Winners were - progressive- G McIntyre and J, Morris (Wang). Golf croquet - K McDowall (Wang) and L Johnson. Results for this week-Wednesday 20/9/17: assn - Murray McNae 26 v L McLay 24, L Thompson 2 v G Thompson 1. This was the first club day of the season and our senior players helped new players to get the feel of the game. Golf croquet: L Thompson 4 v G Thompson 7, T Martyn/M Meek 7 v L Hughes/T Clarke 3,G McIntyre/Wendy v A Winmill/Sara-Jane. On Friday, Murray McNae coached four pupils from Hunterville School. Saturday 23/09/17: sssn: Murray McNae/L Johnson 17 v D Winmill/S Johnson 12, G&L Thompson 11 v A Winmill/E Ogden 11, T Martyn 6 v L McLay 26. Golf croquet: Mary McNae/M Meek 6, 6 v L Hughes/T Clarke 7,7.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB OPEN TOURNAMENT 2017

Marton Croquet Club is holding its open tournament over the weekend of September 30 and October 1. This tournament has become very popular over the years and now attracts many of New Zealand's top players. This year is no exception with players handicaps ranging from -4 (the top handicap possible) to +1. One player, Greg Bryant, is the national coach for croquet New Zealand; another player, Brian Bullen, has just been selected to represent New Zealand in the world championships this year. The tournament manager is Marton local Murray McNae. Visitors are welcome to come and watch at any time over the two days.

Literacy marketplace

The students at South Makirikiri School have been putting their learning into action this term, with a focus on financial literacy.

The learning started right back in the first week of term, when the senior syndicate held a mini market day and students had 45 minutes to plan and prepare a stall with products to sell. They quickly found that they needed to learn about how to make a profit and how to take responsibility for loss. In class they created 'pretend' businesses to practise the design process and to learn how to advertise effectively. With new learning under their belts, the students chose a category of product that they would like to produce and were split into groups of likeminded people. They then had two and a half weeks to design and create their products. Accountants worked the numbers, advertisers created posters and CEO's had the final say. The difficult part was pricing the products and knowing how much they could discount them - to ensure that they finished with a profit. The school's media centre was transformed into a bustling marketplace where the students and members of the community were invited to purchase the quality products that were created. All groups finished in the black - with profits ranging from 25c to \$21 per person.



Along with the skills and knowledge that was developed in financial literacy, the students also developed their key competency skills of participating and contributing, managing self, relating to others and thinking.

LOCAL GYMNAST OFF TO NATIONALS

The Wanganui Boys and Girls Gym Club has two gymnasts heading to Nelson next month for the national championships. Amardin Firaza (12) from Marton will be competing in the men's level 5 division and Crista Yum (13) from Whanganui will be competing in the women's step 6 division. Both gymnasts have been selected to represent Whanganui Manawatu in the championships. They will join three gymnasts from Palmerston North and one gymnast from Taihape. Amardin's favourite apparatus is high bar. He is hoping to improve on his scores from last year's nationals and is looking forward to watching the higher level gymnasts compete. Crista is excited to compete in Nelson, as she hasn't been there before. She is looking forward to meeting gymnasts from other regions and competing on beam, which is her favourite apparatus. The club held an open day fundraiser at \$5 per child earlier this month. Money raised will go towards helping Crista and Amardin with their travel costs. Contact the club on 06 345 8670, or email competitive@wanganuigymclub.co.nz for more information.



DOG OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Last weekend, the South Rangitikei Dog Training Club held its annual dog obedience championship show at the Bulls Domain rugby grounds. Dog handlers from all over the region gathered to compete with their dogs in different tests. The weather gods were kind on Saturday and, despite the odd shower here and there on Sunday, dogs and handlers alike enjoyed their weekend competing and showing off their skills. A spokesperson from the club says, "we are not only participating with our dogs at obedience shows, because we are passionate about dog training and obedience, but also because it is always an opportunity to meet-up with friends and like minded people, make new friends, exchange training ideas, get support from other dog handlers and have some fun with our furry friends. Despite being a small club, we not only cater for obedience, but also for agility and flygility. If you are interested in any of these disciplines or would like to join us, please do not hesitate to contact us." Classes range from beginners to competitors and are open to any breeds and age of dogs. Agility: Silvia Rizzi 06 327 45 48, or Sandra Leuba-Sewell 027 204 0824. Obedience: Margaret Robinson 06 322 10 85. Flygility: Liz Tolhurst 06 322 1751.





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