

### Choral honours for James Cook Choir

The annual NZ Choral Federation choir contest for primary and intermediate schools was held at Wanganui Collegiate auditorium in mid August.

Seven choirs presented three songs each.

James Cook School choir won best performance of a New Zealand composition, with their three-part rendition of Tama Ngakau Marie. They also won the adjudicator's gold award for best performance overall. The 34-strong choir was commended for its tone, balance, diction and tunefulness - along with its evident joy in singing.

Their other items were 'Allunde, Allunde" from West Africa and 'Little by Little" by Natalie Sleeth.

Silver awards were won by Bulls and Linton Camp; a member of St George's choir won best soloist. By Terry Karatau

There was a full muster of Taihape Volunteer Fire Brigade members and distinguished guests on Saturday night, when John Collings received his 50 year service medal; presented by United Fire Brigade

Association vice president Joe Manihera. Taihape Fire Chief Alan Troon spoke to the assembly, prior to the presentations; welcoming the evening's guests, including CE of Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) Reece Jones, who also made presentations to FC

Collings. FENZ fire region 3 manager Bruce Stubbs, FENZ local area 13 manager Gary Ward, Gold Star Association president Ray Huxford and Rangitikei Mayor Andy Watson all took part in the presentations.

Joe Manihera also presented Taihape firefighters with 3 year certificates, 2 year gold bars and 2 year silver bars and presented Firefighter Michael Murphy with long service and good conduct medals.

# 50 years of fire service



50 year fire service medal recipient John Collings; with daughter Nicola and son David. Photo Allison Bowsher.

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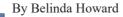
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# Monument to be restored



If you're walking through Marton Park, you might have wondered about the small cenotaph in the middle of the path, near the Jubilee Pavilion. What is it and why is it there?

The cenotaph is a memorial, built about 1908, to commemorate Trooper George Hyde, a young man from Rangitikei who volunteered to join New Zealand forces that travelled to South Africa to fight for the British in the Boer War. Trooper Hyde was killed in action in November 1900.

The memorial has seen better days – it originally had gas lamps at the top and water fountains on the side – and with the idea of redeveloping Marton Park on Council's agenda, the concept of restoring the memorial was raised.

The Marton RSA has taken on the task of raising the money to get the memorial restored, despite not being responsible for Boer War memorials.

RSA branch president Alan Buckendahl says a big raffle is the starting point for the fundraising.

"By the end of this month, we should have about \$4000 raised, which is a good start," he says. "It means we can start applying for funding from other organisations." A full restoration could cost many thousands of dollars, so it's important to the RSA that the fundraising is kept separate from their regular work. "It would be terrible if a returned service person came to us for welfare help and we'd spent all our money on the memorial," Buckendahl says.

The restoration project will be challenging. The stonework has been painted many times, over the past century and paint has soaked into the stone. Taking it back to the original surface will be a big job.

The RSA hopes it'll be able to raise enough money, in the next few years, to do a full restoration of the memorial; to honour the dozen or so volunteers from Rangitikei, who travelled half-way around the world to fight for King and Country and to restore a unique piece of Marton's history.

A Marton RSA lottery, with all proceeds going to fund restoration of the memorial, is drawn today - results to appear next week.

# Working at Edale

BNZ branches were "Closed For Good" (for the day) last Wednesday and Edale Aged Care Centre in Marton was the lucky recipient of BNZ staff time for a full working day. At the back, from left: three Marton tellers; Sarah Klausen, Julie Coleman and Lee-Ann Hodgson were joined by Lesley Smith (front) and Sam Put from Palmerston North, to clean windows at Edale. They cleaned the exterior of the flats and the windows around the courtyard, as well as the resthome windows.

Manager Anthea Clark says, "Edale was very happy to have them here. I was very surprised when they said they would have a sub-day."

would be here all day." Lee-Ann Hodgson says the team joined the residents for lunch and also chatted to the very sprightly Dickie Hammond, who has her own home at Edale and turns 95 this week.



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### Election 2017

### Candidates put their case for Rangitikei and Te Tai Hauauru



Heather Warren (Labour); Adrian Rurawhe (Labour-Te Tai Hauauru); Robin McCandless (Green); Alan Davidson (ACT); Ian McKelvie (National); Howie Tamati (Maori Party - Te Tai Hauauru); Rob Stevenson (NZ First).

Six political parties were represented at a "meet the candidates" function, hosted by Project Marton, at the local Friendship Club Hall last Thursday night.

ACT Whanganui electorate list candidate Alan Davidson once more, at election time, spoke for his party's absent Rangitikei electorate candidate. Others who addressed the capacity audience of about 130, were the National party's sitting Member for Rangitikei, Ian McKelvie and contenders for Rangitikei: Heather Warren (Labour); Rob Stevenson (NZ First); Robin McCandless (Green). Also present, to contest Te Tai Hauauru electorate (a Maori seat) were Adrian Rurawhe (incumbent – Labour) and Howie Tamati (Maori Party).

For most of the 2 and 1/4 hour session, the candidates answered 13 questions, ostensibly submitted before the meeting by local residents, for which the candidates were able to prepare responses. None of these questions was attributed to a local resident by name. A couple of questions were then taken from the floor; one asking for the parties' plans for regional development and the other, stage managed by chairman Nigel Belsham, to allow the voice of local youth to be heard, queried candidates about solutions to the nation's high rate of youth suicide.

The final word from the floor was given to

district mayor Andy Watson, who made a statement about the financial difficulties faced by territorial authorities forced to comply with water standards and earthquake safety provisions imposed by executive government agencies. This statement was interpreted as a question by candidates who responded by rote. About 25 percent of time given candidates to answer "submitted" questions was devoted to seeking solutions to environmental risks such as: river pollution, the export of water, climate change, intensification of agriculture and urban wastewater treatment. Other topics for discussion, submitted by un-named local residents, dealt with the status of the Treaty of Waitangi; the nation's housing crisis; euthanasia; welfare benefit increases; reduced prices for fresh, healthy food; the funding of emergency services and assistance for tertiary students.

The penultimate "submitted" question asked candidates what they regard as "the most significant issue facing the Rangitikei district".

Adrian Rurawhe said 4 issues appear paramount to "locals" and he named 3: housing, youth unemployment and education. Robin McCandless cited poverty as the chief culprit - "solve poverty and so much else comes together", he said. The ACT Party's Alan Davidson, speaking on behalf of Rangitikei electorate candidate

Neil Wilson, claimed the Resource Management Act stands in the way of social and economic progress - "all 900 pages of it – get rid of it", he told the crowd. National's sitting MP Ian McKelvie chose problems faced in the north of the district as those of greatest significance, citing the need for infrastructure to cope with booming tourism as a "significant challenge" and the "dwindling number" of students attending rural secondary schools as "a great challenge" that's the subject of "a lot of discussion...in our caucus". Taranaki resident "Howie" Tamati, no doubt less familiar with Rangitikei district woes than most speakers, emphasised the need to "look after whanau". He said: "Having an active, intelligent Maori community will benefit this country". Rob Stevenson addressed the Rangitikei district's "most significant issue" by advocating that "the complete GST spend goes back into the region". At a less titanic level, he said resolution of the Manawatu Gorge

Road impasse is "vital". Labour's Rangitikei electorate candidate Heather Warren appeared to confuse the Rangitikei district with its namesake electorate and told the Marton meeting somewhat needlessly: "the issues faced in Marton are not those faced in Taumarunui."

f Meet The Candidates meetings were also held in Bulls and Taihape.

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Alzheimers Wanganui Memory Walk - Saturday 23 September. \$5 registration includes T shirt. Children under 15 free. Assemble at "The Silver Globe" - River Traders' Market, Taupo Quay, Whanganui - 10.15am; for 10.30am start.

**Marton Historical Village** in Wellington Rd the village and archives are open to visitors every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 3pm.

Marton Country Music Festival 2018 -

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Strong transport connections needed

"Strong transport connections are critical to support economic prosperity in the Rangitikei and to ensure our region continues to grow", says Rangitikei MP, Ian McKelvie.

Mr McKelvie is commenting on National's plan to develop the next generation of Roads of National Significance, which follows on from the current seven Roads of National Significance, that are now either complete, or under construction.

"The chosen projects are on our highest volume roads and are a sensible and logical extension of the original seven projects," according to Mr McKelvie. He is certain that together they're going to help provide a strong, reliable and safe highway network that links rural and provincial New Zealand with our major cities and ports. "They'll also improve safety and travel times around the country and support New Zealand's economic growth", he said.

"Our region, in particular, will benefit from the Levin to Sanson project and, of course, from the Manawatu Gorge. Both of these are vital transport routes in terms of shifting people, produce and goods," Mr McKelvie said.

"It's great to have some certainty around the Manawatu Gorge in particular. National has proven that when we say we're going to build these roads, we mean it and we get the job done, which is especially reassuring for people who live and work in the Rangitikei. It's also reassuring for businesses who continue to be affected by the closure of the Manawatu Gorge." ADVERTISING DEADLINES Display Advertising – Tuesday 12 noon Classified Deadline – 12 noon Wednesday Read it Thursday! 6000+ copies - in your box and on Facebook.

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#### Bulls Museum News

Bulls school 150th exhibition. Bulls Museum's new display is about Bulls School's 150 year history. The school is hosting its sesquicentennial celebration at Labour weekend.

The Scott Ferry - Bulls and Districts Historical Society has placed its support behind the urgent work needed to repair Scotts' Ferry - the ferry. Rangitikei District Council has allocated funds to help and we have volunteer labour on offer. This description of the value of the ferry is taken from the Heritage New Zealand website: Scott's Ferry site, with its restored barge, is a rare reminder of the importance of ferries in NZ; before bridges became common. It's been drawn to our attention that much of NZ's oldest history is in wood and highly vulnerable to fire, or gradual disintegration.

Researching Bill Stark - a visitor to the museum wants to hear from anyone who has knowledge of this chap and his family where they might have lived and worked (probably on a farm close to Bulls). If you can help, ring Jane: 3220937; Keith Scott - president; ph 3221225, or Helen Cooper; secretary; ph 211051327. Website: bullsmuseum.co.nz

#### **Marton Friendship Club**

At Morris St every Friday. Our programme starts at 2pm. Last week's raffles were won by Mary, Anne, Robert, Jean E and Carol. Monthly raffle donated by Deana and won by Mary. Last week's speaker was from Marton police - community constable Kara. It was sad to hear that domestic violence occupies a large portion of their work, then boy racers and petty thieving. Overall, however, Marton is still a good place to live. Kara demonstrated the tazer gun on the wall. It's used to stop aggressive threats and also for self-protection. What a lesson! Many members asked questions from the floor and the answers were much appreciated. Frank and Graeme gave us a little music, on piano accordion and piano, until afternoon tea. Entertainers for this Friday will be Good Life Fun Band from Himatangi. Don't miss them. Visitors always welcome. Hall open 1pm. Garage sale Saturday - come along to that too (8am to midday). See classified advert.

# Ag Science at Hunterville School

Senior students at Hunterville School have been getting down and dirty recently, as part of a community funded Ag Science programme. The local Mangahoe Bus Society (which runs a government contracted school bus service) has funded the school to provide the programme.

Principal Stephen Lewis said generous sponsorship from The Mangahoe Bus Society allows them to employ trained teacher Julie Taylor to coordinate a programme for their twenty-four Year 8 students.

"She does a great job," said Lewis, "setting up field trips and visits to school by specialists. They cover off the sciences of dairy and sheep farming – animal, plant and soil science, etc., and Julie has developed a relationship between the school and the Massey University Ag Science department too; which has been a highlight of the programme."



Hunterville School provides an Ag Science programme for its senior students. Hunterville vet Marty Walshe took two animal biology lessons at Hunterville School recently with a different group of senior students each day.

Pictured here are photos from two animal biology lessons delivered last week by Hunterville Vet Club head vet Marty Walshe – one inside group on Monday morning and an outside session on Friday.

Walshe has been an integral part of the programme and is happy to give something back to the school both his children attended for eight years. "In my practice, we're seeing fewer numbers of tertiary students taking up these Ag Science, or related degrees and so I've happily been part of this programme at school for a couple of years now. We look at basic human and animal biology and discuss the functions of the organs and general anatomy and so on. If I can help hook some of these kids into, at least, looking at this as a career option in later life; I'm happy with that."

# Youthful performances delight



Young music and dance performers in last Sunday's Marton Music Society concert.

#### The Happy Tours

The weather improved as we set off on our August 10 trip. First stop was for morning tea, at Foxton; then it was on to Southward's Car Museum. The over 400 veteran and vintage cars displayed included Marlene Dietrich's Rolls Royce and Al Capone's armour plated limo. We spent an hour and a half at the museum, before having lunch at Paraparaumu shopping mall. At 3pm, we started our journey home and reached Marton at 4.30pm. To Del and Frances, we send our deepest sympathy for the loss of their loved ones. The trip raffles were donated by Helen and Jean and won by Jean Mc and Mihi. Birthday wishes went to Gay, Val, Ngaire, Tina, Rosa and the two Barlonas. The next trip will be on September 5. The bus will depart at 9am. Destination -the Tui brewery at Mangatainoka. We look forward to your company.

#### Marton Contract Bridge Club

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#### Successful Marton Scouts' fundraiser



Cameron Randles (pictured) helped out at last Saturday's First Marton Scouts' craft fair and gala at Marton Memorial Hall. Cameron started his scouting days as a child with Marton Scouts and, at 22, he's the leader of the Rover Scouts crew in Wanganui. His father Kevin is the current Marton Scout leader. The craft fair raised over \$3000 and is the first big public fundraiser the 1st Marton Scout Group has held for many years.

#### By Ruth Rutherford

A wonderful afternoon of music and dance was thoroughly appreciated by the audience at Marton's Friendship Hall last Sunday.

"It was good to see each performer bow and receive thunderous applause from the capacity audience in return.

"We heard a variety of compositions ranging from a beginning piece for piano, to the opening movement of Beethoven's" Moonlight Sonata"; from an arrangement of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March for violin and piano, to Fritz Kreisler's "Prelude and Allegro" for the same instruments.

"Special mention must be made of Nathan Andrien, an exchange student from Belgium, who played two classical guitar pieces with care and colour; Sammy-Jo Rea and Fynn Rees for their splendidly choreographed dances and Shontae Arthur's musically and technically superb Kreisler.

"To everyone who performed, you were all stars and we look forward to another concert celebrating the young people of the area".

# FROM THE PULPIT

In just a few weeks, we will be taking ourselves off to the polling booths to cast our vote for who we think will best represent us in Parliament. We will all, more than likely, have an opinion as to who we think will make the best government. Chosing who we want to govern us should not be taken lighty and we should spend some time to read and listen to what each of the candidates is saying. What are they saying about the issues around law and order? About education, housing, health? What are they saying about the moral issues that we are facing? Moral issues are possibly the hardest to work through, as each one of us will have a different view. Something that I say is okay, may well be something you say it is not okay and vice versa. I may look at a TV programme and say it is not okay to show that on TV, but you may say it is good entertainment. Who is right or wrong? Or; do we say that there is no right and wrong and that we just do what seems right to us. While we can throw more money at housing, or into the health budget; more money thrown at moral issues will not solve them. At some point, to be able to come to a common point of view, we need to look to an independant person, or source for our answer. In the bible, God says, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts; neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth; so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8,9). At the end of the day, when all has been said that there is to say, there is only one identity, or independent source that knows all there is to know and that identity is God. Unless we are going to seek the ulitmate identity on moral issues, then whatever idea we come up, with will only be a misinformed idea. As we go to the polling booths next month, let's; for the sake of our children, be looking for people who are adhering to God's moral standards and not man's view of what is right.

Graham Moore Pastor; Marton Elim Church

#### Wear-A-Bulls Arts top Bulls community manager Jan Harris says the annual Bulls Wear-

A-Bull Arts Awards, held on August 19, was really good; with 13 entries in the children's section and 15 in the adult section. This year's supreme award winner was Kristine Hart with When The Red Carpet Goes Bad. It was her entry in the Lights Camera Action section.

Jan Harris says, "The show had a great feel - Art 4 Art's Sake exhibits, around the walls of the Bulls Town Hall, gave us an amazing backdrop for the Wear- a-Bull Arts show. The standard keeps getting higher and higher.'

Winners list : supreme and section winner of Lights Camera Action. Kristine Hart - When The Red Carpet Goes Bad. Winner of the Novel Idea, adults. Kristine Hart -The Secret Garden. Inspiring designer prize - Sharon Morgan. Children's section overall winner Alannah Mullins and Joelle Sylvester from Bulls School -Say Cheese, which was their entry in the Great American Dream section. Novel Idea section - India Taylor, Symone Belton and Madeline Johnson - The Queen of Cards and The Ace of Spades. Children's Lights Camera Action section - Amanda Street - Reinvented Fashion. Avant Garde section winner - Olivia Brown -Goddess in Paper. Construction prize - Kristine Hart - A Model's Life.

Sponsors of the event included Waitatapia Farming, Intrigue and Remax Team Lewis, with grants from Creative Communities and The Lion Foundation.





Supreme and section winner of Lights Camera Action; Kristine Hart with When The Red **Carpet Goes Bad.** 

Left: Carol Lewis awarded the winners of the children's section - Alannah Mullins and Joelle Sylvester from **Bulls School with their** entry "Say Cheese" their entry in the Great American Dream section.

# **FATHER'S DAY this Sunday**

# Time with kids the most important

The jury may be out on the perfect present for dad this Father's Day but the best gift a father can give his children is time, according to a new Colmar Brunton survey.

Survey results, released this week, revealed that not only did Kiwis consider being there for the kids the most important aspect of fatherhood, it was the thing they most appreciated about their own fathers. Colmar Brunton's Jessica Del Rosario says the survey also put the spotlight on how the approach of Kiwi fathers has changed

from one generation to the next. Asked to look back on their own childhood and consider the one thing they appreciated most about their father, nearly one fifth of

those surveyed said spending time with him / doing things together. The next most popular answers were - being there when I needed him, support and encouragement, and unconditional love.

"The things that Kiwis appreciated most about their own fathers, have carried on to today with 'always being there' for the kids seen as the most important."

The survey found there were similarities and differences between generations when it came to fatherhood.

Differences included not using physical discipline and generally being less strict than their own fathers. Most respondents said the most important things a father could teach his kids are how to treat people (92%), morals (91%), confidence (85%) and manners (82%).

"Despite supposedly being a sports mad country, a minority of respondents rated sporting abilities such as catching a ball, or riding a bike as among the most important things."

Looking ahead and thinking about the challenges facing fathers over the next 20 years, most agreed that influences outside the family such as social media, housing costs, and social issues in NZ were likely to be the toughest challenges.

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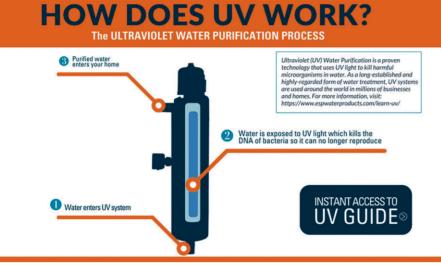
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# HEALTH SCENE

#### Whanganui and Wellington Hospitals to research breast reconstruction

Whanganui women who've had a mastectomy are being invited to help Whanganui and Capital and Coast district health board surgeons understand how they feel about breast reconstruction.

Wellington-based project lead Dr Roberto Sthory says the two DHBs want to hear the views and experiences of women who have had, or thought about, having a breast reconstruction.

"To help us improve our service, we want to understand their wishes and what they view as barriers to their getting a breast reconstruction," Dr Sthory says.

Delayed breast reconstruction is an option for women who have had a mastectomy and have been free of cancer for at least two years; are non-smokers and not obese. Breast reconstruction is a major operation, which sees Whanganui women having to travel to Lower Hutt Hospital's plastic surgery service. It can take a long time to arrange and can mean a lot of travel; time off work and time away from family. "We're going to send letters out to invite women, under 65

years of age, who had a mastectomy between 2010 and 2015, to take part in the study if they choose," Dr Sthory says. "The study begins with a simple survey that can be done online, or by phone. Women can answer anonymously, or if they wish; agree to meet our interviewer to talk in more depth.

"We're hoping to hear from women from all walks of life and with a range of views. We want to hear from women who have had a reconstruction; women who wanted one and could not have it and women who did not want a reconstruction. All these views are important. We just want to understand how we can best meet women's needs".

Ethical approval for the study has been granted, so survey invitations will be sent during September and October.

# Alzheimers Memory Walk in September

Alzheimers Memory Walk in Wanganui on September 23 is for people of all ages and abilities to raise awareness of dementia and honour our family and community members who have been, or are, affected by dementia.

An entry fee donation of \$5 includes a purple Memory Walk t-shirt; to ensure we make a striking spectacle. If you want one of our tee shirts to wear, please contact our office with the size you require. T-shirts are limited; so please get your order in early.

Should you not require a t- shirt; entry is by way of a gold coin donation on the day.

Bring your family/whānau, the dog and a smile; don some purple and join us for our 2017 Memory Walk.

If you, or any of your family or friends, would like to participate in this wonderful event, please email Sharon at admin@alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz or; phone 06 345 8833 - with your name and contact details.

If you are in need of a pick me up after the walk, Alzheimers Whanganui will be holding a sausage sizzle at the River City Traders' Market on Taupo Quay - great value at \$2 each.

All funds raised are spent in the Whanganui, Rangitikei, Taihape, Waimarino communities - to support people living with dementia and the families of those afflicted.





# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR HEALTH



### WHEN FEELING UNWELL Where should I be?

Family doctor (GP).

The after hours service provided by my doctor.

**Emergency Department for serious** accidents and urgent care.

#### **KEEP ED FOR EMERGENCIES**

Contact your medical centre first. They know you and the care you need. Visits are usually free for children under 13 years of age.

- If your regular doctor isn't available, a practice nurse may be able to help. Some can prescribe medicine if needed.
- Talk to your pharmacist. They're a good source of advice and may be open when your medical centre is closed.
- Phone Healthline on 0800 611 116 to talk to a registered nurse. They can provide advice on what to do straight away and when to get further help. Whanganui Accident & Medical (WAM) is 8am to 9pm seven days a week including public holidays.
- Check *www.healthnavigator.org.nz* for information and advice.

#### Play well, play safe and avoid injuries on the sports ground

- Warm up before sports games or exercise you'll play better and it's kinder to your muscles.
- Cool down and stretch afterwards to avoid cramp and muscle injuries.
- Drink before, during and after sport to keep up your energy levels during the game.
- Wear a mouthguard, shin pads and other protective gear. Your body will thank you for it.
- Watch out for others when you're on the field or court.
- Exercise in between games to keep your fitness up.
- If you're injured, remember RICED: Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation and get a Diagnosis if needed.

#### Got a sports injury?

Your family doctor or medical nurse can treat a lot of sprains, wounds and other injuries. Call them first to see if they can help before heading to ED.

#### WELL DONE WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

It is of great concern that Whanganui continues to have high smoking rates compared with the national average. The rates of young women of childbearing age who smoke is of particular concern, as is the high rate of smoking among Māori. The WDHB is committed to any activities which support, or lead to, a reduction in smoking in our communities. With this in mind, we admire the leadership that Whanganui District Council has recently shown to protect the health of our residents by introducing their Smokefree and Vape-free Policy – the first Vape-free policy in New Zealand. We know there has been some comment about the inclusion of the vape-free aspects of the policy, but please remember that although vaping is less harmful than cigarette smoking - less harmful is not harm free.

#### PLEASE HELP US LIFT OUR IMMUNISATION RATES

Despite the sterling efforts Whanganui clinicians make to ensure at least 95 percent of our children are fully immunised, disappointingly, we continue to miss the target. While WDHB staff acknowledge parents have the right to decline immunisation, we also recognise that children of those parents only enjoy protection from a number of diseases because of the responsible actions of the parents who have had their children immunised.

Please note, National Immunisation Schedule vaccinations are free of charge for children and young people up to the age of 18 from:

- your local doctor's practice
- the weekly clinic (Tuesdays 9am-5pm) at WRHN's Heads Road offices
- the Whanganui Regional Health Network Manaaki Te Whānau team
- you can phone at 0800 775 001 to arrange a time that suits you.

#### DHB PERFORMANCE OVER 2017/18

Recently there has been considerable national media on the financial performance of district health boards. We are pleased to advise that our DHB finished the 2017/18 financial year within our ministerial approved budget.

Like many other DHBs, we provided more services over the last year and made a number of significant service improvements. It is a great credit to every member of our staff that we achieved this within our budget and we take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the achievement of our staff.

As a small DHB with a population that is not growing, achieving budget is always very challenging, however we manage it because our staff are prudent in how they use your taxpayer dollars. They aim to work as efficiently as possible and make sure they do not waste the precious resources. In return, they know that management will always find the money (from within our 250 million dollar budget) if they have an idea that will benefit the health of our community. With our board's support, we have a flexible approach to how we manage our finances and this works for us.

Yes, of course we would love to have more funding, especially so that we could invest more in community-based services. However, we are cognisant of the pressure that is always on public spending and remain committed to making the most of every dollar and living within the funding that is approved for health services for our community.





Dot McKinnon | WDHB Board Chair

Julie Patterson | WDHB Chief Executive





#### MARTON LADIE'S GOLF

18 hole golf. Wednesday August 23. Competition: LGU medal & putting, 3rd championship qualifying. Silver; C Rhodes net 74, J Ritchie net 77, A Bary net 78. Bronze 1; R Williams net 72, S Marshall net 75, G Burne net 77. Bronze 2; D Singer net 68, M Hunt net 74, D Chapman net 77. Putting; C Rhodes 29. Twos; R Williams, C Rhodes. Raffle; S Marshall. Lucky draw; E Clark. Wednesday September 6, medal & putting. Starters; R Morrison, D Gilmour. Duty: D Gilmour. Cards: A Fleming, M Hunt.

#### **RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB**

Results Saturday 19 August, par. Senior: Nick Bligh 3 up, Tim Wales & Ron Harris square, Lyndon Moore, Tamati Anaru, Hone Morris & Russell Kane 1 down. Junior: Scott Ewens 3 up, Alan Wix & Manny Dreliozis 1 up, Daniel Scotson, Peter Young & Graeme Stephens square, Jackson Dreliozis 1 down. Two's: Hone Morris 3rd,Russell Kane 3rd,Nepia Andrews 12th. Saturday 12 August, stableford: Ron Harris 38, Neville Berendt 37, Daniel Scotson 36, Stu Amor 35, Scott Ewens, Bronwyn Meads 34, Nick Bligh, Joe Yorke, Peter Young, Alan Wix & Murray Bruhn 33.

#### HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 22nd. Robertson trophy stableford: R Karatea 35, L Tipu 28, P Charlesworth 23, R Cadwallader 21. Men; P Tyler 45, L Neumann 37, L Moore 33, G Charles 31. Nine hole; G Burgess 17, B Philps 17, B Hills 16, D Penfold 16, R Little 13, J Van Loo 10. Twos; R Karatea and L Neumann No 16. Nearest pin; R Little. Saturday 26th. TRC Toyota maori pakeha trophies stableford: s/men; D Nicholls 37, J Stella 34, G Franks & K Hill 33. J/men; M Pickford 42, M Porter & P Tyler 40, D Wright & D Todd 39. Women; R Karatea 38, L Tipu 29, S Wells & P Charlesworth 28. Pakeha 34.27. Maori 30.75. Kereama trophy; D Nicholls. Manakau cups; M= M Pickford, W= R Karatea. Nearest the pins; s/men = not struck, i/men = not struck, women = not struck. Must go next week. Twos; P Charlesworth #7, K Hill # 16. 2 jackpot 28 balls #14 not struck. Must go next week. Taimui challenge; Grant F & Spike bt Rex & Pinky. Next challengers; Joby & Larni. Coming events: Tuesday Golfers 18 holes; 9am & 9 holes; 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 2nd: 1st round club champs; 11am tee off. Sunday 27th, zones semi final Hawkestone v Feilding at Rangitikei;

10.30am 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.

#### MARTON GOLF CLUB

Marton Thursday Golf 24 August. T Arnott 38, P Simpson 34, P Connolly 34, A Stewart 34, D Clark 34, D Angove 33, T McVerry 32, R McDermott 32, F Ravn 31, A Corser 31, T Hammond 31, I Christison 30. Saturday 26 August, medal, Adobe Motel voucher Graham Marshall 67. Nole Wingate 67, Bruce Poppe 67, Phil Simpson, Shay Melis 70, Les Wake 71, Terry Hammond 72, Colin Williams 72, Pat O'Connor 73, Don Morrison 74, Nigel Belsham 74, Graham Calkin 74, Kelvin Feild 74. Being here: Stu Duncan, Darin Arnott, Tony Mischewski. Twos: Shay Melis 3rd, Terry Arnott 6th, Glen Jongen and Peter Rayner 12th, Jarrod Calkin 17th. McVerry Crawford tournament - new date, due to rain postponement - now Sunday 17 September. Next week: medal, duty Bruce Poppe. Bar: Bruce Craig and Andrew Shand.

#### MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF

Tuesday 29 August saw 27 players out for our medal round in nice conditions. Results: 1st division: 1st Linda Brandon 34, 2nd Tim Brandon 34 c/b. 2nd division: 1st Mike Morland 35, 2nd Roy Powell 36, 3rd Barry Florence 38 c/b. 3rd division: 1st Tom Trotter 33, 2nd Janice Hatrick 34, 3rd Mike Donlon 39. Lucky card winner: John Fraser. Raffle winner: Jill Bryant. Next week is medal play, with Tom Trotter & Dave McDougall starters and Bev Davis and Louisa Craig on cards. Kitchen is Sheena Marshall.

#### TAIHAPE GOLF

The mid-winter golf tour to the King Country was well supported with a bus full of eager players. As is typical on these trips, the scoring on the first day was excellent and then progressively deteriorated. Leading scores at Tokoroa on Friday, was Koke Ćashell on 40 points. John Gilbert managed 39, whilst Dave Pollard, Merv Tapp and Jim Fannin all scored 38. On 37 were Duane Dick, Kerry Wells, Gary Thomas and Denis Robertson. The only twos were recorded by John Gilbert and Jim Fannin.The second round was played at Stewart Alexander Golf Club in Te Awamutu. Only Kevin O'Brien managed better than handicap, with 37 points. Duane Dick and Danny Mickleson recorded 35. On 34 were Peter Valentine, Jim Fannin and John Gilbert. The harder clay based greens proved tricky to pitch on to and the contour of the greens took its toll on many score cards. After a shaky win by the All Blacks and a mighty performance from the Black Ferns, the group headed to Pio Pio Aria. Despite excellent greens and wide-open fairways, for some inexplicable reason (notably the Waipa Club) scoring was more subdued. 33 was the top score recorded by Koke Cashell, Kevin O'Brien and Gary Cleaver. One adrift were the Thomas brothers. Fran Robertson led the ladies, in on 31; heading off Jim Fannin, Dave Pollard and Duane Dick. Two 2's were recorded - both on the tough 7th hole, by Kevin O'Brien and Alan Thomas. John McKinnon received the driver of the day award. Overall, the 3 round results were: Kevin O'Brien 104, Koke Cashell 103, Duane Dick and Jim Fannin 102. Best score at - Tokoroa: John Gilbert 39. Steward Alexander: Danny Mickleson 35. Pio Pio Aria: Gary Cleaver 33. Best runner up scores: Merv Tapp and Dave Pollard 38.

#### 8-BALL POOL

The 2017 pool season concluded on Sunday, with the annual representative match played at Wanganui RSA. The three-way competition, involving 12 man & 4 women teams from; Manawatu, Horowhenua-Kapiti & Wanganui, was played over a 9 hour period and involved 240 matches. The home team got off to a good start, then managed to hold on to their lead, throughout the day, to finally 'lay claim' to a trophy Manawatu has held for the past three years. Steve Robertson (Wanganui East) was Wanganui's best performing player, with 10 wins from his 12 matches. Willie Matthews, also from Wanganui East, won 9 of his 12. Marton's Allan Pond, the only Rangitikei player in the Wanganui side, had a 50% record - winning 4 of his 8 singles clashes and 2 from 4 in the pairs rounds. The final match score was; Wanganui 97, Manawatu 82, Horowhenua-Kapiti 61.

#### TARGET SHOOTING MARTON

Results 28.8.2017. The number of members shooting at the Marton range was a little depleted this week, as we sent a team to Palmerston North, to challenge the Rongotea Club for the Gledhill Cup and....did that team deliver! They came home with the trophy, after shooting an excellent 970.33, to Rongotea's 960.27. Leading the way, was Barry Nelson with a 196.6 and the rest of the team not far behind - well



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  A track record of successful community engagement and
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Applications close Friday, 8 September 2017 at 5.00pm.



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done to all. A good number of home shooters put in a 97 also; well done to those shooters. Next week, Monday 4th, the Marton cClub will travel to Feilding, for the last interclub match of the season against the Awahuri club. Members to meet at the usual place at 6.45pm. Those travelling separate, or not available, please advise your club captain. Gary Cuff 98.06 98.03 196.09, Barry Nelson 97.03 99.03 196. Kayla Gledhill 97.03 98.07 195.10, Don Hamilton 97.03 98.03 195.06, Reon Sowry 97.03 97.03 194.06, Jake Wright 97.06 95.02 192.08, Samantha Gledhill 97.04 94.03 191.07, Fred de Burgh 97.03 94.03 191.06, Wayne Hunt 96.03 95.02 191.05, Allan Wright 95.04 95.03 190.07, Guy Forster Pratt 95.03 93.02 188.05, Bob Crawford 94.02 92.02 186.04, Graeme Sixtus 88.00 86.00 174.00, Bruce Galpin 83.01 85.01 168.02.

#### ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

Another good night of bowls this week. We played three games of 2-4-2 pairs, which I think everyone enjoyed for a change. The winners on the night, with three wins, were Shirley and Ari. The raffle was won by Peter. Last weekend, the Manawatu Indoor Bowls Centre held its champion of champions singles tournament. This event is for the club singles champions and Robbie Tait was our club champion. He got down to the last four, before bowing out. Well done Robbie. Next week will be a normal club night, so see you all there.



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#### **Public Notices**





Council has received a request to change the name of Inland Road to 'Keith Law Road'. The request has been made in the memory of Keith Law who was the Chairman of the Board of Directors and a shareholder of Te Rangi Pai Forest Ltd, which is located on Inland Road.

#### Submissions

The Taihape Community Board is seeking the community's view of whether the name of 'Inland Road' should be changed to 'Keith Law Road'

Written submissions are open until on noon **22 September 2017.** 

Following community consultation, the Taihape Community Board will be making a decision about whether to change the name of the road.

#### **Further information**

Further information, including a submission form, is available from Council's library in Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a copy to be emailed or posted to you by calling 0800 422 522. If you have any questions please contact Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner.

> Ross McNeil Chief Executive

#### ST STEPHEN'S INDOOR BOWLS

This week, the club finished off the club open pairs' championships, after having to play over two nights, to determine the winners. The winners were Ray and Erin. The runners-up were Derek and Bev. Well done to these teams. To the rest of the club members - thank you for being there. Next week, it is back to a normal club night, as we have finished all our club championships for the season. Start time back to 7.30pm. See you all next week.

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10 District Monitor August 31, 2017 **Public Notices** Thank You Rangitikei Daffodil Day raised in 🥀 excess of \$9000 for the **Cancer Society** Thanks to all who supported us and to all our wonderful volunteers who manned stalls in Marton, Hunterville and Bulls. **GREY POWER** TAIHAPE WOMEN'S CLUB RANGITIKEI **Tuesday September 12, MEETING** 2017 at 1.30pm September 6 Netball court hall at 1.30pm. Guest speaker: Ashley Speaker: Kim Squires from Kiwi Bank. who will give us an Members a plate please. insight into the Tweeddale honey

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#### MARTON MEN'S HOCKEY

Marton played in the final on Saturday; against Massey, in front of a large crowd of supporters. Marton played some of its best hockey of the season and was unbeatable in the first 20 minutes of the game. Three goals were scored by Sheridan O'Hara, Todd Sutton and Ronan Spence. Massey wasn't expecting such a strong start, which caused them a lot of frustration; resulting in cards being issued often. The pace of the game and warmer conditions soon caught up with Marton and, not long after half time, Massey fought back to score a goal; taking the final score to 3-1. Marton won the premier reserve mens' Manawatu competition and players will be acknowledged at this weekend's prizegiving. Marton Wholesale Liquor MVP points: 1 point Ash Carter, 2 points Callum Downs, 3 points Jeremy Barnett. Dick of the day was awarded to the captain of the team, Ash Carter, for getting offside with the umpires.



#### HUNTERVILLE SQUASH CLUB

HSC's proven it's a tiny club, with a mighty heart, in recent weeks. The first round of success came when the F grade men's team won the Central Districts superchamps in Taihape. The team, made up of Sam Horrocks, Scott Carman, Andrew Lock, Ian Cross and Aaron Uings, fought hard in every game and came out on top; beating both Taihape and Ohakune. The men will now go forward to the national F grade superchamps, which are to be held in Hawkes Bay at the end of September. More recently, the Hunterville #1 men's interclub team won division 4 of the Manawatu-Wanganui-Ruapehu zone competition. The team was Jono Rayner, Barry Klue, Ben Dickinson and Will Lampp and they battled it out on finals night to be named champions.



Above: the Hunterville men's squash team after winning the F grade superchamps in Taihape. (L to R) Sarah Horrocks (manager), Andrew Lock, Sam Horrocks, Scott Carman, Aaron Uings. Absent - Ian Cross.



Above: the Hunterville #1 interclub men's squash team; after winning division 4 of the Manawatu-Wanganui-Ruapehu zone competition. (L to R) - Will Lampp, Barry Klue, Ben Dickinson, Jono Rayner.

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Although some of the school's hockey players were away skiing, those who remained at Taihape Area School enjoyed possessive time last week with two Black Sticks players; Samantha Charlton and Pippa Hayward. Pippa spoke with the junior school and Samantha with the seniors. Both gave inspiring talks to the students on how they should follow their dreams and do their best in whatever sport they choose and spoke of representing

New Zealand at the London and Rio Olympics as well as Commonwealth and World games. Very interesting questions from the students were happily answered by the speakers. Samantha and Pippa were hosted by Black Stick sponsors, Angela and John Turkington from Marton.

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Right: Black Sticks Pippa Hayward and Samantha Charlton sit among pupils from Taihape Area School. Photo Terry Karatau.



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