

Huntley is supreme in Tri Sport

Huntley School in Marton might look like a small, mild-mannered school but it's not. - it's filled with NZ champions. Huntley School's triathlon team reached the pinnacle of New Zealand schools' competition to be named the NZ Secondary Schools' Triathlon Association's top overall team at the recent national competition in New Plymouth last weekend.

It's a trophy won every year since the late 1990s by St Kentigern's in Auckland. Now, it's safely in the bag at Huntley School in Marton and the significance of their win is still sinking in.

Winning the overall team trophy is no mean feat. Huntley competes with teams of Year 7 to 9 students, compared with competing secondary school tri teams who have athletes from Year 7 to 13. Huntley won on points, even with the lesser age groups - proving just how competitive their team is. The Huntley team contained 21 triathletes (competing in three events - individual, relay and the super sprint race) in teams of 4. Teams consisted of an all-boys team and combinations of boys and girls.

Team coach and Huntley DP Gareth Wood says he is very proud of the team. He is a former top level triathlete himself and introduced the sport to Huntley in 2015. He set a determined training regime and has recently used the skills of the Dave Nicholls Swim Academy and (Whanganui cycling experts) Dale and Cath Cheatley. He has also added another coach. The sport has grown in popularity at the school each year since 2015, making it logistically difficult (lugging bikes around) but it enjoys valuable parent support.

Mr Wood says, "The secondary school's event in New Plymouth was tacked onto the world championships, allowing the Huntley students to see the top 20 triathletes from around the world - in training, first hand. It was an amazing experience." He says



The Huntley School Year 7 to 9 triathlon team is the NZ Secondary Schools' Triathlon Association overall team champion - winning the points competition last weekend in New Plymouth. Photo supplied.

it was also gratifying to see former pupils compete well at secondary school level. "We were represented in teams from Palmerston North BHS, Feilding, Wanganui Collegiate, Nga Tawa School and St Matthew's Masterton. Huntley principal Sam Edwards says, "I'm immensely proud of our team. There is misconception around triathlon; as an individual sport but I have seen the team training together (in mixed teams) getting

team cohesion and creating an amazing culture." Our team had plenty of support at home too, with the New Plymouth event live streamed to Huntley." Huntley School also won the NZ schools cricket championships last November and now it can add triathlon champions to its stable of heroes.

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Big crowd for hot festival

Marton Harvest Festival last Sunday saw over 8000 visitors from all over the region and further afield. Many stayed till 2pm, to witness the wedding of the Elope to the Country couple. The weather was glorious - rising to 27 degrees in the late afternoon; forcing many festival-goers to seek the shade of trees in Marton Park's flower gardens and adjoining grandstand. Traction engines, offering rides, as well as static engines and classic cars entertained throughout the day. Plenty of families took advantage of the free event. There was no shortage of food and the Tinsel Town Paupers cast harmony over laid-back crowds tapping toes, or browsing stalls offering quality products.

There was a presentation by celebrity chef Simon Gault on healthy eating, during which he spoke about his own challenge with weight loss. He also jointly judged the pumpkin pie competition with UCOL cooking tutor Roslyn Towey. More than 20 pies competed for cash prizes sponsored by Stewart St Surgery and Rangitikei District Monitor.

Simon Gault congratulated all who entered pies saying, "there are some good variations and flavour combinations here. It's not till you get out into the country that you get to taste real cooking. We tasted all 21 pies entered. Every pie had an X factor. The winner was innovative and delicious. Thank you - I'm just a little bit fatter and sweeter. The gluten-free (pie) was a surprise. Chefs are always looking to be surprised."

There was stiff competition in the homebrew competition, with over 70 entries. Damien Ryan from Whanganui, whose stout scored highest in the entire competition, was overall winner - taking out the top prize of an all expenses paid trip to the Good George Brewery in Hamilton.



Pumpkin pie-making winner Louise Knight (centre) with judges Roslyn Towey from UCOL's cooking school and celebrity TV chef Simon Gault.



Pumpkin Results

Our dry summer didn't favour growing giant pumpkins and none came close to the harvest festival record of 734kg. Results: heaviest pumpkin: Dawn Shields 43.3kg (pictured, lower left), 2 Fiona Knightley Moorhouse 36.5kg. Children's decorated - Emily Kerslake, Adults

decorated - Charmain Beatson. Best looking pumpkin - Rex Millar. Ugliest pumpkin - S Groube. 21 entries in the pumpkin pie contest: 1 Louise Knight, 2 Melissa Welch, 3 Gillian Fletcher, 4 Amal Touri.



Intense heat led many at the festival to the shade of Marton Park's trees and grandstand Marton Park.



Colourful trading stalls beguiled thousands at Sunday's harvest festival.

The wedding

Francis Leppard and Ayden Palmer tied the knot (right) in front of hundreds of onlookers at the Marton Harvest Festival on Sunday afternoon. Winners of Project Marton's Elope to the Country competition, the pair were thrilled with the wedding and honeymoon package. Everything was taken care of from suits and dresses, flowers and rings, ceremony and reception - right down to accommodation before and after the wedding. Bride Francis called her Marton experience: "a dream come true."

We are so overwhelmed! Thanks so much to all the vendors and those involved in organising our special day - we are so grateful." Project Marton coordinator Cath Ash acknowledged businesses that made the wedding amazing for the winning couple. "The generosity of our sponsors contributed to the special little touches that made the day magical," she says.




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VIEWPOINT



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Rangitikei College students support climate change



A senior Rangitikei College class of Social Studies students took a stand and attended the 'Climate Change Strike' on Friday 15 March, in Palmerston North.

Social Studies teacher of Social Sciences, Robyn Surville says, "The experience provided a unique learning opportunity for the students to exercise their democratic rights and participate first hand in a global social justice and human rights action, for a cause that is of grave importance to all of us. Being involved allowed students to learn at a much deeper level than they would from just reading about it."

"They prepared placards for their protest, wrote to their parents explaining why they were engaging in the action and gained support from many of the teachers and the principal at Rangitikei College. "We want our students to become active, informed and responsible citizens who are confident about standing up for what they believe in," Mrs Surville said.

Student participation forms part of internal assessment for senior Social Studies and involves students learning about the issues surrounding climate change and exploring what action governments are taking around the world to address the issues.

BITS n' PIECES



Musical Heritage NZ Trust's archivist, David Dell, will be in the Rangitikei area between 4 -7 April and is very interested in hearing from anyone who would like to share with the Trust, any old sheet music they may have. David can be contacted on 0274 507 079 or by email: daviddellnz@gmail.com



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Donation?

I recently received an emailed invoice from Project Marton for a 'donation' of \$25.

Having served on the Project Marton committee for a few years, I understand and appreciate the work that group does in promoting community activities.

However, I take offence to being sent an invoice for a donation. I believe a donation is something that is freely given. An invoice means that I owe money to someone for something they have done for me. I do not owe money to Project Marton, so it is wrong of them to invoice me as a debtor.

The invoice states that payment for my 'donation' is due on 20 April 2019. I have responded to Project Marton to advise them I would not be paying this. However, I wonder how many others feel pressured to pay this invoice. Also, what will Project Marton do if the invoices have not been paid before 20 April?

The website of the accounting package being used by Project Marton shows that the minimum pricing for this package is \$60 per month. Perhaps they need these extra 'donations' to pay for that. Unless the group is receiving a substantial discount, it seems a waste of money when there are much more affordable cloud-based accounting packages available.

Margaret Bell, Marton

Concerns raised over building inspections

While Rangitikei District Council tries to encourage more residential building in the district through rates rebates, a very public complaint from the owner of QuickBuild Homes, Neil Colliver, suggests a possibly more serious barrier to construction than financial issues. He spoke to the RDC for the second time last week.

Colliver's company produces high standard kitset homes. About 100 homes have been provided by his company for sites around the country but, he says, Rangitikei DC is his biggest headache.

Of the 100 homes built, five have had consenting issues serious enough for Colliver to refer them to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The first case found in favour of QuickBuild Homes. Another four cases are being considered by MBIE and a sixth, is likely to be lodged shortly. All these disputes have been in the Rangitikei District.

Colliver says his company has had no council issues in any part of the country except in Rangitikei, where he believes his buildings are being unfairly targeted. "Our buildings are inspected twice as often in Rangitikei as elsewhere, with twice as many inspectors," he says. He also says his company has been developing plans (for a couple of years) for a new factory, worth about \$20 million, which he had originally planned to build in Marton. However, with the issues he says he has experienced, he is continuing to look further afield to sites in Manawatu, Horowhenua or Whanganui.

"We just feel bullied and harassed," Colliver says. "It seems like Council is trying to stop people building in the district."

Rangitikei District Council chief executive Ross McNeil said in a statement that Council has commissioned an independent review into "its interpretation of law regarding the durability and quality of some construction material being used in the district.

"The issue around the durability and performance of building materials – in particular the steel bearers beneath these houses – was of such significance that we had to take action, which we did as soon as the issue came to light and we are working with all parties now to resolve it," he says.

McNeil says he is sympathetic to the affected homeowners, but that "Council has a duty of care to current and future homeowners to ensure there is absolute clarity on this matter".

He also says Council is not targeting QuickBuild, but that the review will look at "our approach in relation to the processing of consent applications and inspections relating to Mr Colliver's projects".

The District Monitor asked Council for details on the number of complaints received by the building inspectorate in the past five years, but Ross McNeil says that while complaints are dealt with when they're received, there is no specific record kept of them.

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CLUB SCENE



Forest & Bird Update

Last month a group of Forest & Bird members were led around Gordon Park scenic reserve, Wanganui by the knowledgeable Colin Ogle. This area was once part of a lowland forest which covered Wanganui flood plains and remains a rare example of this type of bush. This walk was followed by lunch at the Bason Reserve and a walk around Westmere Lake.

The branch AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 April in the Milne Room, St Andrew's Church, Broadway, Marton, followed by Barbara and Dave Smissen sharing their time as volunteers in the Nelson lakes area and Zealandia.

On Saturday 13 April, members are invited to meet at the school bus bay in Bredins Line outside Rangitikei College for a walk around Greystoke Reserve, Jeffersons Line and Silverhope. Please bring your lunch, drink and suitable footwear. Please contact Kate Williams 327 8697 for further details.

Marton Friendship Club

Friday 29 March, you will find us in Morris Street. This club caters for men and women over 50. Friday afternoon is always entertainment. Hall is open from 12.30pm, bring your lunch, have a cuppa and a chat. The main programme will start at 2pm. Last week's raffles were won by; visitor Maureen, Deana Scarbrough, Vic Byatt, Billy & Roka Edwards. The monthly raffle (donated by Thelma Lockwood and Jean England) was won by Jean Turner, Wendy Lee and Shelia Clark. Our entertainment was Palmerston North Unity Singers – a very professional group who often sing in the Regent Theatre during their stage shows. About 12 singers, a pianist and a conductor. Many English tunes; London Pride, Who's Your Lady Friend and from My Fair Lady – Wouldn't It Be Lovely? A solo from Greg – Bring Him Home – you could hear a pin drop. Then a change of beat. The choir sang No Business Like Show Business and Chicago, All That Jazz, Razzle Dazzle and many more. Our club is so blessed. Martonians – our hall is alive on Friday afternoons. Where else can you go for so little and yet have so much fun and laughter? Come along and find out. Visitors always welcome. See you on Friday.

Real Life Therapy by Shirley Henderson

Anyone for Cricket?

I just spent the weekend watching cricket. I was not at all sure that I would enjoy it, but our 9-year-old grandson was playing and, as dedicated grandparents, we wanted to go and see him. Well...what a surprise I was in for?

Sitting under the trees, in slightly uncomfortable fold out chairs, in the beautiful Wairarapa late summer, watching these 9 and 10-year-old boys play, was very relaxing! It was also very inspiring.

They were still boys. Not yet at the teenage stage but not little either. They approached the game with a determination and confidence that often seems to disappear as we age.

Watching them armour up (with all the pads, protection and helmets) striding out to face what is a very hard ball (thrown or hit at them with determined force) and having to concentrate completely, whether batting or fielding.

These boys were fearless! They were also committed and 100% team players, even though they were an invitational team - so most of them had not met before, or had previously played against each other.

They jelled together, listened to their coach and they would come off the field, tired out, hot, sweaty having given their best and their best was good enough for the entire team.

These kids had each other's backs and they knew it!

It's true to say that cricket was the winner on the day but, for me, the true winner was the example these kids showed of how to share - respect and appreciate every single person by doing your best and having fun.

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Marton Rotary's link with Rangitikei College



At a recent Rangitikei College assembly, Marion Johnston, Rotary district governor, presented the charter to establish the Rangitikei College Interact Club. Pictured is the newly formed Interact Club, with officiating Rotary Club members (from left): Alyce Turner, Chelsea Steer, Petera Kamariera-Hoani, Cynthia Kawana-Matahe, Declan Galbraith, Rotary district governor Marion Johnson, Marton Rotary president Ray Sisley, Aaliyah Te Rangi, John Vickers and Ngaire Ann Takimoana.

The club will work with local environmental, community and international projects to demonstrate their contribution to these issues. The club appoints officers, runs its own meetings and has the support of Marton Rotary - should they require it. The group has already been involved in planting at Marton Dam, as well as along a walkway beside the Tutaenui Stream and meeting with other Interact clubs in the Wellington district.

Marton Contract Bridge Club

Results Tue 26/03 Ward Furniture pairs (R1) N/S S Marshall & C Watson 67.00, W Jones & J Ellery 48.0. N Poppe & M Bartels 46.5. E/W D Cains & C Skou 59.00, F Bertram & T Ellery 54.5, J Meads & J Vickers 47.5. Thur 28/03 Harvey & Calkin Glass pairs (R3) N/S S Marshall M Gordon 59.58, T White & W Willis 57.08, D Cains & K Poppe 56.67. E/W J Ellery & G Burne 57.5, W Pittaway & J Bligh 53.33, E Saywell & J Tamehana 50.0. Winners of Harvey and Calkin Glass pairs: S Marshall & M Gordon.

Marton Women's Institute

Already we are leaving The Golden Weather and winter is creeping in. After a long, busy summer, we are ready to settle indoors with a different focus. An interesting programme has been planned for the coming year, including activities and new skills. Handcrafts, cooking, gardening and community support are a big part of who we are.

Thank you for taking an interest in our WI and the time to read our report. Interested in joining us? Contact Jean 327 6460 or Gillian 327 7352.

Primary teachers vote on new offers this week

Primary teachers and principals began online voting on Monday April 1, on whether to accept the latest pay offers from the Ministry of Education.

The offers are only slightly different to those offered last November, with the government making no change to the total amount of spending available for a settlement.

NZEI Te Riu Roa says its members will consider the new offers very carefully, in light of the crisis in recruitment and retention of teachers and the heavy workload that's driving many out of the profession.

Primary teachers and principals had been scheduled to vote on the offers at paid union meetings throughout the week of 18 March, but those meetings were cancelled out of respect for the victims of the terror attacks in Christchurch. It was also important for teachers and principals to be in their schools and able to offer continuity and support to their students in the aftermath of that horrific event.

Primary teachers and principals will now vote on the offers in an online ballot. Voting will close at 6pm on 5 April, with results to be announced next week.

RANGITIKEI HISTORY

An historic photo from a Rangitikei museum features each week.



Early days in Hunterville - Morris and Hunter Butchers in 1885 when horse and buggy were the means of transport. Hunterville Settlers Museum is open Fridays 2-4pm, or phone Jack Still 063228063.

FROM THE PULPIT

A number of years ago we lost our car and house keys. We searched everywhere to find them and when we could not find them, we went to the police station to see if anyone had handed them in.

It is a bad feeling to lose your valuables. We worry that if someone has our keys they might randomly (at any time) enter our house, or steal our car. We had to put a new lock on our door so that we could feel safe at night!

It's best if we can properly protect our valuables so that they don't get stolen in the first place. After all, we spend a lot of energy building up a nest egg for retirement and generally planning ahead, so we can have a comfortable life now and in the future.

Our Lord Jesus said some things about material wealth that challenge us: if someone takes your coat, let him have your shirt as well....love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back....blessed are you who are poor, for your's is the kingdom of God.... But how terrible for you who are rich now; you have had your easy life! ...what good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

We think it's good if we have lots of money because we can pick and choose which restaurant we will go to and where our next vacation will be. It's nice if we don't have to worry about money. Maybe you've never had to go without anything in your life but if you don't have enough, it's really humbling to have to ask others to help you. Therefore, it's important to consider the welfare of other people and help them before they even need to ask (one way is to donate to the foodbank).

The bible says all people are by nature spiritually poor and in need of God's help. Have you ever seen a tree in sandy soil? The wind blows the sand and the roots of the tree are exposed and eventually lose their connection to the soil. Later, we find the remains of the tree floating down a river and out into the sea. In like manner, having lots of material things doesn't fill the hole in our hearts if we have lost our connection to God.

We're about to enter a very special season in the Church year called Holy Week and then Easter. This season is a celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus who reconnects us to God:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

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UNFOLDING 19/20

The Annual Plan
for 2019/20



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

Rubbish and Recycling

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

Bulls Community Centre

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

Proposed Marton Civic Centre

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

Taihape Memorial Park Facilities

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

Puturino Landfill Remediation

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

PFAS

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

Replacement Water Reservoir for Bulls

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

Marton Water

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

Marton / Bulls Wastewater

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

Improving Recreational Facilities

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

Improving Resilience to Climate Change

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

Unwanted Cats

Feral and unwanted cats are a real problem in our district. Submissions on the revised Animal Control Bylaw supported de-sexing of cats and a proposal to include a \$5,000 to assist owners with the costs. Council also felt that micro-chipping should be included – a view strongly supported by the Companion Animal Council. Over time, de-sexing and microchipping will lead to a reduction in the number of unwanted cats. More information on this issue is included in the Annual Plan.

Supporting the new St John Ambulance station in Taihape

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

More Information

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

A Fence from Palmerston North to Hunterville

As part of a big tidy-up, Housing NZ reports it's rolled out around 66 kilometres of boundary fencing across Aotearoa/New Zealand.

"As part of our half a billion dollar maintenance budget that sees improvements and maintenance carried out on more than 64,000 houses nation-wide, we've spent more than \$8.5 million dollars fencing our properties," chief operating officer Paul Commons said.

"In the Manawatu/Whanganui/Horowhenua/Rangitikei/Tararua area we've built around 1.7 kilometres of fencing (or the equivalent of Palmerston North's Ferguson St/Fitzherbert Ave intersection to Fitzherbert Bridge) at a cost of \$265,000. We've carried out exterior painting worth \$45million across the whole country. It is enough to cover 70 international rugby fields (122 x 70m.) and amounted to 560,000 square metres covered in paint.

"From Ruapehu in the north, to Whanganui in the west, to Horowhenua in the south and Tararua in the east, we painted more than 36,000 square metres of materials at a cost of \$2.5million. That would be the equivalent of covering 4 rugby fields in paint. As well as that, we've replaced 3,000 square metres of various types of roofing in the region; at a cost of around \$550,000".

Visit to remember



South Makirikiri School recently shared some of its student learning with members of Marton's Alzheimer's Group. The Group visited on March 25 and spent time with students in their classes and around the school.

Principal Greg Allan says, " It was a great way for some of the Group to reminisce about their time at South Makirikiri (as students many years ago). It was also a great way for some of our students to share their family history at South Makirikiri with our older generation. The students shared morning tea, took the visitors on a tour of the school and had the Group visit some classes, along with sharing some of their learning with a very active audience. It was great that the students had new faces to share their learning with. Hopefully, we will see this group out and about for another visit in the future."

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Can-Am is coming to Otiwhiti

Farmers are invited to a big day out at Otiwhiti Station on Tuesday 9 April. The team from Marine Services Wanganui /Can-Am Wanganui, in conjunction with Farmlands and FMG invite farmers to join them for the Big Farmers day out next Tuesday from 10am until 2pm at Otiwhiti Station, 4744 Turakina Valley Rd, Hunterville.

Such Can-Am demo days are been held all over New Zealand this month.They're a chance for farmers to enjoy a day getting together over a free lunch and catching up with each other, as well as having time to see a variety of Can-Am ATV and SSV vehicles. They can drive them and discover what these incredible machines are capable of. The Can-Am team will be on hand to discuss the units and explain why Can-Am SSV has the majority of the NZ market.

Farmers are asked to register their attendance at the Farmlands Can-Am Is Coming to Town website, or ring the team at Marine Services Wanganui/Can-Am Wanganui on 063456958 or visit their website: www.marineserviceswanganui.co.nz and go into a draw to win a brand new Can-Am Outlander 450 PRO.

The teams from Marine Services Wanganui/ Can-Am Wanganui, plus local Farmlands and FMG staff, look forward to seeing you for a great day out at Otiwhiti Station, where you can relax and enjoy your free lunch at the Can-am Coming to Town demo day.

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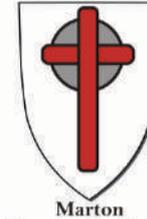


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Turakina School

Who are we...

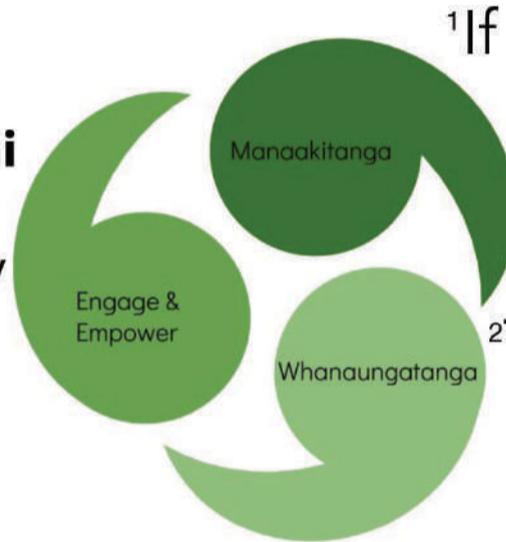
The South Rangitikei Kāhui Āko/Community of Learning is made up of ten schools - Bulls School, Clifton School, Huntermville Consolidated School, James Cook School, Marton School, Marton Junction School, Rangitikei College, South Makirikiri School, St Matthew's Catholic School and Turakina School.

As a group of schools we believe that together we can improve teaching and learning for all our learners by collaborating together. By learners we mean all students, whānau/family, Boards of Trustees, all school staff and wider community. We all have a vital part to play in the education and well being of our tamariki/children.

How we will build our capacity - He taura tuatinitini

³It is likely

We can unite, grow individual and collective skills and foster positive actions that benefit all of us and our communities - engage and empower - reciprocal learning, self determination, voice, choice aspirations



¹If

We build trust and open up our schools and minds to new learning using Manaakitanga - hospitality, care, respect, responsibility, integrity

²Then

Over time we will form strong, trusting relationships, connections and a sense of belonging/ Whanaungatanga - connectedness, relationships, belonging.

How the Kāhui Āko/ Community of Learning works

The Kāhui Āko has a leadership team made of Lead Co-ordinator - Kim Gordon, Teachers working across all schools - Tracey Hawkins and Megan Syme and teachers working within their individual schools - Lysha Brennan, Sommai Lightbourne, Anna Cullen, Kerri Osborne, Jen Weir, Katie Cooper, Frances Pere, and Oliver Trottier, Cara Muir, Mike Maher. Together with the principals and staff, Boards, students and whānau of the schools/kura we collaborate to improve our teaching capabilities in order to improve student outcomes. Each school is incorporating some or all of the Kāhui Āko goals into their strategic planning. The three Kāhui Āko goals are:

Challenge 1: Build Teacher and Learner Efficacy.

Challenge 2: Develop & Strengthen Cultural Revitalisation.

Challenge 3: Develop Our Localised Curriculum through Place Based Learning.

We will share information about these goals next term.



Back Row from left: Michelle Cameron - James Cook School, Vanessa Te Ua - Marton Junction School, Colleen Dalley - Huntermville School, Kim Gordon - Bulls School, Brya Dixon - Marton School. Front Row from left: Tony Booker - Rangitikei College, Leigh McKay - Turakina School, Tom Sheehan - St Matthew's Catholic School, Adrian Burn - Clifton School, Greg Allan - South Makirikiri School.

Swimming Sports

The South Rangitikei Cluster 2019 Swimming Sports were held at the Marton Swimming Pool on Monday, March 25th. With 60+ students representing their schools.

There was a high level of competitiveness and enthusiasm on the day and all swimmers are congratulated for their preparations and efforts.

Some of the stand out performances for the day:

- Sarah Connelly, Clifton School - first place in all 12+ girl events including the Open Girls Butterfly
- Hugh Thomas, South Makirikiri School - first place in all 12+ boy events including the Open Boys Butterfly
- Tegan Murray, Huntermville School - first in all the 10 year girls events
- Jonty Skerman, South Makirikiri School - first place in all 9 year boy events
- Sophia Taylor, South Makirikiri School - first place in all 9 year girl events

The inter-school relay was won by South Makirikiri School with a tight tussle for the second place being taken out by Clifton School and Huntermville in third place.



MARTON GOLF CLUB

Sat March 30: the medal competition was won by Susan Marshall with a nett score of 61. That impressive score won her the John Turkington voucher. Other results: Martin Rothman 63, Margie Simpson 65, Tony Mischewski, Glen Jongen, Bruce Poppe 68, Greg McIver, Graham McLay, Phil Simpson 69, Colin Williams, Pete Singer, David Green 70, Hugh Bremner, Terry Hammond, Dave Tarrant 71. FBH: Alan Bates, Stu Duncan. Twos: 3rd Susan Marshall, 6th Pete Singer. Sat 6 April duty: Jarrod Calkin. Bar: Greg McIver & Pat Connolly. Sun 7 April duty: David Green. Coming events: Sat April 6; Cobra demo day from 9am - noon. Cooks Bar & Club Hotel Anzac Day mixed stableford tournament. 18 hole & 9 hole divisions - Thurs April 25. \$25 entry fee. Entries to Colin Williams colliedog@xtra.co.nz, 0272451193. Thursday Club 28/3: not such good scoring this week, with quite a strong wind to contend with. Players remarked that the greens are in exceptional condition. Top Scores of the day were Ian Batcheler & Terry Arnott; both with 37 points. Scores: Ian Batcheler 37, Terry Arnott 37, Don Clark 36, Graeme Velvin 36, Adrian Duncan 36, Terry Hammond 36, Dave Angove 33, Phil Simpson 33, Hugh Bremner 33, Alan Bates 33, Martin Rothman 32, Billy Beck 30, A. Stewart 30. Crunchie kid: Steve Muir. Good to see Dave Tarrant back, although he didn't score very well.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 26 Mar: Allied Pickfords top dog stableford. Ross Little 23, Lyndon Moore 22, Greg James 21, Dave Penfold, Joy Stantiall & Jan Van Loo 20, Barry Parlane & Pat Tyler 19, Esme Bergen 18. Twos: Ross Little & Lyndon Moore No 14. Nearest pin: Pat Tyler. Saturday 30: Darlington Drilling Manawatu rosebowl bogey competition. S/men; G Bond + 6, L Moore & R McDermott + 3, G Stanton + 2. J/men; D Wright + 6, G Edwards - 1. Women; P Charlesworth + 5, S Wells - 2. Two; Diane Todd #2. Jackpot #0 not struck. Nearest the pins; s/men = Dave Todd. J/men = not struck. Women = S Wells. Taimui challenge; Rex & Dave R bt Grant & Spike. Next challengers 13/4/19 Gary & Dave W. Coming events; Tuesday golf 9.30 am tee off. Saturday: Gracie Cup 3rd round; teeing off from 1 am. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10. New members please inquire about our membership rates.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

Searching for their first win of the season, Taihape took to the road for the fourth round of A grade pennants - held at the windless Wanganui Belmont Links Golf Club against Hawkestone. The team got off to a poor start in the morning's foursomes to be 2 - 1 down, with the Denny Thompson and Matthew Thomas combination securing the only victory. After swallowing some much need gusto at lunch, experience shone through, with an all-round gritty and tactical performance stealing the match 6 - 3. Alan Thomas got the team off to a great start - winning 6/5 with his best driving performance of the year. Duane Dick continued his winning run with solid a 4/3 result. Matthew Booth had to dig deep, exhibiting a superb display of sub-par match play golf to grind out a 3/1 win. The under golfer David Pollard was undone at number three against his long-time rival Ross Geary. After selflessly positioning himself for the team, Denny Thompson played a spotless round of golf, winning 2/1. Matthew Thomas enjoyed the quicker greens, slotting some much needed 20 footers to come home strong 3/1. Taihape rises to 6th on the table, with its next round, at home against Feilding, in two weeks' time. In the local derby it was Marian Cleaver, winning on the toss against John Fenemor for 40 points who took out the haggle. In a three way tie for 39 points, was Jimmy Fannin, Kerry Wells and the ever present Barrie Randall. Nick McGuinn had 38, Gary Cleaver made 37, Kevin O'Brien and Chris George both had 36. John Gilbert recorded the only two of the day on the 12th, Kerry Wells won the longest putt novelty. This Sunday, the Taihape president's trophy team hosts Wanganui in their final round robin match.

MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF

1st Mona Barrett +1, 2nd Janice Hatrick -1, 3rd Jan Cook -2. Lucky card winner: Bob Barrett. Raffle winner: Mike Morland. Starters: Madeline and Roy Powell. Cards: Lyn and Bryan Shaw. Kitchen: Neil Powell.

RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB

Results 23/3/19: men - stableford - B Dickinson 44, K Lumsden 42, J Lambert 42, A Lock 40. Twos: M George, J Bismark. Putts: M George 29. 27/3/19: women stableford - D King 41, J Adkins 41, R Rainey 39, J Alabaster 38, H King 38, N McCoard 37. 27/3/19: 9 hole - all irons - nett - S Russell 33, J Virtue 34, M Woodruff 34.

MARTON LADIES' GOLF

Wednesday 3 April result from national team qualification: silver; B Beilby 74, C/B A Bary 74, C/B J Ritchie 74. Bronze 1; M Simpson 65, S Ballard 73, C/B S Marshall 73, G Burne 75. Bronze 2; J Christie 67, D Singer, 71 P Mc Verry 73. Haggle results: section 1 - M Simpson, S Ballard, S Marshall. Section 2 - J Christie D Singer. Lucky draw: A Bary. Sponsored balls: P McVerry, S Marshall, B Bielby.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Monday 25 March. Association croquet - David Winmill and Brenda Isaacs 26 def 20 Murray McNae and Gordon Thompson, Mary McNae 12 def 7 Annette Winmill, Graeme McIntyre and Eila Ogden 7 def 6 Maurice Costello and Selwyn Johnson. Wednesday 27 March: AC: David Winmill 20 def 6 Graeme McIntyre, Mary McNae and Gordon Thompson 25 def 19 Murray McNae and Eila Ogden. Golf croquet: Tom Martyn 7 def 4 Beverley Brownless and Jeanette McDougall, Tom and Ray 7 def 4 Beverley and Jeanette. Saturday 30 March. GC: Marilyn Vallance 7, 7 def 5.6 Linda Hughes and Mary Meek. AC: Lyn Johnson 16 def 5 Eila Ogden, Murray McNae and Selwyn Johnson 26 def 12 Tom Martyn and Gordon Thompson.

PEDAL 4 PLEASURE

Fine weather, and the fact that it was being held in conjunction with Marton's Harvest Festival made the Marton Rotary's cycling event a great success. This was the third one to be held. Around 180 participants cycled the Tutaenui area of the Rangitikei in beautiful, almost windless, autumn weather. This number is up by about 70 compared to last year. There were three courses, each designed for the fitness and/or age and/or the determination of the participants. The longest course was 80km and involved a number of hills. Fewer hills and only 40km in length, was the next course, while the 15km ride, with only gentle hills, was just right for the less able and/or less determined. A refreshment stop on the course was available. While some chose to ignore it, others made the most of it. All ages were represented from toddlers

Raffle Results

Taihape Museum Gumboot Day Raffle

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(in trailer type carts) to those well in the higher decades. Marton businesses were very generous in providing prizes, including McVerry Crawford Motors, BJW Motors and The Downs Group. The top prize, of a La-z-boy chair from Wards' Furniture, went to Humphrey Calkin and the second prize of a bike from Robbie's Mechanical to Lucy Skou. The Rotary Club appreciate sponsorship by many of Marton's businesses. Their generosity meant that almost every participant who attended the prize giving received a prize. Credit must be given to organisers David Smith and Wayne Spencer and their team of helpers for running a very successful event. Its attachment to the harvest festival seemed to complement both events.



Above: cycling for many was a family affair. Tessa and Jonas took their family of Lennox (6), Oscar (5) and Maisey (2) in the cart.

Public Notices



Rangitikei College

Work Day

Tuesday 9 April 2019

- Do you have any odd jobs that need doing around your home or business?
- Would you be willing to pay a College student \$4-5 per hour to do your odd jobs on, or before, Tuesday 9 April?
- If so, please ring the College on 3277024.
- Funds raised will be used by the Student Council for student activities.

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Rangitikei Netball Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 7pm. Centennial Hall
Felix Bell - President. Ph 06 327 8984

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Tuesday 9 April at 1.30pm
Netball Court Hall, Totara Street, Marton.
Guest speaker: Anna Williams
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RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Notice of Meetings

Amendment to Council Meetings on 11 April
Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 11 April 2019 is to start at 10.30 am (not 11.00 am)

**Ross McNeil
Chief Executive**

Diabetes Support Group

Saturday 6 April, 2pm
Friendship Hall, 7 Morris Street, Marton
Topic: sugar...and its disguises
Shared afternoon tea
**For further information please call 06 327 7281
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Living with Atrial Fibrillation Marton

April 29, 1pm, St Andrew's Hall, 226 Broadway, Marton
A Heart Foundation FREE session on atrial fibrillation (AF)
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MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 27 March the Bone of Contention trophy was dusted off and competition revived between Wanganui East and Marton bowling clubs after about 10 years. An afternoon of friendly banter and play was enjoyed by all and followed by an outstanding afternoon tea. Wanganui East, with 11.5 wins vs 9.5 wins, took the trophy home and will host Marton next year - endeavouring to match our spread (it was noted that Marton has set the bar high in this department). We look forward to a return visit and this competition becoming an annual event once again. Thursday 28 March, Hospice 3 bowls triples was played on another stunningly fine day. The field was a little light, with 8 teams from Johnston Park, Marton and Drury Hill competing but we did manage to raise \$300 for Whanganui Hospice. We thank the competing teams for helping us to support such a good cause. The Drury Hill team of Glenis Pidwell(s) Graeme Tauri and Ian Broderson were our winners: 3.5 wins, 24 ends 73 points. Runners up: Ray Harding(s) Ces Allen and Josie Bismark (Marton): 3 wins, 23 ends 50 points. Third place: Andy Creagh(s) Sharon Gordon, Bev Toulmin (Marton): 3 wins, 22 ends 43 points. Saturday 30 March roll-up results: skips: 1st Tania George - 3 wins, 14 ends 23 points. 2nd Andy Creagh - 2.5 wins, 13 ends 26 points. 3rd JD - 1.5 wins, 8 ends 15 points. Twos: 1st Wayne Pudney - 2 wins, 14 ends 22 points. 2nd Noeline Schollum - 2 wins, 12 ends 22 points. 3rd Graeme Morris - 2 wins, 11 ends 28 points. Leads: 1st Bev Toulmin - 3 wins, 13 ends 29 points. 2nd Sharon Pudney - 2 wins, 15 ends 25 points. 3rd Paul White - 2 wins, 11 ends 21 points. Please note a correction and apology regarding the corner to corner competition - Aaron Paulger was the winner, not Andy Creagh as I reported last week. Up and coming event: Sunday 28 April @ 1pm - closing day. Whites and a plate please.



Above: Drury Hill; winners of Marton Bowling Club Hospice 3 bowl triples, from left: Graeme Tauri, Enid Mullany (Marton club captain), Ian Broderson, Glenis Pidwell(s).

Game bird hunters 'first step' towards promising new season

Keen game bird hunters will soon take the first step towards bagging some wild game when the new hunting season opens - with game bird hunting licences for the 2019 season on sale since Thursday, March 14. For thousands of hunters, buying a hunting licence means they can hunt waterfowl including ducks, along with upland game birds such as pheasants, from opening day - Saturday, May 4.

Licences are available at many sports stores or online through the Fish & Game website www.fishandgame.org.nz (click on 'licences').

New Zealand Fish & Game Council chief executive Martin Taylor says that harvesting game birds for the dinner table is a time-honoured Kiwi tradition.

"Game bird hunting is just as relevant today as increasingly, people seek out unprocessed whole foods. Wild game meat is a good source of lean protein, free range meat without chemical additives or hormones." Mr Taylor says those who hunt create a smaller environmental footprint by bringing their own food to the dinner table.

Fish & Game is a statutory body funded and governed by licenceholders with predictable spinoff benefits for other wildlife from creating and improving wetlands around the country, Mr Taylor says.

All hunting licences must display a game bird habitat stamp on them; with the money raised used to enhance wild life habitat. Through this game bird licence income, hunters have protected and maintained wetlands throughout the country.

"This has benefited overall biodiversity by providing habitat for native fish and birds," Mr Taylor says.

"Projects to enhance, or restore wetlands, in different parts of the country have benefited adult whitebait for example and birds such as the endangered Australasian bittern and rare black stilt."

The general public is also encouraged to buy the stamps. Martin Taylor reminds people that anyone, not just hunters, can do their bit to help fund various wildlife restoration projects.

Prospects for the coming game bird season; starting on the first Saturday in May are looking good.

Fish & Game staff say that while many areas have suffered from a dry start to the year, a reasonably damp spring through much of the country provided ducks with good breeding opportunities.

Some regions have good numbers of pheasant and California quail, with the bonus for upland game bird hunters, that the season runs almost to the end of August.

In Nelson/Marlborough, for the first time in years, chukar partridge are back on the licence; offering the dedicated upland game hunter a rare opportunity. The chukar is the game bird of the year on this year's habitat stamp.

Native to the Middle East and southern Asia, chukar are found in many South Island high country regions.



RANGITIKEI LINE BULLETIN

National Remembrance Service

Council appreciates those residents who were able to attend the local services in Taihape and Marton on 29 March 2019 prior to the live-streaming of the National Remembrance Service from Christchurch. Council is particularly grateful for the support from the Ad-Deen Mosque, Taihape Islamic Centre and from the Taihape Majestic Theatre and St Stephens Church for making their facilities available.

Annual Plan consultation has started

At its meeting on 27 March 2019, Council adopted the consultation document 'Unfolding 19/20' together with the full draft Annual Plan and the proposed 2019/20 schedule of fees and charges. All these documents are on the Council website and printed copies available at the Council's Marton Office, the libraries in Bulls, Marton and Taihape, the Hunterville Trading Company and the Ratana Shop. A series of public meetings are being held across the District during April, full details are in the consultation document or on Council's website - www.rangitikei.govt.nz.

Youth Council established

The Youth Council (with 11 members) had its inaugural meeting on 17 March 2019, as part of a weekend retreat. Discussion focussed on the terms of reference and the work plan for the year, to be adopted at the Council's next meeting.

Amendment to speed limit bylaw

Council has approved a reduction in the speed limit (from 100 km/h to 70 km/h) along the northern section of Hendersons Line to where it intersects with Pukepapa Road. The change will be in effect by the end of April.

Where are the approved dog exercise areas?

To ensure dog owners know exactly where they can exercise their dogs, Council has approved maps for the five sites - Turakina Domain, Bulls Domain, Marton Park, Robin Street (Taihape) and Taihape Memorial Park. Signs showing the maps will be put in place soon.

Bull statues in Bulls

Over the past year, the bull statues developed through the initiative of the Lions Club, have become an eye-catching feature for Bulls, with many visitors stopping to photograph and climb onto them. This popularity has caused some damage which needs repair. In response to the request from the Bulls Community Committee for Council to assist with the cost, Council decided to confirm ownership with the Bulls & District Community Trust and make a grant of up to \$2,000 each year for repairs based on detailed invoices.

Marton Memorial Hall playground to get bigger - and better

Council has agreed to extend the playground area beside the Memorial Hall into the carpark and make

a new sealed carpark at the back of the Hall. This will allow the planned upgrade of the playground by the Marton Development Group to proceed. When completed, the playground will complement the upgraded skateboard park in attracting many more visitors to Marton.

Outcome of last year's resident survey

After last year's survey of residents closed, an analysis was done to find those problems which were most commented on. Managers then developed improvement plans, put to the relevant Council committee. Last month Council was briefed on the results of these actions to date. One example was a request for more face-to-face contact and community meetings where people can go and ask questions. The annual plan meetings this month are intended to provide that opportunity. Another was a view that Council was only being reactive in managing its community buildings, the appointment of a handyperson on staff is changing that.

Reform of vocational education

Council is taking advantage of the extended date for submissions to make a written comment to the Ministry of Education on its intended reforms of vocational education. Council wants to ensure that opportunities for local people to gain greater skills without having to travel distances is considered in the changes.

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1 Oaklea Avenue, Marton

CONTEMPORARY FAMILY HOME

This solid 1960's home set back from the road creates privacy and is located in the sought-after area of Oaklea Ave amongst other established homes. 3 bedrooms with wardrobes. Combined kitchen and dining. Separate lounge with logfire, and French doors to the front porch. Ceiling and underfloor insulation. Double garage and workshop plus adjoining hobby room or studio. The back yard is sun drenched, sheltered, and private. Priced to Sell on Today's Market at \$347,000. **Property ID: M1366**



\$347,000



Marton **\$80,000**

RESIDENTIAL SECTION

Are you thinking of your retirement and need a section that is close to town to build your low maintenance dream home? Then this is the ideal site: being a 720m² flat corner section, making it an easy site to build on. Located approximately 200 metres from the centre of town, giving you easy access to shops, churches, and medical centre. Services located in road frontage. Realistically priced at \$80,000. **Property ID: M1315**



505 Wellington Road, Marton

LOOKS CAN BE DECEPTIVE

This property is like an unhatched butterfly; waiting to be appreciated and admired when it is fully developed. The basics seem good and sound, with plenty of space inside - 3 bedrooms, open plan kitchen and dining. Separate lounge with logfire. Large double garage and workshop space, plus carport. All set on a manageable ¼ acre that backs onto the Tutaenui Stream. Realistically Priced to sell at \$255,000. No Open Homes. Viewing by Appointment Only. **Property ID: M1365**

\$255,000



7 Beaven Street, Marton

DECEPTIVELY CAPTIVATING

Old World Cottage Charm set high on Beaven St, with energy saving solar panels. 3 bedrooms, plus office or studio off the dining room, with access to courtyard. Dining and informal living room, with logfire heating. There is room for everyone in the generous lounge. The 1,012sqm section is well fenced, with private and peaceful backyard. Ideal home for the family, or the creative at heart. **Property ID: M1346**

\$217,000



40 Canteen Street, Marton

ENTRY LEVEL HOME

Step onto the property ladder, or add to your rental portfolio with this 3 bedroom 1960's weatherboard home. Single garage and 889m² fenced yard. Combined kitchen/dining room opens into the lounge with logfire heating. Bathroom with shower over bath. Room for the kids to play. A blank canvas ready for you to add your decorative tastes and colours. Realistically Priced to sell at \$179,000. **Property ID: M162**

\$179,000

