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Vettest day

The latest storm over NZ delivered one town's wettest day on record and broke several other long held rainfall statistics, according to

Lower pressure than normal fuelled several high impact weather events during July. Standout statistics include: Oamaru's wettest day on record since daily rainfall records started in 1950. That happened on Friday July 21, when 161.2mm was recorded in 24 hours. The previous record was 128mm in April, 2006. In a normal July, Oamaru's total rainfall is 40.6mm.

Following last week's rain, winter 2017 became Oamaru's wettest winter on record and July 2017 the town's wettest July recorded.

Dunedin had its wettest July day on record since 1918, on Friday, when 89mm fell – beating the 2007 record of 75.8mm.

At Winchmore, South Canterbury, between 9am on Friday and 9am on Saturday, 150.7mm of rain was recorded – more than the twice the normal total for the whole of July. Christchurch recorded 88.6 mm at the airport. Christchurch's normal July total rainfall is 64.7 mm.

Atmospheric rivers are long, narrow regions in the atmosphere - like rivers in the sky - that transport water vapour from the tropics.

Emerging research indicates that, for NZ, atmospheric rivers occur about 40 days per year and are associated with up to 48% of rainfall extremes for parts of the country. Atmospheric rivers were also prevalent during events like the Tasman Tempest and the remnants of ex-tropical Cyclone Debbie earlier this year.

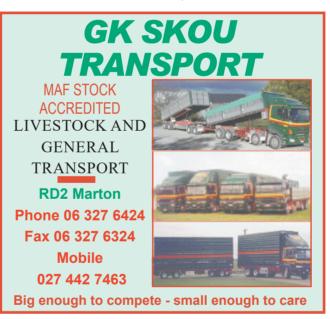
The extreme rainfall over the weekend, coincided with some very high storm tides for Christchurch. The peak storm tide, about about 3.15 pm last Saturday, was equal highest recorded, in the last 13 years, at NIWA's Sumner (ChCh) gauge - which exacerbated flooding in low lying areas. What's next? Heading into the weekend and early next week, high pressure may arch over the country; delivering a period of dry weather for many places, aside from the eastern NI, where an onshore breeze may deliver rain.



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A colourful Marton dawn, after the recent snow laden storm that ravaged much of the country. Liz Rayner photo.

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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.

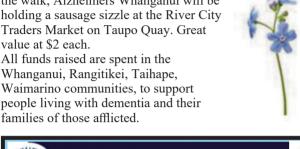
Should you not require a t- shirt, entry is by way of a gold coin donation on the day.

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 their









Alzheimers Memory National Army Museum powers into the future

New Zealand's first dual fast-charge electric vehicle station outside Auckland was launched in Waiouru last week by leading American electric vehicle advocate Chelsea Sexton.

The charging station, at the National Army Museum, is a joint project by Powerco, ChargeNet NZ and the museum and signals a key development in NZ's rapidly evolving EV infrastructure. "We believe wholeheartedly that electric vehicles are the transport of the future and, as one of New Zealand's largest electricity distributors, we are committed to helping achieve a cleaner, greener future," says Powerco commercial manager Eric Pellicer.

"EVs are cheaper, cleaner and quieter to run than traditional petrol and dieselfuelled vehicles, however one of the challenges until now has been the ability to charge them quickly, and when you are away from home, says Mr Pellicer.

"Most electric vehicles take six to eight hours to charge, at a standard power point, but fast charge stations like this one can charge a vehicle in less than 25 minutes. "By providing a network of these fast charge stations around the country, we are alleviating the 'range anxiety' that comes with owning an electric vehicle." The Waiouru station has two chargers, each capable of charging any car equipped



of charging any car equipped for DC charging.

for DC charging.

"There is a growing demand for charging stations to meet the needs of long-distance EV travellers and Waiouru's central North Island location is perfectly position to meet that demand," says Mr Pellicer.

Steve West, CEO of ChargeNet NZ, adds, "We have already partnered with Powerco on installing fast chargers at seven sites. Waiouru is the first site where we have installed two chargers at once and that reflects this key location's importance in our growing charging network, as well as the significant growth in EV ownership."

The charger's installation coincides with a \$2.5 million upgrade of the National Army Museum, which includes a new exhibition gallery, council-run iSITE and expanded retail gift shop.

"The National Army Museum is committed to a more sustainable, environmentally friendly future, so it was a logical step to provide a car charging facility at the museum," says museum director Tracy Puklowski.

"We are the perfect place to stop when travelling through the North Island and users will have a chance to explore the museum's galleries and visit Home Fires Café while they wait."

Powerco is New Zealand's second-largest electricity utility and largest gas distribution utility, with around 442,000 consumers connected to its networks. Powerco's electricity networks are in western Bay of Plenty, Thames, Coromandel, eastern and southern Waikato, Taranaki, Whanganui, Rangitikei, Manawatu and the Wairarapa. Its gas pipeline networks are in Taranaki, Hutt Valley, Porirua, Wellington, Horowhenua, Manawatu and Hawke's Bay.





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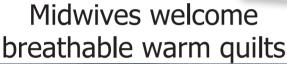
Did you see robbers?

Marton Police would like help from members of the public who may have seen takeaway robbers.

Marton Police report that at about 7.56pm on Monday, 24 July 2017, two offenders entered the Guang Dong Takeaway premises on Wellington Rd, Marton which was robbed of a quantity of cash.

Police believe the two offenders were milling around the park benches on the corner of High St and Wellington Rd, for at least half an hour before entering the premises. Members of the public may have seen these persons in that area, as they were clearly hanging around the front of the takeaway shop. Police are also interested in an SUV (similar in shape to a Pajero) seen parked on Hair St, Marton which left at speed, shortly after this offence. The vehicle went through the Wellington Rd and Hammond St roundabout before travelling onto Follett St then turned left into Stewart St. Police have good descriptions of the offenders and any information the public can provide will help identify these persons.

HEALTH SCENE





Cherie Ede and baby Braxtyn Ede with midwife Cyd Welsh, urge the use of beathable blankets for babies.

Whanganui community midwives are busy distributing 18 beautifully made, babies' quilts, gifted to expectant mothers by Cotton On Quilters' Whanganui group.

WDHB maternity services quality coordinator Angela Adam says midwives see women who know that woollen blankets are best for babies but have indicated that cost is a barrier. She says that, after finding second-hand woollen blankets and flannelette sheets, the quilters join three layers – top, batting and backing - which they sew together to create a warm quilt. "The WDHB's maternity service and midwives are very grateful to the Cotton On Quilters and other groups and individuals who make blankets for our babies," Mrs Adam says. "The message we're keen to spread is that babies' blankets need to be woollen. We need people to move away

Horizons' community grants spread across region

Twelve community groups across the Manawatu-Whanganui Region will receive funding from Horizons Regional Council's community grants programme, towards projects that will enhance the natural environment.

Set up in 2012, the grants fund was established to support community groups, schools, early childhood centres, and iwi/hapu groups, with projects that enhance the Region and encourage more people to engage with the natural

This year, 18 applications sought a share of the allocated \$20,000 funding.

Horizons chair Bruce Gordon says applications were assessed on environmental benefits, feasibility, community involvement and long-term benefits.

"This year there were a number of requests for native planting, pest plant and animal control, environmental education, and wetland restoration initiatives," he says.

"Horizons community grants provide a great platform for the public to learn more about the environment and encourage greater use of the Region's facilities and amenities. It's also a fantastic way to help these groups get their project off the ground, or enhance what they are already doing to conserve our natural environment."

The 12 successful applicants were awarded either part or full funding; ranging between \$250.00 to \$3,000 and included Hospice Whanganui, schools, and community groups.

Bulls River Users Group – weed control, plantings, picnic area upgrade. Bushy Park Education Group - environmental education. Carlton School – native planting. Hiwinui School development of natural area and pest control. Hospice Whanganui - native planting. Kairanga School - wetland fencing and signage. National Park School - planting. Ohakune 2000 – river enhancement, through planting. Progress Castlecliff – dune restoration. Rapanui Brunswick Playcentre - planting and introduction of bugs. Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart - wetland restoration. South Makirikiri School – native planting.

Applications for the next round of funding will open in 2018. For further information on community grants, please visit www.horizons.govt.nz or phone Horizons on freephone

from acrylic and polar fleece blankets."

Early last year, Whanganui midwives attracted national and international media exposure with their warning about the dangers of wrapping babies in plastic-based polar fleece blankets that don't breathe.

"We know polar fleece blankets are made from items such as recycled bags and plastic bottles and that this can lead to babies overheating, sweating and then getting too cold, because their sweat won't evaporate," Mrs Adam says.

"My midwifery colleagues and I are urging parents not to use them. I don't think the general public realise exactly what polar fleece blankets are made of and how they can cause babies to overheat. It's concerning that babies, wrapped in polar fleece, have no air circulating around their bodies.'

While there's no proof that polar fleece blankets contribute to SUDI from overheating, Mrs Adam says, "Babies look like 'little beetroots' when they're wrapped up in polar fleece. It's worrying that a polar fleece blanket can be bunched up, water poured inside it and there's no leakage; due to it being

Raising awareness about the dangers of polar fleece blankets is now an integral part of the Whanganui midwives' efforts to encourage safe sleeping.

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Marton Music Society variety concert- this Sunday, July 30 at the Friendship Hall in Morris St, 2pm. All are welcome.

Building Awesome Whanau parenting programme. Monday nights, for 6 weeks, starting 31 July at Marton School. 5.30 - 7.30pm. Register at jigsawwhanganui(06)3451636.

Choral Evensong- St Stephen's church, Maunder St, 5pm 30 July. St Stephen's Day Festival Service - St Stephen's Church, Maunder St. 9.30am, Sunday 6 August. Followed by morning tea – all welcome.

Blue Tie Ball - the third biennial event to raise funds for the local PN Rescue Helicopter - Marton Memorial Hall, Saturday August 19. Tickets at Rangitikei District Monitor office, 355 Wellington Rd, Marton. Make up a group and buy your own table... tickets selling fast. Go online and visit the Facebook page for tickets too.

Taihape Country Market - coming soon to St David's Church Hall, Huia St. Bring, sell, buy - arts & crafts, produce, baking - any saleable item. Ring Garry Johnson for more information - 06 388 0185, or 0274 464 498.

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

Bulls Wear-A-Bull Arts Show, Bulls Town Hall, Saturday August 19. Theme: A Night in Hollywood - entries by August 12. Booklet available at the Bulls Library and Bulls Information Centre.

For more info: contact Jan Harris 0211745951 - bulls. community@xtra.co.nz

Bulls School 150th reunion - Labour Weekend, October 2017 - contact the school office for more information, or put your name forward to help organise this exciting weekend. Phone 3221184, or email office@bulls.school. nz - see the Bulls School reunion page on Facebook.

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Marton Friendship Club

Raffles won by Vic, Jean T, Jean Mac, Bill and Roka. Our club days are going very well despite of winter conditions. Music on Friday was supplied by John Sollitt. A mixture of gospel, country and ballads. Our entertainers are very talented and not to be missed. This Friday, is treasures day. Bring along a cherished item and tell us about its history and that of yourself. This is always a surprise as many Marton people have grown up many miles distant. The funny stories are just great to listen to. Come in to a nice warm hall and let us entertain you. Visitors welcome. Friday 28, 2pm. Hall open at 1.30pm for the early birds.

Marton RSA

Right now, you will have noticed, our yearly raffle is out there and selling very well indeed. We have brought our raffle selling forward this year so as not to get involved in the Christmas rush.

Jim Stantiall has joined Ralph Galliers in selling raffles and has indeed proved a great help. Go for it Jim!

Once again we have suffered a sad loss. Longtime RSA member Colin Velvin passed away recently. Colin was a Korean vet and has been a great supporter of the RSA concept; being our Marton welfare officer for some years. Though he was ill, he was still out there to the very end. Thank you Colin. Colin and his wife Maureen were involved in various clubs etc around Marton and this will be a sad loss for Marton. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Colin's family.

Colin had a great sense of humour, when asking him if he was behaving, his answer was "like a saint," yeah right, St

No name - but I hear a member of our RSA is about to turn 95. To that unnamed member, Happy Birthday when it arrives -S from us all.

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Marton Music Society



Young musicians Lucy Wilson and Sylvia Liu will perform on Sunday at the Marton Music Society variety show.

Hunterville Shaw House Seniors

What a wonderful experience!

A Hotel Coachman high tea on a cool Sunday afternoon. Edith Bull, president of the Hunterville seniors had booked our group of ten "girls" in for just such an outing on Sunday 16 July.

Our afternoon tea table was set out with beautiful coloured china, serviettes and teapots. The focal points along the table were the three amazing cake stands, filled with tiny club sandwiches, tasty mini savouries, delightful slices, dainty lemon tarts, and of course the jam, cream and scones. Oh, I forgot - we were each offered a glass of bubbly! What more could we ask for ? It was perfect.

Perhaps ,ladies we should have worn our hats on this occasion!

The next meeting will be on 11 August and our guest will be Marion Dean with her very interesting presentation from "Easie Living" (enabling life your way).

Afternoon tea was introduced in England, around 1860, by the upper and middle classes



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This Sunday July 30, the Marton Music Society is holding a Variety Concert at the Friendship Hall in Morris St at 2pm and all are welcome.

There will be several local musicians performing favourite works, including pianist Richard Peirce playing a selection of Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words and Rosemary Twiss playing a blues number by American composer William Gillock and a work by Granados.

Head of Music at Nga Tawa, Paul Ellery will be including the old Irish favourite 'Danny Boy' in a beautiful arrangement by Bill Evans.

Two Nga Tawa students will also perform.

Lucy Wilson has been learning singing for five years from Lynn Whiteside and is currently working on her diploma and she will be singing songs by Fleetwood Mac, Schuman and the British composer Frank Bridge.

Sylvia Liu is a pianist who came to Nga Tawa eighteen months ago from the very large city of Shanghai in China and her selection will include a Gondola Song by Mendelssohn and a Chinese folk song. Cameron Goldfinch of Wanganui will be singing 'You Lift Me Up' and the concert will be followed by afternoon tea.

Admission is by donation and all are very welcome to a pleasant afternoon of variety and enjoyment.

NZQA Confident in UCOL

A four yearly review by NZQA demonstrates that communities can continue to have confidence in UCOL as a high quality tertiary education provider.

The review, conducted by a panel appointed by NZQA, has no concerns and contributed positive feedback for continued and improving performance of the polytechnic.

The NZQA External Evaluation and Review (EER) is carried out every four years by an appointed team of professional evaluators with tertiary education sector experience.

Examples of improvements made by UCOL over the last four years include the timely introduction of new programmes and initiatives in collaboration with others, as well as a proactive approach to maintaining relevant programmes. UCOL introduced 26 new qualifications in 2016, for example apiculture, which supports the region's economic growth and Accelerate 25 initiatives.

Credible, long term focused initiatives include investing in teaching staff, providing them with training and support for a relationship based teaching and learning approach that improves student achievement. UCOL is the first tertiary education organisation in New Zealand to formally employ this approach - called Te Atakura. The report acknowledges continuous improvement in student success, relationships with external stakeholders, outcomes for graduates, and a strong, professional staff.

The evaluation report states that "UCOL can demonstrate a credible and connected sequence of actions and improvements". UCOL CE Leeza Boyce says, "It is evident that UCOL has worked hard to improve consistency of practices and educational outcomes across all campuses. The EER report is informative and will be used, along with other guiding documents, to further shape UCOL's future. We accept the report and will take up the recommendations made. We are on a clear trajectory, taking positive steps and a genuine approach to improving our organisational performance. We are a high performing tertiary institute and want to continue to improve for the benefit of our students and communities."

He Tohu attracts 10,000 visitors

The He Tohu exhibition at the National Library of NZ -Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, celebrated its 10,000th visitor after just eight weeks.

"Attracting 10,000 visitors less than eight weeks after opening is a tribute to the care and effort that has gone into He Tohu. It's a remarkable, accessible experience for all New Zealanders, particularly our young people," says Peter Murray, Deputy CE, Department of Internal Affairs. He Tohu, a new permanent exhibition of our iconic constitutional documents, opened to the public on 20 May 2017. Since then over 1,000 school children have come through the doors, along with teachers, families, overseas dignitaries and international and local tourists. The media has suggested that every young person in the country should visit He Tohu. On the opening day, 84% of visitors surveyed, said the exhibition greatly exceeded their expectations. Visitors have described He Tohu as "unbelievably beautiful, a magic place" and "a huge experience.'

He Tohu is open six days a week at the National Library of New Zealand, Molesworth St, Wellington.

Entry is free... www.hetohu.nz

Slow down around schools as term begins

Brake, the road safety charity is reminding drivers to slow down and look out for kids as schools and kindergartens return and roads around them will be busy with parents and

Brake is calling on drivers to slow down to 30km/h, outside schools, to help protect young lives. At speeds of under 30km/h drivers have a much better chance of being able to stop in time, if a child runs out, than at higher speeds.

The charity is also reminding drivers about the 20km/h speed limit in, both directions if passing a school bus that has stopped to let children on or off.

Brake's NZ director Caroline Perry says: "The death of a child on the road is devastating and we're reminding drivers that they have a responsibility to do everything they can to protect other road users, when they're at the wheel. This means slowing down around schools and in communities, to help keep kids safe. Children can be unpredictable, so drivers need to give the road their full attention. Many schools have lower speed limits around them but we urge drivers to commit to slowing down even further, to 30km/h, so they are much more likely to stop in time if a child runs out and if they do hit, the child is far more likely to survive," says Caroline.

Parents can also help protect their children by teaching road safety messages such as: holding hands with young children; safety when crossing the road and using stop, look and listen; crossing only at designated crossing points, or if there aren't any, crossing at safe places; not on bends or between parked cars. Other pedestrian safety precedures are taking headphones off and not using a phone when crossing.

Barber Gallery on the move

Success has its drawbacks sometimes when it comes to room so Marton Barber's Art Gallery is making a move to brighter, more convenient premises in the commercial centre of Marton.

The Gallery has been a little cramped in its present location so now along with Lynley Means, the Marton Barber, it will be operating from 330 Wellington Rd, near the Broadway - High St intersection from mid-August.

The art Gallery has been steadily increasing in popularity with tour operators. A busload of people fills the present space making viewing difficult.

John and Lise Archbold, the gallery curators, are actively promoting Marton and the Gallery and can arrange lunch bookings at The Club Hotel; given notice. They say they are keen to include other local businesses that may be of interest to visitors to the town and region.

The Gallery and Marton Barber will remain open at 26 High St until the move in mid August.

The Archbolds are keen to include work from more local artists and look forward to seeing them represented in the new space - just get in touch.



Marton Barber's Art Gallery baber Lynley Means (left) with John and Lise Archbold,

at their new and bigger premises due to open mid-August.

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Now's the time of the year when fruit trees are readily available from garden centres and it's the best time to plant them so they have the rest of winter and all of spring to establish, before they hit their first summer.

When choosing fruiting plants to grow it's important to select the types of fruit that you and your family most enjoy and then to pick the cultivars that are most suitable and productive for your locality.

It's a waste of time buying an apricot tree that needs a cold winter followed by a warm spring if these climatic conditions don't exist in your region. It is better to buy one that bears well, without a real winter chilling.

A number of fruiting trees require a suitable pollinator to obtain good crops, which means you need to buy two different cultivars to ensure that you have a good fruit set.

Nowadays, we can find plums (for instance) that have a double graft; meaning that two varieties of plums will be produced on the same root stock.

The varieties chosen for the grafting will often include a pollinator, so only one tree is needed but two types of plums will be harvested.

For a time some nurseries were producing triple or more varieties onto the same root stock. These were more difficult to produce and often one graft would fail in preference to the other two.

Even if the three did take nicely, it would mean some complicated pruning to ensure that the 3 parts performed equally and in many cases one would ultimately fail.

I'm not sure if these multi-grafted trees are still available and in many ways they can be a waste of time and effort. Even with a twin graft, one has to monitor the two aspects to ensure both are growing equally well, without one superseding the other.

In the likes of apples and some other grafted fruit, you may have a choice of the type of root stock such as MM106 etc.

The root stock type will help determine the ultimate size of the tree and thus the amount of fruit it can bear. These are MM106 (4-5m) MM793 (3.5-4m) and EM9 (2.5-3m). The latter is also referred to as dwarfing root stock. These can be a great advantage for people with smaller sections.

Some types maybe labelled 'self fertile' which means you have no need for another tree as a pollinator. Others may have their name on the label along with recommended pollinators. These are important aspects to consider when you are buying any fruiting tree. Self fertile will produce good crops but better again if there is a second suitable cultivar or the same species planted nearby.

Another tip: because of the lack of bees in some parts of New Zealand, if you plant your fruit tree downwind (prevailing wind) of your pollinator, you will likely have a better fruit set due to pollen being breeze carried. Also, you don't need large garden space as any new

fruit trees can be grown as container plants.

There are many advantages to this because you can grow many more trees in containers, than you could ever grow in open ground. The containers restrict the root system, making for smaller trees, no matter what root stock they are on. Smaller trees are easier to manage, spray and being in a container, fewer nutrients from leach away.

Crops are smaller but there's minimal wastage, as you tend to eat all the fruit produced.

They are easier to protect from birds as the fruit ripens. and if you move house you can take your fruit trees with you without too much hassle.

For those interested in this method - here is how I do it. Firstly choose the largest plastic rubbish tin you can find (about 76 litres). Alternatively, use 200 litre plastic drums cut in half. Avoid black plastic ones as they can cook the roots if in strong, direct sunlight.

Drill a few 40-50mm wide holes in the sides of the container about 100 mm up from the bottom for drainage. This leaves an area at the base, for surplus water in the summer.

Now, for a growing medium to fill the containers, don't waste your money on potting mixes as they lack the long term goodness that a tree needs. Instead, use a manure based compost.

There are organic mulches and composts available from most garden centres, that are made of bark fines, composted with animal manures. Add to this, a few handfuls of clean top soil, mixed or layered through. I also add in worm-casts and worms from my worm farm.

The worms help keep the heavier composts open and also supply a continuous source of nutrients.

For extra goodness add in sheep manure pellets, blood & bone, Rok Solid and Bio Boost.

Plant up your tree so that the soil level is about 100mm below the rim of the container. This allows for easy watering and feeding. I mulch the top of the mix in spring, with old chook manure and apply Fruit and Flower Power (magnesium and potassium) once a month during the fruiting period.

Other foods can be applied as needed. If the roots are not allowed into the surrounding soil, you will need to lift the tree out of the container every 2-3 years and root prune by cutting off the bottom one third of the roots with a saw.

New compost and a bit of soil is placed in this area vacated and the tree put back in the container. This is best done in winter when the tree is dormant.

Another interesting thing to try is making a grapevine into a column or weeping vine.

A few years back I saw grapevines grown in containers and pruned, so that they were just a upward growing, pole-like plant (when cut back in winter).

These grapes stood about 2 metres out of the containers and had trunks up to 100mm in diameter. The new laterals would appear off the trunk in the spring and with the weight of the grapes made a nice looking weeper covered in fruit.

To achieve this, simply obtain a grape vine that has a reasonably tallish trunk and leader. Secure these to a suitable stake and remove all other laterals, while its dormant.

The following winter, prune hard, back to this original form and repeat every winter.

As mentioned before, garden centres now have this

year's range of fruit trees in. If you can't find a particular specimen there, have a look on the Internet.



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RDC Environment portfolio added

At the beginning of its term the Rangitikei District Council declined to add an Environmental portfolio to its list of councillor's roles but things have changed.

At last month's meeting Cr Cath Ash accepted a newly added Environment portfolio saying. "I accept the portfolio. It's so important to local government and everyone should be aware of environmental needs, especially around water." An environmental point came up at once.

The use of the term 'spray and pray' in the mayor's report of a recent Water Symposium he attended, upset Cr Dean McManaway.

It's a term used to explain the technique hill country farmer's land use and it's linked to soil erosion into waterways.

Cr McManaway said he was worried where the use of the term would lead. He indicated it was a far more controlled operation that farmers use. "It's not spray and pray. There are a lot of people throwing stones, with little understanding of what they are saying. It would be wrong of me not to speak up for the farming sector."

Mayor Watson said he had attended the symposium and reported on it.

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MARTON LADIE'S 18 HOLE GOLF

Wednesday 19 July, Par Cup silver: 1st J Ritchie +2, 2nd B Pratt -1, 3rd A Bary -2. Bronze 1: 1st M Simpson +3, 2nd C Skou sq, 3rd G Burne & S Jensen -2. Bronze 2: 1st A Fleming sq CB, L Belsham sq, 2nd M Poppe -2, 3rd H Wilton -3, E Bowler -3, S Ballard -3. Sponsored balls: B Pratt, A Bary and G Burne. Lucky draw - R Williams; raffle - M Poppe. Wednesday 2 August, LGU medal & putting. Starters - J Christie, L Belsham; cards - A Fleming, D Gilmour;

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Wednesday Club results, 19th July. Competition: stableford; Heather Craig, Don McPherson, Lynne McDonald, Mark Nevile & Brian Francis - all 38pts, Judy Cooksley, Jono Cotton & Rob Giles - 37pts, Dan Scotson, Bryan Northcott & Kevin Taylor - 36pts, Karen Yorke, Geoff Ingram, Ian Whitehead & Stu De Burgh - 35pts, Dave Wright, Neil Atkins, Rex Wilson & Peter Young - 34pts. Twos: Lyndon Moore on 3rd & Lynne McDonald on 12th. Stableford jackpot; holes 6 & 7 not struck.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Saturday 22 July, Rose City Wood Panels handicapper's stableford trophy, mixed competition; A Baker 36, A Corbett 31, J Hill 30, J Stella 29, Larni Tipu 28, G Stanton & G Bond 27. No twos and jackpot not struck. Nearest the pins not struck. Must go this Saturday; on drop hole. Taimui challenge; Andy & Pinky bt Joby & Larni. Next challengers - Bondy & Pete. Coming events: Tuesday golfers' 18 holes - 9.00 am and 9 holes -9.30 am; tee offs. Saturday 29 July, captain's trophy. Nearest the pins up for grabs; 11.00am tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes, for only \$10. New members pay only \$250. All welcome - contact Grant

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB — ZONES TEAM PROGRESSES

The zones team defeated the gritty Waiouru team 5-1 at Rangatira - with the result in balance until the last hole. Kerry Wells won the last hole, to win both his match and the 4 ball with James Fannin. One up, Fannin lost his match on the 16th. In the other pairing, Dave Pollard was comfortable with a 4/3 win. Nick McGuinn won on the 16th, as did the McGuinn / Pollard 4 ball. The team now meets the strong Apiti team in the quarter final. Back home, the second round of the club champs was held in trying underfoot conditions. With considerable storm damage and numerous branches down, placing through the green was installed, as well as line of sight for all storm damage. Leading the field in was John Fenemor, with a solid 67 net, despite the ball not moving on every shot. As a consequence, Johnnie Walker came into play in the 19th. Fenemor played the par 3s extremely well. Playing partner Matt Thomas was in superb touch, with a sub-par round of 70 and 68 net. Thomas birdied 2, 4 and 14. Koke Cashell was all class in his 75 off the stick, for a net 69. Cashell birdied 1 and 6 and, but for a few issues on 2 and 3, was in sublime form. John Gilbert registered 71, playing the par 3s well, although he had a few issues on the last few holes. Duane Dick and Peter Valentine came in with 73 net. Valentine's round benefited from numerous 15 foot putts - in a precise machine like, performance. Dick chipped in for a birdie, on the 3rd but couldn't overcome the speed of the greens - in a conservative display. On 75, were Ken Cribb, JJ Walker and Briany Bristol. Merv Tapp joined John Fenemor in becoming familiar with Johnnie Walker. Twos - K Cashell, M Thomas, A Thomas. Due to the recent storm, the 3rd qualifying round of the club champs will be held this Sunday. As soon as the course dries out, enabling vehicles to safely manoeuvre around the course, working bees will be organised to clean up the recent damage. Anyone interested, or available, should contact Danny Mickleson for more information.

Marton Golf

Thursday 20 July; M Jones 39, D Oliver 39, A Stewart 39, R McDermott 38, D Angove 36, G Velvin 36, T Hammond 36, B Cameron 36, B Beck 36, F Ravn 34, G Calkin 33, P Simpson 33, B McGinniss 33, P Connolly 33, N Gordon 33. Most golf - B Craig. Saturday 22 July, Cooks Bar and TAB voucher - M Peina +5, D Angove +2, R Yorke +2, D Clark +1, P O'Connor +1, R Ellery +1, B Beck +1, J McDonald square, D Arnott square, P Simpson square, T Hammond -1, G McIver -1, T Mischewski -1, D Oliver -2, E Clark -2, P Skou -2, G McLay -2, R McDonald -2, S Duncan -2. Being here - P Connelly, T Calkin. Jackpot 4 balls; not struck. Twos; T Hammond 3rd, M Peina 17th. McVerry-Crawford Motors tournament, Sunday 20 August. Next week, medal. Duty - D Arnott; bar - R Yorke and A Duncan.

MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF

A great day's golf for those who turned out for our par round on Tuesday 25 July. Results; 1st division -1st Linda Brandon +1, 2nd Tim Brandon Oc/b, 3rd Brian Willis Oc/b. Second division - 1st Roy Powell +4, 2nd Luke Leersnyder +2, 3rd Dave McDougall +1. Third division 1st Sam Atkinson +1 c/b, 2nd Tom Trotter +1 c/b, 3rd Marion MacPhee -1 c/b, Lucky card winner was Marg Leersnyder and raffle winner; Brian Willis. Next week's competition is medal. Starters are Marg Lampp & Marg Linklater, with cards Sam Atkinson & Brian Hammerton. Kitchen is Wendy Ng

All division 1 teams had a break on 19 July, as a number of players were away contesting the NZ Masters competition in Tokoroa. Division 2 played another round, with Bulls RSA travelling to Wanganui to take on Cosmopolitan B. It was 6-all at the conclusion of singles matches. Cindy Malton won both her clashes, while Jason Trethewey, Marie Stewart, Jess Trethewey and John Fraser recorded 1 win each. Cosmopolitan took out the pairs, 5-4, to record an 11-10 overall victory. Jason Trethewey and Alastair Stewart won 2 of their 3 pairs matches.

MARTON RUGBY

Speirs Foods Marton played Taihape in the competition semi-final on 22 July. Marton was fortunate to be able to play this match at their home ground after some heavy rain the day and night prior. This match saw Marton playing for Robert Toulmin, who sadly passed away on Monday. Robert played flanker for the Marton Old Boys and also played for local rep teams. Rugby was an important part of Toulmin family life and they still get down to support teams as often as they can on a Saturday. The club expresses its condolences to the family and will again hope to take out the final next week, for many past players who would have been overjoyed

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to support Marton at the final! Last Saturday, Josh Hurn put the crowd's nerves at ease when, with a fantastic surge from Alex Mulipola and offload to Josh, we put our first points on the board. No conversion 5-3. The forwards dominated all set pieces. It did help that the Taihape hooker had a penchant for a crooked lineout in wet conditions. Isaac Greer, who has clearly been watching Dane Cole's hang out on the wing tactics, did a big boost down the sideline and popped the ball off to prop Brodie Ruruhe, who had the inside line. He offloaded to speedy halfback Josh Hurn, who scored his second try of the game. The conversion was made... 12-3. Liam McAleese scored a beautiful try in the first half, as did 'wild horse' John Kilisi. The halftime score was 22-3. Glenn Weitenberg, renowned for his spontaneous play, made a huge pass, out to clean out and, in need of some work, Titara Hika, waiting on the wing, made a good, busting run down the sideline and offloaded to the 'horse'.. who was loving the mud...for his second try of the game! 29-3 to Marton. Other tries in the second half went to captain Steven Karehana who, despite looming retirement, has kept up the speed of his youth and Alex Mulipola, who made the most of a good vision kick from Glenn Weitenberg and Matthew Haskell, who made sure the ball got over the line, after someone else in the team had already scored the try, despite the watching eyes of 2 officials. The final score of the game was a whopping 48-3 (perhaps it could have been 50-3, if Steven Karehana had practised his conversions a little more and was able to slot the last one). Marton thanks all supporters, who turned out in the rain on Saturday and sponsors of the day - B E Stantiall and McVerry-Crawford Motors. We also thank sponsors who made it to the game on Saturday and for your congratulations at the after match. We look forward to seeing many of you at the final next weekend. The Cooks Gardens Wanganui final, kicks off for Marton and Hunterville on Saturday 29 July, at 12.45pm; followed by the premier final between Ruapehu and Border. Again, we need to ensure that we are there to support the boys on Saturday, dressed in our yellow and blue and ready to see Marton win a first final since the 1994 team took out the premier grade. Please save the date of Saturday 5 August for our Prizegiving at the Marton Rugby clubrooms. This is a formal occasion, so don your gladrags! Doors open at 5.00pm; dinner is at 6.30pm; followed by a band that kicks off at 8.00pm. There is a \$10 door charge but we look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate a fantastic year with the Stingerz. The band 'Reset' plays the gig.

ST STEPHEN'S INDOOR BOWLS

Inis week, the club was host to the St Francis, Bulls and Mt Biggs clubs, for our visitors' evening. We played 3 games of St Kilda system and then enjoyed a very nice supper, supplied by club members. The raffles were then drawn and we thank all present for their support. The winning prizes were given out by our president, Ray. Winning skip was Kevin B from Bulls; The three winner was Kevin E from Bulls, the two winner Robin from St Stephen's and the winning lead was Colleen; also from St Stephen's. The hard luck prizes for the skips went to Kevin and Neil from St Francis. The three was Trevor from Bulls; the two was Theresa from Bulls and the lead was Joyce from St Stephen's. On behalf of the club, we thank all visiting bowlers for supporting our evening. All games were played in a sportsmanlike manner and alot of fun and laughter was had. A reminder to all members – club rinks champs next week.

Sport continued on pg 11...



RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings in August 2017

Turakina Community Committee

Thursday 3rd at 7.30 pm

(Ben Nevis Hotel, SH-3, Turakina)

Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management **Subcommittee**

Monday 7th at 3.00 pm

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Tuesday 8th at 10.00 am

Bulls Community Committee

Tuesday 8th at 5.30 pm

(Supper Room, Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls)

Ratana Community Board

Tuesday 8th at 6.30 pm

(Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street, Ratana Paa)

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management **Subcommittee**

Wednesday 9th at 4.00 pm

(Council Chamber, Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street,

Taihape Community Board

Wednesday 9th at 5.30 pm

(Council Chamber, Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street,

Marton Community Committee

Wednesday 9th at 7.00 pm

(Youth Club, Centennial Park, Humphrey St, Marton)

Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Thursday 10th at 10.00 am

Policy/Planning Committee

Thursday 10th at 1.00 pm

Audit/Risk Committee

Monday 14th at 2.00 pm

Hunterville Community Committee

Monday 21st at 6.30 pm

(Library, Hunterville Town Hall, Bruce Street, Hunterville)

Finance/Performance Committee

Thursday 31st at 9.30 am

Council

Thursday 31st at 1.00 pm

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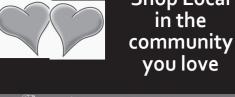
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All meetings, unless otherwise specified, will be held in the Council Chamber, 46 High Street, Marton

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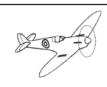
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BULLS INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

On Monday evening, some members travelled to St Stephen's club. We enjoyed a pleasant evening, with three games. This was followed by a lovely supper and raffles. Thank you St Stephen's. We have finalised our club fours. Three teams qualified. Paul and Marilyn beat Allan and Tony. Paul and Marilyn then played John and Jean. This was a very close game, with Marilyn and Paul winning. Well done. The raffles were won by John and Mavis. Next week will be a club night.

St Francis Indoor Bowls

This week, we played our singles championship. After the four qalifying rounds, 5 qualified for the finals They were Shirley, Rose, Peter, Robbie and Neil. Robbie then went on to beat Rose in the final, to become singles champion for 2017. Kevin won the raffle this week. Next week, we are back to a normal clubnight. Next Monday, our club has been invited to an evening of bowls at the St Stephen's Club. Come along for a fun night of bowls.

TARGET SHOOTING MARTON

Some more very good shooting from the top four this week. Kayla is still looking for her first top spot and looks like getting there soon. Results: Gary Cuff 97.02 99.04 196.06, Kayla Gledhill 97.07 98.05 195.12, Peter Lissington 97.03 98.04 195.07, Reon Sowry 96.01 98.06 194.07, Greg Gower 95.01 97.05 192.06, Jake Wright 98.04 94.02 192.06, Fred de Burgh 94.04 96.01 190.05, Samantha Gledhill 95.02 94.05 189.07, Bob Crawford 95.03 93.04 188.07, Neville Rhodes 94.01 94.04 188.05, Luke Sowry 94.04 90.00 184.04, Allan Wright 90.01 91.01 181.02, Guy Forster Pratt 92.00 89.00 181.00, Don Hamilton 90.01 89.06 179.07, Alan McCubbine 87.01 90.01 177.02, Alicia Ruardy 87.03 88.00 175.03, Kevin Moody 82.00 85.00 167.00.

MARTON MEN'S HOCKEY

Saturday was our annual sponsor's day and this year, our sponsors travelled with us on a bus to our game against Massey A. Marton had a strong line up and wanted to show their sponsors some appreciation by performing well. They did so, by winning 5-nil. MVP points (sponsored by Cooks Bar & Café) were awarded to: Nic Davey 1 point, Grayson Belk 2 points and Korran Death 3 points. Dick of the day was awarded to Todd Sutton, for missing an open goal.

Marton Women's Hockey

The Marton women's team displayed some great teamwork and played a really strong game against Massey Diamonds on Sunday. Our forwards played some impressive hockey and had some promising shots at goal, but were not lucky enough to score. Massey's skilled strikers scored two well deserved goals, resulting in an 0-2 loss to Marton. Next week's game is against Massey Hearts.

Email us your Sports and Club Reports monitoradvertising@xtra.co.nz

Bowling blokes sow their seed

Male members of Marton Bowling Club last week put their shoulders to the pulsating hose; to help re-grass the club's main green.

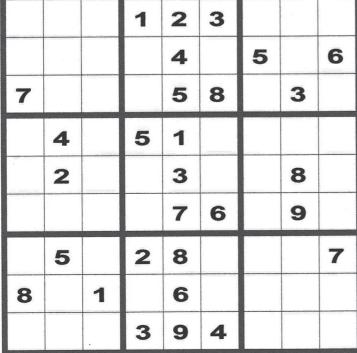
In a novel move, the club contracted the services of Palmerston North turf specialist, Mike de Malmanche, who's pictured directing the flow of water-borne mulch, seed and fertiliser, in a process called hydroseeding, which is fast becoming the standard method of rejuvenating bowling greens past their best.

Mr de Malmanche who, in the late 1990s, established paddocks producing Instant Lawn, alongside Palmerston North's north-west approach, last week applied almost 5000 litres of seed-laden slurry to the Marton green of just less than 1000m2. He says hydro-seeding's big advantage over traditional methods is the inclusion in the mix of a cellulose "tacifier" which binds the slurry to the underlying soil, excludes weed infestation and prevents wash-off by rain. Mike says mid-winter application is unavoidable, since that's when the Cotula maniototo seed, taken from existing greens, is made available by its Christchurch harvesters.

By Hamish White.







Last Week's Solution

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9	4	6	1	8	2	5	7	3
7	8	1	5	3	6	4	9	2



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for a new owner, this 3 bedroom | Situated in Marton's | on the edge of town (quiet-no | access and parking. Single | SECTIONS stucco home has been shopping centre, this through road). 4 bedroom extensively redecorated and historic building contains 2 home, with separate lounge won't last long at \$149,000. retail shops and 3 bedroom and sleepout with toilet. Separate lounge with logfire accommodation. Small Combined kitchen/dining/ heating. 1,012m² fully fenced manageable section, with family room. Land divided into building of approx 50m² and section with double garage/ double garage, outbuildings several paddocks, plus a range approx 400m² of sealed workshop, plus storesheds. and fully fenced. Handy to of outbuildings, including a Ideal for the 1st home buyer all schools and amenities. large multipurpose shed with and located opposite Marton There is the possibility of Junction School. Asking Price numerous opportunities horse loose boxes, workshop, \$149,000, so call Phillip today with this property. Motivated

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