

NZ's darkest day included locals

A NZ Passchendaele centenary commemoration was held at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park in Wellington on October 12.

The event marked the 100th anniversary of the attack on Bellevue Spur at the WW1 Battle of Passchendaele in Belguim - one of the costliest and bloodiest engagements in New Zealand's military history.

On 12 October 1917, about 843 NZ soldiers were killed and 1,860 wounded. Many more died as a result of wounds. The shocking statistics included Marton men killed in action at the Battle of Passchendaele (also known as the Third Battle of Ypres) when the Allies fought against the German Empire.

Marton RSA is keen for the names of Marton soldiers who died at Ypres to be remembered by us all. They are shocking now but must have been more shocking to loved ones and friends in 1917, when they were first published. Eleven of the Marton soldiers in the following list died in action at Ypres in 1917 and the list shows where they lived in Marton, before they left to go to war. One died in the Battle of Polygon Wood - the second phase of the Third Battle of Ypres.

politicians. The memorial was held on the steps of the Grave of the Unknown Warrior, in front of the Hall of Memories and was followed by the unveiling of a memorial gifted to NZ by the Belgian government. The commemoration ended with a shower of red paper poppies scattered from the carillon, accompanied by

DOWNS Charles Henry 12 October 1917 **JONES Fred NORMAN George THORPE** Arthur BURNETT Harold John 4 October 1917 MCDONALD Noel **SYMOND Robert JACKSON Adam WOOD Albert GREEN Fred Lionel** JAMES Henry Arthur 25 December 1917

12 October 1917 12 October 1917 12 October 1917 4 October 1917 **5 October 1917** 18 October 1917 16 Nov – Polygon Wood Morris St 14 December 1917 **CUNNINGHAM Arthur Cargill 25 November** The NZ centenary event was attended by hundreds of members of the NZ Defence Force, dignitaries and

Marton Junction Russell St Heaton Park Fern Flats Rata Tutaenui Rd "We will remember them." **Morris St** Ngareta St **Kensington Rd** Rata Turakina



The cenotaph at Marton Park where our WW1 fallen are memorialised.



² District Monitor October 19, 2017 Council wants feedback on Earthquake Prone Building laws

New earthquake prone buildings law could change the face of our district's main streets as well as becoming a substantial cost to owners.

New legislation for managing earthquake-prone buildings that came into law on July 1, has cut the time in half for dealing with buildings affected due to their location.

As a result of the new law, the Rangitikei District Council is required to consult with its communities to ensure that buildings in locations that could affect public safety during an earthquake are identified within 2.5 years and prioritised for either strengthening or demolition within 7.5 years.

The rules apply to buildings that have unreinforced masonry (URM) that hasn't been strengthened; a building of three or more storeys designed before 1976; a one or two storey building, designed before 1935, other than URM and timber buildings. The legislation does not apply to residential or farm dwellings.

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The priority areas are streets and roads that act as vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with enough traffic to warrant priority - such as central business areas. Council staff have prepared maps identifying the prone areas in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville and Taihape and letters and information and a submission form have gone out to building owners and dwellers in the priority zones.

Time spans are longer for other buildings in the district, not in priority areas, according to the new earthquake legislation. Those buildings have to be identified within five years and must be strengthened or demolished within 15 years.

Council is accepting written public submissions on the subject of local earthquake prone buildings until noon on November 7. Submitters can speak directly to council on November 9 and council will deliberate on the submissions at their November 30 meeting. Council plans to finalise the process at its 14



December meeting.

Building owners have expected new legislation for some time and now it's urgent they express their views to council.

Nga Tawa partnership for budding riders

Nga Tawa School has partnered with Rangitikei schools South Makirikiri and Huntley, as a well as Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, so they too can offer equestrian opportunities to their students.

Nga Tawa's community equestrian programme means it's no longer just Nga Tawa girls that have the opportunity to benefit from their 20 hectares of rolling farmland and fantastic facilities.

Nga Tawa is the only girls' boarding school in New Zealand with an onsite Equestrian Centre and their Equestrian Academy programme caters to Nga Tawa students of all levels and abilities.

"We're excited to be able to share our resources with budding local riders and hope to partner with other schools



Budding primary age riders can learn new skills in partnership with the Nga Tawa community equestrian programme.



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in the region as well" says Nga Tawa Principal, Lesley Carter. South Makirikiri student

Jano Klopper rides one of Nga Tawa's unflappable school ponies every Wednesday. "At first it was scary when I hopped on but I got used to it and then it was amazing. The saddle was hard to put on at first but now it's easy for me. I have the best instructor!" he says. Nga Tawa stables up to 80 horses on school grounds and their facilities include three large all-weather arenas, including a show jumping course, 1200m all-weather canter track and cross country training jumps

Nga Tawa students can ride competitively or for pleasure. Many are involved in the Nga Tawa branch of the New Zealand Pony Club Association. There are resident and external coaches, on site daily, to give students the best opportunity to succeed in their chosen discipline.

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Community members.

This week, it is time to reflect on "nature is key."

I am incredibly grateful for the Ingle Walkway in our community (Marton). This walkway is a treasure, where one can see kereru, tui, fantail as well as trickling water, or gushing, as the weather permits; ducks, dogs, painted rocks, changing plants and many other people in our community who also value this asset. It's the closest you can get to native bush. I am thankful to the Rangitikei District Council and the Keep Marton Beautiful group and McIlwaine's who have just installed handrails and steps.

In my mental health wellness, this a gem in our community is just part of this healing. Arohanui The Walk of Hope.

Keep complaining down

Sometime ago, someone wrote to the paper complaining about the noise made by the planes from Ohakea.

Had that person lived in the West Country of England during the last war, I am sure there would have been no complaints, only thanks to our airmen who kept our skies safe

The courage and tenacity of pilots during the D Day landings were something to wonder at.

I personally do not want to hear complaints about our pilots practising their skills on our behalf. Julia Crouch, Marton.

RDC gains LG rating

Rangitikei District Council has completed its inaugural assessment as part of the CouncilMARKTM local government excellence programme and been given an overall CouncilMARKTM rating of BB.

To earn a CouncilMARK™ rating, Council underwent a comprehensive assessment by independent experts measuring indicators across the four priority areas:governance, leadership and strategy; financial decision-making and

transparency; service delivery and asset management; and communicating and engaging with the public and business. "The CouncilMARK[™]

assessment report confirms that we are performing well across all areas, but does highlight opportunities for improvement," Mayor Andy Watson says."We will now take these results and develop an improvement plan.

"RDC is committed to further improving our performance so that the community we serve can have greater confidence in what we do and how we do it."

The CouncilMARK[™] local government excellence programme is a system designed to demonstrate and improve the value and services of councils. Participating councils are assessed by independent experts every three years, given an overall rating from triple AAA to C, and the results publicised. Visit www.councilmark. co.nz for more information on the excellence programme.

Funding boost for **Bulls** project

A grant of \$200,000 has been received from the JBS Dudding Charitable Trust for the proposed Bulls Community Centre. Mayor Andy Watson, said he was delighted to receive this grant from the Trust. "The Dudding Trust has, since its inception, given out millions of dollars to community organisations in the Rangitikei. This grant now means we can confidently move ahead with the Bulls project. The proposed Centre will put Bulls on the map with its innovative but practical design and provide a facility for the Bulls and wider community to use and be proud of."

Detailed design drawings and specifications are currently being done by Architecture Workshop and it is hoped tenders will be called early in 2018.

Mayor Andy said "a number of other applications submitted for this project have been turned down, as they were not seen as regionally significant, so this funding boost is very welcome news."

Try award winning wine

Go along to your local New World store, for complimentary sampling of some of the gold medal-winning wines from this year's New World Wine Awards - one of New Zealand's largest and most influential wine shows.

With a unique focus on wines under \$25, the New World Wine Awards aims to take the guesswork out of choosing high-quality, affordable wine. The independent expert wine judges have done their part, so now New World says you can discover a new favourite at your local store.

Dates that might suit locals in Rangitikei include - New World Marton: Thursday afternoons from 2.30-5.30pm, 19 October-16 November.

New World Taihape: Friday afternoons from 3-6pm, 20 October-17 November.

BITS n' PIECES

Turakina Beach Market Day - this Saturday 21 October - at the hall from 9am to 2pm. Crafts, clothes, toys, books, cakes, sweets, woodcraft, preserves, produce, plants, and other great bargains. Go and have a late breakfast. Please note: Eftpos is not available.

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

Huntaway Festival - Hunterville Satiurday October 29. Shemozzle entry forms can be completed online or if you ahve trouble email info@shemozzle.co.nz

Marton Community 500th Reformation Festival of Praise - St Martin Lutheran Church, Pukepapa Rd, Marton, Sunday, 29 October at 2pm.

Bulls Rose Show – celebrates 140 years - Saturday 11 November. Bulls Town Hall. Show opens noon to 4pm. Schedules available from Platt's Pharmacy, Bulls Library and Bulls Information Centre.

Mangaweka Fakes & Forgeries - Saturday Nov 4. Mangaweka Fakes & Forgeries. Entries close Oct 30. Irene's Christmas Fayre, Mega Book Fair, and seperate Mexican Art exhibition. For information on the art exhibition etc -www.freewebs.com/ mangawekagallery.

Marton Market Day - Saturday November 25, 9am - 3pm. In Broadway and Follett St. 200 stalls, street entertainers, retail specials, live music.





Shaw House Seniors

Seniors day out. The famous cream horns at Viv's Kitchen in Sanson were irresistible to the Shaw House Seniors who lunched there as part of tour which included the Marton Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Each member took at least one cream horn home with them.

After admiring the beautiful embroidery, art and pottery of the talented artists; a welcome cuppa with fresh scones, jam and cream, was enjoyed by all. A great way to enjoy a rainy day.

Who hasn't popped into Viv's Kitchen in Sanson to sample their famous cream horns?

On Friday 6 October the Hunterville Shaw House Seniors did just that. After a light lunch they all bought cream horns and took them home to enjoy them our way. Lovely!

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting, followed by a guest speaker on 17 November 2017.

Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters meet this Saturday October 21, at the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre. The meeting starts at 1.30pm and there is a change to our speaker this month, with Sue McClelland sharing details of her recent UK visit – welcome back Sue!

Liz Halford will give her talk to us at a later date. We will have our regular charm strip swap, raffles, show and tell, and discover what book purchases have been made by our librarian. The meeting will finish with afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with friends, old and new. We hope those of you who are unable to attend have a good Labour Weekend and emphasise that new members are always welcome. If you are interested we would love to see you there.

Marton Friendship Club

We meet at Morris St every Friday, 2pm start - hall open 1pm. Last week raffles were won by Les, Melva, Tari, Betty and Wendy. Our entertainers were the Unity Singers - a group of 15 from Palmerston North. Many of their members often perform at the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North - in mini operas and musicals. The day began with How Great Thou Art, accompanied by a conductor and piano. This group is so good, our members became very quiet. Usually our oldies become chatterboxes because, now in life, many are on their own and people contact is very limited. Our club is very relaxed and we all love the quality singing and music by the larger groups. A whole hour was filled in with many songs; English Country Garden, Tulips from Amsterdam, Danny Boy. Some sang solos - wonderful harmony and of course, everybody joined in. Later, at afternoon tea, the singers joined members at different tables and happily chatted to all of us. It was just one of those special days. Visitors are welcome at our club. Entertainer next Friday Oct 20 will be Liz Davis - this lady has many talents. Come and see.





Marton's latest JPs were on duty at the JP Service Desk in Marton Pharmacy on Friday 13 - Gaylene Jones JP (left) and Bernadette McIlwaine. The JP Service Desk is open every Friday between the hours of 9am and 12 noon. Marton also has a new JP to town - he is Neil Riddle - the new pharmacist at Marton Pharmacy. He says he is quite happy to put down the pills and pick up a pen to help out as a Justice of the Peace.



Age Concern Wanganui calls for more volunteers to visit the elderly

Age Concern Wanganui is calling for caring volunteers able to spend an hour a week visiting an elderly member of the community who would welcome companionship.

Manager Tracy Lynn says her team would like to hear from people, of all ages, who are interested in joining the 50 volunteers currently making home visits to the elderly.

"As Christmas approaches, we're very mindful that this can be a particularly lonely time for those who don't have family and friends to visit them. While we know some people are quite happy with their own company, it's important people are aware that if they or someone they know would like some company, Age Concern can help.

"The WDHB funds Age Concern NZ (via a national contract) to provide Whanganui's Accredited Visiting Service because it's widely recognised that social isolation can have a significant impact on an elderly person's health and wellbeing

"The visiting service provides regular visits to older people who would like more company and enjoy spending time with a volunteer visitor they can talk to and share common interests and/or activities with," Mrs Lynn says. "Besides making someone living alone feel happier, having a visitor can help an older person feel more engaged with the community." WDHB nurse Garry Stent says he's met a number of lonely people during his home visits to patients living in Gonville and Castlecliff.

"I've met people who sit in their houses day-after-day not seeing or hearing from a soul. Apart from the health professionals

Service Coordinator Clare Fearnley 06 345 1799.



appointment

WDHB announces new chief executive

who visit them they see no-one and that concerns me. I think we should all be taking more interest in our elderly neighbours. I'm sure loneliness has a big impact on a person's health and wellbeing. I would urge people to think about becoming an Age Concern visitor." Anyone interested in becoming an Age Concern visitor is asked to call Accredited Visiting

Russell Simpson, healthcare rehabilitation group manager for Healthcare of NZ, has been appointed Whanganui District Health Board's new chief executive, WDHB board chair Dot McKinnon announced recently.

"On behalf my board colleagues, I want to say how delighted we are that Russell has accepted the role and that there may be an opportunity for departing chief executive Julie Patterson to meet with him for a 'handover' before she leaves this Friday," Mrs McKinnon says.

"Russell brings to the role more than 18 years clinical, management and strategic leadership experience at an operational and executive level, across both the Australian and NZ health sectors."

Prior to his appointment at Healthcare of NZ, Mr Simpson held the position of executive director, Allied Health, Scientific and Technical for Wairarapa and Hutt Valley DHBs. Before that, he held clinical positions in pain management and ran his own business in sports and rehabilitation for a number of years.

Mr Simpson's experience includes sitting on a wide range of boards and trusts involving representation at a number of national forums. He is clinically qualified in the area of rehabilitation and holds a Masters in Health Science (Rehabilitation), a postgraduate Diploma in Exercise for Rehabilitation and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Movement."

"We look forward to welcoming Russell to Whanganui DHB in the New Year when he, his wife Sarah and their children will move to Whanganui which, coincidentally, is Sarah's home town." "Between Mrs Patterson's departure and Russell's arrival, WDHB Corporate Services general manager Brian Walden will step in as acting chief executive – a role he has held, and performed very competently on a number of occasions." Mrs McKinnon says.

Travelling this long weekend?



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/anuatu Boys feature in festival

By Terry Karatau

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Festival to be held at Taihape's Memorial Park on November 11, are steaming ahead, according to organiser Helen Welch. Although many organisations have confirmed they will be there, a full list of participants will be available early next week. The Vanuatu boys, currently

Plans for the Rangitikei picking for Mangaweka Asparagus at Kawhatau Valley, will definitely be there with their special brand of music. Each year, these boys have entertained during Taihape's Christmas Parade and again on Christmas Eve. The Rangitikei Festival is an extra venue for the Vanuatu boys this year. They hope to

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raise funds for their people who have been evacuated from the volcanic Vanuatu island Ambae. Three of the boys, Steve, John and Rex come from an island where the entire population was evacuated at the beginning of October, because Mount

Manaro Voui was showering villages with rocks and ash. It is not known if, or when, they may be allowed to return. For further enquiries about the Rangitikei Festival contact Helen Welch 0274 51 8366 or email bluesirea2014@ gmail.com

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The boys from Vanuatu are looking forward to bringing their special music to the forthcoming festival in Taihape. Photo:Terry Karatau.



Wool Shed visits Hunterville School

Wool and all its wonderful attributes is being checked out by the children at Hunterville School over the next fortnight.

The Wool Shed is a 20 foot shipping container packed with interactive learning tools for students. It supports learning across Technology, Maths, Science, Economics, and the English curriculum areas. The Wool Shed is a made available to schools, by The Campaign for Wool NZ Trust, partnered with PGG Wrightson. It's an education initiative aimed at intermediate level students, but is being enjoyed by kids of all ages and their parents, as it tours schools throughout the NI.

Renata Apatu, Campaign for Wool NZ Trust chair, says "Wool is an amazing fibre and has many unique and wonderful properties eg: the role that NZ wool plays at the Wimbledon tennis tournament. Wool has good crimp characteristics meaning it has more "bounce." Once felted and attached to a rubber ball it can become an official Wimbledon match ball."

The Wool Shed aims to teach children about the wide variety of products made from wool and its attributes.



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Bulls School Reunion

This poem was written for the 105th Bulls School reunion in 1992 by JS (Jim) Richards . It's as relevant to the 150th reunion this weekend as it was in 1992.

The posters tell of an anniversary due, The old school bell will ring again at Easter '92,

All ex pupils welcome, staff, parents, one and all,

Plus school committee and PTA, please answer the call,

Scratchy nibs and copy books along with slates won't do,

The reunion plans to bridge the gap between old and new.

One hundred and twenty five years have passed,

Since the school bell first called them to class,

To educate children was made very plain, To teach the three R's, was then their basic aim,

In yesteryears, we played with blocks and learned our ABC,

As we climbed the learning tree.

Now, it is computerss and keyboards, played with ease,

With calculators or videos, it seems to be a breeze.

There's lots of memories, some sad but true,

And some raise a laugh or two.

There's many here that will recall, the pain of "Milly" and her bamboo cane.

The deadly aim of "old Bob's chalk, when he told us not to talk.

The frequent use of the blackboards, to write out, so called, lines.

I must do what err it was, perhaps one hundred times.

So, chat and reminisce awhile, Where once there was a wooden stile.

Let's walk around the old school ground, there's memories that there must be found. It seems an age from the field we played.

And sometimes where old "Kurri" stayed. We'll bring them back for just once more, Along the path to the old school door,

To a country school, in a country town, That's always passed the test. With pupils scattered far and wide, they've

matched it with the best. The old brick building has long gone; now

there is a new one. So, let's stay cool till after school and have

great reunion.



School sports group 1936

HOOL 150 YEARS Bulls School history on display at museum



Bulls Museum has undertaken a display which sets out the 150 year history of Bulls School, in preparation for over 150 visitors coming for the school's 150th reunion this Labour Weekend.

Photographs, covering many decades, along with books containing photos, names and interesting bits and pieces about the school, over the 150 years, are there to be perused by ex-pupils, staff and parents and public. Old school uniforms are featured and a lot of intyertesting artifacts. Helen Cooper (pictured) says the museum members look forward to meeting visitors and encourage anyone returning to Bulls, to take the time to go and look at the Bulls School collection.



Team Lewis was 19th in the world out of 8215 RE/MAX teams worldwide (January to June 2017)



RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results Saturday 14 October - competition stableford: seniors: Tim Wales 40pts, Nick Bligh 38pts, Tamati Anaru, Geoff Ingram, Tony Mischewski & Rob Giles all 37pts, Ken Boyle 36pts and Justin Packer 35 pts. Juniors: Liz Kinloch 41pts, Edith Leary & Heather Craig 38pts, Ash Reed 37pts. Derek Philipps & Dan Scotson 36pts, Alan Wix & Karen Yorke 35pts. Twos: Luke Kleinschmidt and Tim Wales on 3rd, Derek Philipps on 5th. What a great day after all the rain we have had. Course is looking great and playing well. Thanks to all the visitors; we welcome you all.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 10th. Stableford: L Neumann 33, N Skelton 30, R Karatea 25. Nine hole; D Penfold 21, B Hills 18, P Thompson 17, L Churchill 16, G Burgess 14, G James 13, R Little 12, J Van Loo 10. Nearest pin; L Neumann. Saturday 21 Rose City Wood Panels club day stableford: snr men; J Stella 35, G Franks 34, P Scott 30. Jnr men; G Bond 48, D Rhode 45, M Pickford 39, G Cunningham 37, P Weeks & G Forbes 34. Two; G Bond #2. Jackpot #16 not struck. Nearest pins; s/ men struck = Phil Scott, j/men struck = Mike Pickford. Ladies; not struck. Coming events: Tuesday golfers 18 holes 9am & 9 holes 10am tee off. Saturday 21st Labour Weekend competition: 11.00am tee off. Monday 23rd: club champs. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

MARTON SARACENS P2 CRICKET

Central ITM Marton Saracens P2 got their season off to the perfect start on Saturday, recording a 9 wicket victory over Wanganui Wicket Warriors, at Springvale. Warriors won the toss and elected to bat in windy but sunny conditions. Saracens Phil Galpin picked up the first wicket in the 4th over, with the score at 16; Vern Kohi taking a comfortable outfield catch. A second wicket partnership of 29 took the score to 45 for 1, before Murray Candy was brought into the attack in the 11th over. After having a catch dropped from his first ball, he was successful with the last; Mark Transom holding onto a catch in the covers. Wickets fell at regular intervals from then on; Candy taking a very difficult catch from Allan Pond's bowling; wicketkeeper Thomas Westwood and Dave Woolston also completing catches and Transom holding on to a brilliant diving effort from Woolston's bowling. Warriors completed their 20 overs at 100 for 6. Woolston took 2 for 19 from his 4 overs, Pond 1 for 11 from 4 and Transom 1 for 20 from 4. Candy and Galpin both finished with figures of 1 for 14 from 3 overs; Candy bowling the only maiden over of the innings. Michael Thompson bowled 2 overs for 16 runs. The score could have been much less, as Saracens catching percentage was appalling ... the team holding on to just 6 of the 16 chances offered! Galpin, Thompson, Westwood and captain Andrew Spence all spilling 2, Woolston and Kohi 1 each. In reply, Saracens were always in control; losing opener Mike Maher for 1, before Woolston and Westwood shared in an unbeaten 93 run partnership for the second wicket. Saracens reached their target in the 18th over; posting 103 for 1. Woolston finished 17 not out and Westwood took out the Cooks Bar & Cafe player of the day award with a 69 not out, that included 6 fours and 2 sixes. Central ITM Saracens P2 take on the same opposition this Saturday, in a 40 over match, at Victoria Park 1 in Wanganui.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

The Bulls Bowling Club ladies travelled to Takaro Bowling Club on Monday 9th October for the Wimsett Cup; an event we contest annually. The competition was made up of 4 games of 8 ends. The team - Maria Jones, skip, Raewyn Byers #3, Ann Hohua #2 and our lead, Marilyn Guinan, accredited themselves well. After winning a hard fought first game, we went down in our second but came back after lunch, to take out a very good win; only to lose in the last match of the day by a small margin, to Palmerston North; the eventual runners up. The overall winner of the Wimsett Cup was Terrace End. A most enjoyable day and, miracle of miracles; the weather stayed fine. The men's handicap pairs were played last weekend; in reasonable weather for change. There were some great games and unusual wins by juniors over seniors with many years of competitive bowling but unfortunately the juniors couldn't keep up the pressure. Mark Smith, with 2 lives, took on Rick Wineera and lost; then played Lez Wineera and lost 21-12. Rex McGavin lost to Lez 21-17; leaving a father and son final; Lez Wineera V Rick Wineera. After a lot of breathtaking moments, Rick won 21-17; to take out the handicap pairs C P Holland challenge trophy. After a loss in last week's Skoglund trophy (home and away challenge) we play Johnson Park at home this week; hopefully with a better result; if the weather stays kind. Enjoy the company at Bulls



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Bowling Club. Club: 06 322 1284. The secretary: 027 626 2096; Anne Connelly; email bullsbowls@gmail.com. Open 1pm every Wednesday (weather permitting) and 4pm Friday evenings. Other times by request; allowing sufficient time for the greenkeeper to prepare the playing surface.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Thursday 12 October: weather on Wednesday was lousy, so we rolled-up Thursday instead. We played pairs - 2 games of 8 ends and 1 game of 6. 1st- Jennie Redshaw & Mike Oldworth, 2nd- Shirley Wallace & Kevin Redshaw, 3rd- Laurie Bismark & Russell Gillard. Saturday 14 October: St Kilda's draw; 3 games of 8 ends. An afternoon enjoyed by all. Skips: 1st- Micky Neumann, 2nd- Brian Mitchell, 3rd- J.D, booby



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RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Time to Apply for Council Grants! Creative Communities scheme – Now open

The aim of the scheme is to increase participation in the arts at a local level, and to increase the range and diversity of arts available to Rangitikei communities. Last month, successful recipients, The Marton Women's Institute, were able to run a very successful two day event <<CRAFTS + ALIVE>> where both professional and hobby artists were able to showcase their art.

Applications close 27 October

Community Initiatives fund Round 2- Now open

This fund is open to all initiatives and opportunities which have potential to benefit the District's communities.

Successful recipients in Round 1 included the Clifton School Kapahaka Group, who were able to purchase Kapahaka uniforms, and items such as rakau, patu and taiaha. The fund enabled the children to learn new skills, and for the roopu to encourage emergent leadership.

Project Marton also received a grant which enabled 10 of our youth from the Rangitikei to go to the Festival of the Future in Auckland. This festival brings together our future leaders, to shape their dreams and build on their aspirations.

Applications close 3 November

Event Sponsorship Scheme Round 2– Now open This fund supports 50% of the cost of events which help develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth within the Rangitikei District.

This year in Round 1, recipients included the Rangitikei Shearing Sports, the Rangataua – Jamie "Mantis" Berry Memorial Shield, the Marton Country Music Festival, the Marton Rotary Pedal 4 Pleasure, the Hunterville Huntaway Festival, 154th Turakina Highland Games, and the Nga Iwi O Mokai Patea Whanau Sports Day.

Applications close 3 November

Application forms and further information are available by: Downloading a form the Council's website: https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding visiting the Council's offices: 46 High Street, Marton 92 Hautapu Street, Taihape phoning the council: 0800 422 522 e-mailing: info@rangitikei.govt.nz



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prize- Andy Craegh. Twos: 1st- Peter Saywell, 2nd- Mike Oldworth, 3rd- Veronica Miles, booby prize- Dave Grant. Leads: 1st- Ray Harding, 2nd- Graeme Morris, 3rd- Sharon Gordon, booby prize - Noeline Schollum. Sunday 15 October - men's club 4s championship - all teams achieved one win; they will play again and this time it will be 'sudden death'! Something for everyone folks! If you're not up to much, drop by, the competition is good but friendly.

ROSE GARDENS CROQUET CLUB

Association croquet handicap doubles event - for the Beau Ryder Cup. Winners: Shirley Rees & Max Charlton. Individual results: Rees & Charlton bt Hardman & Jones 14-7, V&A.Neall 17-8; Michael Hardman & Melva Jones bt Vince & Annabel Neall 12-10.

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'Biggest fish' pulled from Lake Okataina as new fishing season opens

Lake Okataina produced the biggest fish on the first day of the new fishing season - a 3.7kg rainbow trout but Lake Rotoiti offered the "best conditioned" fish, according to Fish & Game. Fish & Game officers, helped by honorary rangers and other volunteers, staked out boat ramps to guiz anglers and measure their catches as Rotorua's three lakes, Tarawera, Rotoiti and Okataina all re-opened on October 1. Fish & Game Officer Matt Osborne has released a "snapshot" of anglers' fortunes on opening day, from an analysis of some of the data gathered. More than 600 anglers were surveyed at the three lakes, with anglers' catches weighed and measured as they returned to boat ramps. Mr Osborne says that Lake Okataina provided the best fishing but the catch rate was better in Lake Rotoiti and the fish were longer. "Weather on the day made Rotoiti hard to fish," he says. "Anglers who put safety first couldn't fish where they wanted in comfort." However Lake Rotoiti normally comes into its own in November, he added. On Lake Tarawera, while anglers on the lake early, caught some good fish (harling) a high number of fish were returned to the water by fishers who considered them too skinny to keep. "We know the lake is going through tough times but steps are being taken to investigate the reasons behind this, to see if we can turn things around," Mr Osborne says. But he says they have limited tools for the job; notably making changes to bag limits and seasons, or their fish release programme and the state of the fishery reflects complex environmental factors. "Anglers sometimes say things like 'there's no smelt around'" but we are dealing with complex ecostystems that go through cycles and available food is only one factor among many in determining fish survival and growth," Mr Osborne says. "There are plenty of people still out fishing and lots of opportunities are still on the way; pick your days and get out there!" On Lake Tarawera, the fish were smaller than last opening, with two-year old trout (the age most commonly caught on opening) averaging 481mm and 1.20kg. This was down from last year on average by 10mm in length and 160g in weight. A high number of legal-size fish were returned to the lake by anglers. The largest fish tipped the scales at 3kg. Lake Rotoiti produced the best conditioned two-year olds (just ahead of Okataina) measuring 494mm in length and weighing 1.43kg. Weather had an impact, with a westerly powering down the length of the lake. The largest fish caught weighed 3.6kg. Lake Okataina two-year old fish were slightly larger than Rotoiti at 496mm but not in quite as good condition; at 1.42kg on average. The biggest fish caught on the day was 3.7kg. Dissapointingly, and perhaps a reflection of the challenging weather conditions, no pink tagged Fish for Gold trout were caught on the day, Mr Osborne says, but there are still some small "second chance" prizes on offer (subject to conditions). Further information: Fish & Game officer, Matt Osborne - 07-375 5501 (ext. 814) mob 021-375 275.

Former All Black and rugby commentator to speak at next month's regional sports awards

Sporting communities across Whanganui, Rangitikei and Ruapehu are preparing for the annual Ray White Whanganui Sports Awards. Hosted by Sport Whanganui, the awards ceremony on November 17, at the Whanganui Memorial Hall, will recognise and reward the achievements and significant contribution of our region's sporting community. As well as a buffet dinner and music the awards night will feature guest MC Matthew Cooper former All Black and current television rugby commentator and CEO of Sport Waikato. Matthew is a highly regarded public speaker with entertaining insights and sporting history. Nominations have been sought across the following categories: NZME Services to Sport Recognition David Jones Motors Masters Award; Mars Petcare Coach of the Year; Stihl Shop Wanganui Club of the Year; Rivercity Gas Disabled Sportsperson Recognition; Treadwell Gordon Junior Team of the Year; Ali Arc Senior Team of the Year; Stirling Sports National Junior Sportsperson of the Year; NZCT National Senior Sportsperson of the Year; Velo Ronny's Bicycle Store International Junior Sportsperson of the Year; Mitre 10 MEGA International Senior Sportsperson of the Year. Danny Jonas, Sport Whanganui's CEO says, "these awards recognise exceptional performances and contribution to sport. This is an opportunity to showcase the stunning sporting talent in our region and celebrate these successes as a community. On the night, the annual induction of members to the 'Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame' (where the region's past outstanding sports achievers are acknowledged) will again take place - as well as the 'Sport Whanganui Roll of Honour', which recognises volunteers who have contributed 25-plus years of service to the region's sports. Last year's event attracted around 86 nominations along with 420 guests attending the awards evening. This is the 54th year the awards have been held, with Ray White Real Estate Wanganui being the principal sponsor of the awards for the fifth-year-running. To find out more about nominations and the event, please contact event organiser Nicky Malipaard on (06) 349 2880 or nicky@sportwhanganui.co.nz.





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