



## Queen's Award for young local

Marion's Delia Sowry, along with other young women from throughout New Zealand, was recently presented with a Queen's Award certificate from Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy at Government House in Wellington.

It is an international award of the highest merit and recognises qualities of leadership, dedication and excellence in areas of community life.

Delia is a member of the Feilding Girls' Brigade and completed community service tasks locally to achieve the award.

At a dinner for the recipients and their families, Charlotte Saunders, national commissioner of Girls' Brigade New Zealand, presented the young women with their Queen's Award badges.

The Girls' Brigade Queen's Award is a two-year programme of demanding work, which includes six months voluntary community service.

Delia completed her service at Edale Aged Care Centre in Marton, along with two initiative tasks – creating a Girls' Brigade promotional pack and hosting a birthday lunch. She also had to complete an assignment to create a ballgown and attended a national assessment weekend.

Girls' Brigade is an organisation open to young women aged 15 – 25.



Girls' Brigader Delia Sowry receiving her Queen's Award certificate from Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy at Government House in Wellington recently.

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# All Things Water

RDC has some summer water saving advice for residents.

Summer is here ... so it's time to conserve water.

After an extremely wet year, we are now experiencing a very dry spell. November has been recorded as the driest ever. In the Rangitikei District we are very fortunate with our water supplies but we can't take this for granted, it's time to start thinking of what you can do to conserve water, especially if this dry spell continues so the RDCouncil doesn't have to impose water restrictions.

If everyone makes a few small changes and uses water sensibly, this will make the difference to whether there need to be water restrictions put in place. See average water use details below.

## Council Offers Free Water

Rangitikei District Council is assisting residents on roof water supplies who need extra household water in the summer months. There are two options available:

**Option One:** Order water to be delivered to your property from a registered supplier and the Council will reimburse you for the cost of the water. Bring your receipt, which shows your property location, into the Council for a refund on the water cost - cartage is your own cost.

**Option Two:** If there is sufficient demand, you can bring your bulk water containers to either Taihape or King St in Marton, between 10am and 11am on Mondays and Thursdays. To take advantage of this you must register with the Council Please ring 06 3270099 or 0800 422 522 and ask for Alicia, who will take your details.

## Council says "thanks and well done" to the Bulls community

On Monday, 11 December there was a major water main rupture in Bulls. The Council asked the Bulls community to limit water to only essential use, while the main was being repaired. Council staff repaired the pipe at about 7pm on Monday, but during the incident a significant amount of water was lost, so reservoir levels had to be replenished once the pipe had been fixed. The Council wants to thank the Bulls community and businesses and commend them for their efforts in reducing the amount of water they used overnight, which meant that water supply to Bulls was able to be replenished quickly and was nearly at full capacity by Tuesday morning. Great effort everyone.

## Update on Marton water mains cleaning

As part of its commitment to supply good quality water to our residents, the Rangitikei District Council implemented a high flow filtration cleaning programme, over the past 10 days, throughout the Marton urban area. NO-DES International, a specialized water quality contractor was responsible for undertaking this process, which uses new, specialised technology to clean water mains and clear debris from pipes. This has proved to be a very successful programme and residents are thanked for their patience while this work was done to improve the quality of your water supply.



NO-DES International, water quality contractor's truck.

## Average NZ water usage

An average New Zealand family uses 250-300 litres of water per person, per day. A typical household water use split is fairly even between these: bathroom (25%), toilet (30%), kitchen and laundry (25%), outdoors (20%).

Ways to save water:

- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- Take shorter showers and shower instead of bath
- Keep water in a container in the fridge – this saves running a tap to get cold water.
- Don't use your washing machine until you have a full load.
- Use a bowl to scrub your veges in the sink rather than running the tap. Then use this water on your garden.
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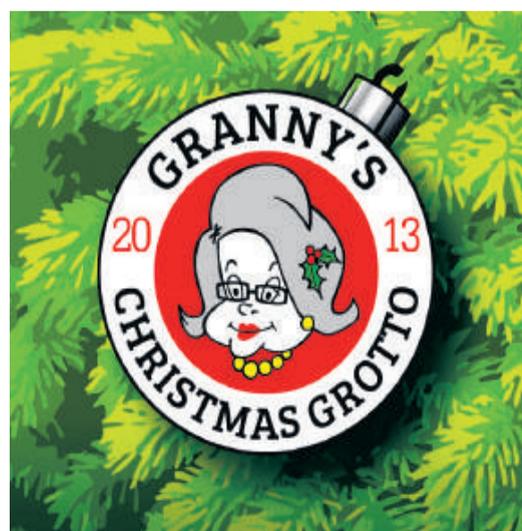
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# VIEWPOINT



## What Horizons is doing to improve water quality

The last few years have seen Horizons and territorial authorities apply to central government to help co-fund freshwater improvement programmes within the region. This co-funding allows work to proceed at a faster rate than would normally occur.

One of the focuses of this funding has been to reduce the amount of wastewater discharged to water.

Horizons freshwater and partnership manager Logan Brown says. "Looking over to Rangitikei, the recently announced round of central government's Freshwater Improvement Funding has seen Horizons and Rangitikei District Council receive funding to remove the Ratana wastewater discharge from Lake Waipu.

"This will see the wastewater being discharged to land and contribute towards improving water quality in the area. Horizons will oversee this project and contribute \$75,000 towards a science and monitoring programme, over three years and Rangitikei District Council has committed \$950,000.

"The same fund also saw the Manawatu River Leaders' Accord receive \$2.92 million for freshwater improvements. A major focus of the Manawatu programme will be on riparian fencing and planting, with over \$3.9 million to be spent by central government, Horizons and landowners to achieve at least 250 kilometres of stream fencing, and get 200,000 plants in the ground over five years.

Overall, the Horizons region was successful in securing over \$5.84 million from central government via the Freshwater Improvement Fund. All central government funding that has come to the Region has resulted from a collaborative process with a number of stakeholders." Mr Brown Says.

### BITS n' PIECES



Taihape Community Carols, Friday December 15, on the lawn, 7pm at Bennett's Funeral Home. Outside if fine, inside if wet.

Marton Rotary Christmas trees for sale - Saturday morning, December 16 in the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church carpark.

Bulls Museum Open 10 - 3 daily. Features: Chris Amon, Flockhouse, WWI Mounted Rifles and Bess. New Display: Sanson Tramway - January to May 2018.

Carols & Lessons Service, St Stephen's Church, Maunder St, Marton. Sunday 17 December, 6pm. All welcome.

Christmas lights are on display at 2 Maunder St in Marton and the Memorial Hall Christmas tree lights are on at night.

### Lovely Taihape Parade

My husband, friend and I, visited your lovely town (Taihape) on Saturday 2 December, for the opening of Annie's Homeware Store. While we were there, we were fortunate to be in time to enjoy your Christmas Parade.

We were so impressed by the strong sense of community, evident as each float passed. Everyone was delighted with all participants; it was genuine fun.

We really enjoyed ourselves - thank you for your hospitality.

Guy, Beth and Faye - Feilding

### Why do we need the new town hall complex?

For months now, the council has told us that the present town hall and other buildings are an earthquake risk and need thousands spent to bring them up to standard, or have them demolished even though no inspections have been carried out and no report has ever been written.

I have just read the latest news announcement in the Monitor regarding the "Adoption of no priority areas for earthquake prone Buildings," I quote "The council, following consultation with the community, gives notice that it has adopted "no priority areas for earthquake prone buildings." This means that the council will have 5 years to identify potentially earthquake prone buildings and building owners will have 15 years to strengthen buildings after being issued an earthquake-prone building notice.

So, for at least 20 years, the town hall and others are absolutely fine, but still the council is ploughing ahead and committing thousands of dollars to a complex that we don't need.

In 20 years' time, I will not be around and a bypass will, more than likely, have been completed - leaving the new complex as a giant, white elephant.

Paul Sharland, Bulls

## HEALTH SCENE



## Children's Ward extends "huge thank you"



And so, it is Christmas ... from left: Darren and Leon Tannahill with paediatric nurse Melissa Houltham.

Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) staff are overwhelmed by the generosity of Whitcoulls and members of the public who recently donated more than 200 teddy bears to the Whanganui Hospital children's ward.

For some weeks, Whitcoulls' Whanganui branch has asked customers spending more than \$30 if they would like to spend a further \$10 to purchase a teddy bear for themselves or for the children's ward.

During his recent hospital stay, 11-month-old Leon Tannahill was given a bear, which his parents Darren and Catherine said he loved. As they were preparing to take Leon home on Wednesday morning, paediatric nurse Melissa Houltham and accompanied by number of other bears popped in to join Darren and Leon for a photo call. Children's ward clinical nurse manager Janene Louwrens said she wanted to send a "huge thank you" to everyone involved in the gifting of the teddy bears which she and her staff are giving to young children hospitalised in the hospital's children's ward.

Mrs Louwrens said to be given more than 200 bears is overwhelmingly generous and much appreciated. A Whitcoulls spokesperson said the offer would continue until all the bears have been sold.

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## CLUB SCENE



# Widows enjoy Christmas banquet



**Organisers of the annual Christmas Widows Banquet, held at Arahina Training Centre on 2 December was a great success. 38 women attended and enjoyed a great banquet of fun and feasting. Pictured are some of the women present and helpers on the day. The banquet has been run at Arahina by the Basic Life Principles's Trust for several years and is appreciated by many.**

### Turakina WI

October/November meeting reports. The October meeting was held a week earlier than usual due to Labour Day falling on the 4th Monday. Being our 86th birthday it was out to lunch for all members at the Sugar Plum Café to celebrate. A short meeting was held beforehand to attend to necessary business along with an exchange of a small gift.

The November Meeting took place at the Koiitiata Community Hall at Turakina Beach with an early meeting at 10am. Business was attended to with decisions of donations completed, to recipients before the end of our financial year. Recipients were: the Turakina Caledonian Society, St John – Marton Youth Division, Maxwell and District Kindergarten and the Koiitiata community. A report on the Wanganui Federation council meeting was given, Turakina winning the Bronze Vase for their annual report and Margaret Rowan trophy for the Floral, 2nd in the five article competition as well as the Tipper bell for the highest % of members taking the Home and Country magazine.

Four members had attended the Wanganui Federation International Day held in Wanganui on the 21 November where we had an inspiring talk from Pushpar Prasad, who told us of the challenges faced by different cultures living in New Zealand.

A relaxed potluck lunch was enjoyed before we hosted our 'Brain Teaser' gathering with sister WI's, ex members and friends at 1pm. With 40 plus gathered, all were asked to form five groups. Then we were given a task to complete in a set time, before passing it on and then receiving their next task. The winning team was rewarded with a small prize. Raffles were drawn, small gifts were swapped, spot and door prizes and, of course, a welcome cuppa ended an enjoyable afternoon.

### Marton Bridge Club

Tuesday night playing session: opening night; N/S M Bartells S Gruys 54.38. E/W P Davidson H Bostock 55.21. P B & Craig Skou Ltd prs; P Davidson S Marshall 185.83. Marton New World prs; J Baddeley J Bellamore 178.06. Ward Furniture prs; P Davidson H Rowe 181.57. Richards Construction drawn prs; J Meads K Poppe 174.96. Farmlands prs; J Bellamore C Watson 176.49. Bulls Physiotherapist prs; J Baddeley S Loudon 166.25. Alf Downs & Son Ltd teams of four; J Baddeley J Ellery J Meads T Ellery 154 IMPs. Cooks Bar prs; J Bellamore G Kirton 180.56. Petals & Presents handicap prs; M Morland K Poppe. Jensen Electrical prs; M Bartels C Skou 163.55. Marton Outdoor Power prs; E Hughes M Hughes 181.44. Charles Powell trophy; P Davidson 241.77. Marton Pharmacy championships; J Bellamore G Kirton 232.08. Closing night; N/S S Loudon M Oyston 61.61. E/W J Baddeley N Poppe 58.21. President's award; J Ellery. Thursday afternoon plating session; Go Ahead Hair Design prs; M Cachemaille S Gruys 169.12. Jabies Donor Kebab @ Bulls prs; N Poppe H Bostock 168.69. Harvey & Calkin Glass prs; J Baddeley H Rowe 175.79. McVerry Crawford prs; J McPherson D Hanna 178.46. Lynx Computing prs; P Davidson T Harris 167.01. ITM Rural Timber teams of four; J McPherson M Lourie C Skou D Cains 336.51. Trevor Harris trophy prs; H Bostock M Gordon 170.83. Property Brokers chocolate fish prs; M Cachemaille R Cachemaille 178.21. Broadway ColourPlus handicap prs; J Baddeley S Marshall 181.76. Vision Optometrist prs; J Baddeley G Burne 176.91. J P Henley Builder prs; H Rowe D Hanna 177.50. Hogan Plumbing drawn prs; 1st J Baddeley 118.50, 2nd F Bertram 114.50. Henry Gaisford rosebowl; P Davidson 321.07. Denys Smith Salver; G Burne 2301.18. Lilian Clyde memorial trophy; J Baddeley P Davidson 211.92. Closing afternoon; N/S J Baddeley T Harris 56.11. E/W M Cachemaille M Shand 57.62.

### Marton Friendship Club

We meet at Morris St every Friday at 2pm – hall open 1pm. Raffles were won by Trevor & Bob from the band and Jean & Carol. Entertainers last week, were Just Jammin - a ukulele band from Feilding. We enjoyed carols, country, rock n roll, even some waltz and those who like to really dance - tried them all. This band was so alive - one of our best groups to entertain us. Everyone joined in for afternoon tea and also helped to clean up. We are so busy leading up to our Christmas break up, it is appreciated when everyone chips in. This Thursday, is our annual dinner at Cook's. Be seated by 12.30pm. Friday 15 December is our last day at Friendship Club for this year. However, on January, Fridays 5, 12 and 19 at the Friendship Hall, bring your lunch and enjoy the company from 12noon to 2pm. Tea and coffee if you like. Then on January 26, our club begins again for 2018. Entertainment this Friday is our annual concert, put on by members. See you all there. Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year to you all.

### Rangitikei Country Music Club

Another fun filled day with a line-up of forty three artists. A lot of people are taking advantage of the help been offered and it is certainly showing in the standard of singing. A big improvement. This Sunday, 17 December, is our last club day for the year. We will have Christmas tea followed by music and dancing. Club days will resume on January 21.

Ann Ngauu has had an op and is doing well, so we hope to see her back on Sunday. Club days are first and third Sundays, 1pm at 421 Wellington Rd, Marton - next to New World. For information, phone Gloria 06 327 7994 or Glynis 06 327 6626.

## Alzheimers support

### Seasons Greetings

Alzheimers Whanganui would like to thank the Marton, Bulls, Hunterville and Taihape communities for all their support over the past 12 months.

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We will be conducting our Alzheimers Annual Appeal on Friday February 23rd 2018. If you are able to give an hour of your time to assist please email: [manager@alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz](mailto:manager@alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz)

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Alzheimers Whanganui Inc would like to wish the Rangitikei community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

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## FROM THE PULPIT



# How we love Christmas

All that good cheer. Everyone being nice to each other, family, food, carols, pretty lights, decorating the tree.....what's not to love?

When you think about Christmas, what do you think of? Shopping, family, parties, a little too much food, a little too much to drink?

Well of course, Christmas is about Christ Jesus, but which Jesus?

The Baby Jesus in a manger, surrounded by shepherds and wise men perhaps?

Sometimes the way the Nativity is presented is a little too NICE. A pretty baby in a manger, surrounded by a doting mother and father, animals, shepherds and wise men -that Jesus is non-threatening. We can all cope with that Jesus. That Jesus asks nothing from us and the average person can accept that Jesus.

Now, don't get me wrong here; that Jesus ought to be celebrated, because the humble nature of His birth declares something special about God's intent in sending his only son into the world.

The problem is that when we stop there; when we leave Jesus in the manger, it becomes just a nice story.

So what should we be saying at Christmas, what is the real message of Christmas?

It is the story of the Son of God (in other words, God himself), coming as a human baby with one purpose; to die for us and make a way back to God. Jesus who was there at the creation of the Universe, the very one the Bible tells us, for whom everything was created, humbled Himself and took on the form of a servant and died for us!

You see, if we cannot look at the story of Jesus and see the cross, we cannot look beyond Christmas and see Easter, then, Christmas is no longer a celebration. So, let's celebrate Christmas, but please let us make sure we tell the WHOLE story.

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## Another Auckland business moves to Marton



The premises of PDC Direct in Matai St, owned by Ross Hooks who has relocated his product distribution business to Marton. A showroom displaying and selling beads and pendants will be open in January.

Ross Hooks has been in business in Auckland since finishing his mechanic apprenticeship in 1974. Over the years he has operated a number of businesses and (ironically) in the early 90's had a car transporter based in Marton, when local identity Craig Gibbons was the driver. Ross started his present company, 'The Product Distribution Co Ltd', in May 1998. It now operates three divisions. The first is PDCdirect.co.nz, which supplies automotive repairers throughout the country with specialised problem solving products. Some are made by Ross and some are imported, mainly from the USA. The second is DISPATCHit.co.nz, which warehouses and dispatches products on behalf of third party companies who outsource that part of their operation. The third division is BEADSandPENDANTS.co.nz, which directly imports and sells beads, beading items, chain etc to home based craft people, and magnetic clasps to jewellers countrywide.

Two years ago, because of the ever increasing cost of commercial building leases and the horrendous traffic in Auckland, Ross decided to move out of the city. After much searching, he came across his current property, in Matai Street, Marton, and moved the whole operation to the Rangitikei this year. After a few 'hiccups' with council, Ross would like to acknowledge the assistance he received from both Mayor Andy Watson and CEO Ross McNeil, for helping to smooth out the process.

Ross says, "With the new premises in Marton, we now have a showroom for viewing. Because of leasing costs this would have been too expensive to have in Auckland. Ross adds that, "Showroom viewing is by appointment only."

The showroom will open from Thursday 18 to Sunday 21 of January, to coincide with the Marton Country Music Festival. "We will be open from 10am to 2pm each day, so come and take a look. We have a massive selection of beads etc and my daughter Jodi will have her selection of children's dress-ups on display," Ross says.

Wholesale Liquor owner Vijay Kamboj with Rangitikei Bears' Joey Raukawa. Once again Marton Wholesale Liquor Centre's Vijay Kamboj has demonstrated his generosity and support for local community organisations, with a donation of \$500 to the Rangitikei Bears Rugby League Club.

The former Marton Bears Club has been in recess for a number of years and has been resurrected under a new name, to reflect the fact that the club's members

are drawn from a far wider area than just Marton.

The new club's next muster for players and supporters will be held at the number 2 ground, Marton Park, on Sunday 14 January 2018, starting at 2pm.

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# Huntermville student to Denmark next year

In a ground breaking initiative, between the Huntermville Lions Club, Huntermville School and the Johansen family of Denmark, a Huntermville student is to spend three months in Denmark next year. Huntermville School principal Stephen Lewis says the concept was developed by Kasper and Marlene Johansen who spent nine months in Huntermville last year, with their two primary school aged sons. One thing led to another and what started out as a three week house sit for the Johansen's, ended in a nine month stint, including Mr Johansen spending two terms teaching a Year 5/6 class full time. The Johansen family so enjoyed their stay in Huntermville that upon their return to Denmark, they contacted Mr Lewis to suggest they host a student for three months, with Denmark and Huntermville sharing the travel costs.

With Huntermville school on board they sought community funding to give impetus to the project and the Huntermville Lions Club came to the party, to the tune of \$1500. Applications were invited from current Year 7, 8 and 9 students from the Huntermville community and a panel of Lions Club and Huntermville School BOT members interviewed four strong candidates.

Morna Collie was the successful applicant and plans are already in motion for her to fly (accompanied over but not back) to Denmark in April, returning in July. Morna is the 3rd daughter of Grant and Elvira Collie. She is a former Huntermville School head girl and is currently in Year 9 at Rangitikei College.

The commitment to applicants was that all travel, food and accommodation costs would be met and so now, Huntermville School and the Johansen family from their respective ends of the world, are pursuing further sponsorship and fundraising opportunities to keep their sides of the agreement. Mr Lewis says the venture would not have got off the ground had it not been for the Huntermville Lions Club coming forward with such generous sponsorship. He says, "The Lions Club has been great. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for a young person in our community and the other neat thing is the Board of Trustees is coordinating (although not funding) this project and it involves a person who is no longer even at our school!"



Off to Denmark next year – Huntermville's Morna Collie.



### Talking about Taihape

## Join the Taihape Christmas lunch

There is no need to spend Christmas Day alone. The Taihape Community Christmas Lunch is on again this year, at the Taihape Rugby Clubrooms. You are invited to come along and enjoy great company, wonderful food and share the Christmas spirit.

You can participate in the Secret Santa as well. Just bring along a gift suitable for anyone you like. The organisers, Taihape Community Trust, are asking for those who would like to join the lunch to RSVP by December 18. You can do this at the Taihape information Centre or visit the website [www.info@taihape.co.nz](http://www.info@taihape.co.nz)

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# Hunterville Christmas Parade

Come and see the  
**Hunterville Lions Christmas Parade**  
**Friday December 22, 4.30pm**



Hunterville Lions Christmas Parade is on a Friday again this year. The parade is on Friday 22 December, with a start time of 4.30pm - the same as last year. Organiser Robert Nydegger says, "The parade's route starts from the Hunterville Domain in Paraekaretu St, where floats will gather, turn right into Bruce St, carry on down to the Argyle Hotel, do a u-turn and head back to the town hall."

There is no cost to enter a float and no prior entry is necessary. Floats should just turn up at the domain by 4pm for a 4.30pm start. There is always lots of competition for the title of top float title. The winning float will receive a prize of \$500, second placed \$250 and \$100 for 3rd. Children can enter the "Best Decorated Bike" competition - \$15 first prize, \$10 for second and \$5 third. The same prizes apply for the "Best Dressed Kid" competition. Judging for the children's competitions will take place in front of the Hunterville Trading Company at 4.15pm.

The late afternoon parade offers locals the chance to come to town, do their Christmas shopping and watch the arrival of Santa.

After the parade everyone can go along to the Hunterville Town Hall for food and drinks, generously sponsored by Hunterville businesses.

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- 3.00pm Bouncy Castle
- 4.00pm Floats assemble
- 4.15pm Kids' Fancy Dress Judging & Kids' Decorated Bike Judging
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# Ever Thought About Learning to Fly?

Rangitikei District Monitor's Allan Pond took a flight with Wanganui Aero Club ...read how he got on.



The writer, in control briefly

By Allan Pond

Learning to fly is not something I'd ever really thought about doing. However, I recently had the opportunity to take an 'Intro Flight' with the Wanganui Aero Club.

The 'Intro Flight' allows a person to see if flying is for them. It can also be a memorable gift for someone special. On an 'Intro Flight,' you get to take control of the aircraft on a number of occasions, during a 20 minute flight (following a pre-flight briefing)... under the supervision of one of the club's qualified instructors.

The Wanganui Aero Club was established in 1929 and was one of the first flight training establishments in New Zealand. They have over eighty years' experience training recreational and commercial pilots.

Based at the Wanganui Airport, the club operates in an environment of minimal congestion, meaning less time wasted on the ground holding for other aircraft... and more time in the air.

They have a selection of aircraft available for flight training or hire and offer flight training towards microlight, private and commercial pilot licences, as well as aerobatics flight Instruction and Piper Cub tail wheel ratings.

I admit to being apprehensive on arrival at the club. Normally, a bar stool is as high as I'm happy to get! However, the instructor Daniel...while appearing to be about 10 years old...was calm, confident, reassuring and easy to follow, during his interesting and relaxed briefing. He explained the effects of manipulating the 'control' parts of the aircraft clearly, clarified terms and aircraft movements with ease and left me feeling assured that he ... at least... knew what he was doing!

I was then taken through the series of very thorough pre-flight checks of the aircraft before we climbed in, belted up and put on our headphones. My first opportunity to take control was as we taxied to the runway and, after a short wait for an Air Chathams' flight to take off, we were airborne...understandably (and much to my relief) Daniel effected that manoeuvre himself!

While in the air, I was able to take control often, attempting turns, rolls, changes in altitude and other manoeuvres ... all under Daniel's calm and reassuring instruction and always with the knowledge that should I "stuff up," he was there to take control again - immediately.

On a beautiful, relatively calm morning, the scenery was breathtaking and the flight was over too soon. While, at 66, I think it's probably a little too late to consider taking up flying as a career, I would have no hesitation in recommending the Wanganui Aero Club to someone younger who is interested in learning to fly.



The aircraft Allan was able to control....at times

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## HISTORICAL CELEBRATIONS AT OHAKEA AIR BASE



Three T-6C Texan aircraft land at Base Ohakea after a training flight.

The first Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) pilots trained using the T-6 Texan II integrated pilot training system graduated on Friday November 24 under a newly consecrated Squadron Standard.

The pilots of 16/1 pilot course received their brevets after witnessing the consecration and presentation of a new Standard for the re-established No. 14 Squadron.

No. 14 Squadron was first formed in 1942, as the RNZAF's first fighter unit, deploying into several theatres until taking up the role of advanced pilot training in 1972. It was disbanded in December 2001 and re-established with the introduction of the T-6C Texan II trainers in 2015.

## New pilot surrounded by flying

Being born (at the Bulls Medical Centre) and brought up in the great metropolis of Bulls, with the waft of aviation fuel from RNZAF Ohakea entering his lungs, at a very young age, it's no surprise that a yearning for aviation became innate in Perrin Turner, now a qualified pilot.

With his father serving in the Airforce, seeing and experiencing flights as he grew up, Perrin Turner's path was evolving.

At the age of nine, during a family holiday, Perrin attended the Paris Air Show in France, the Royal International Air Tattoo in England and visited many RAF museums. He was enthralled with aircraft. The dream was born.

Opportunities to fly in a variety of aircraft from a C130 Hercules, Boeing 757 and a French CASA, to a flight in a vintage Stearman, spurred on his enthusiasm. Perrin then attended the Walsh Memorial Flying School run by the Scouts in Matamata for two years and flew solo after only 12 hours tuition.

Disappointed that he couldn't follow his father's footsteps into an Airforce career, Perrin was accepted into Massey Aviation and recently received top honours at their recent Wings graduation - the Airways Corporation academic award for highest academic achievement, Hugh Francis navigation award and Fieldair Engineering Ltd aviation systems award presented as part of the Massey 2017 awards. He also received a commendation from the vice-chancellor at Massey University acknowledging his outstanding achievements.

"Not negating his amazing academic achievements," his mother, Raewyn Turner says, "I was impressed when I witnessed him acknowledging the engineers. To me this shows the calibre of the young man he has become." Perrin will complete his degree in aviation in 2018 and is then planning to again take to the skies!



New pilot Perrin Turner, influenced by the waft of aviation fuel in Bulls and Ohakea. Photo: Glen Turner.

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Tuesday 28th. Stableford; L Neumann 32, P Thompson 25, J Stantiall 25. Nine hole; J Van Loo 24, L Churchill 22, B Hills 22, G Burgess 21, B Philips 20, D Penfold 19, G James 18. Two; G Burgess No 5. Nearest pin: L Neumann. Saturday 9th. Central ITM skins, winners and grinners; G Charles x2, B Hantz, D Todd, G Cunningham, D Rhode. Coming events: Tuesday summer golf, 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 16th summer stableford, 11.00 am tee off. Prizegiving date TBA. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

**MARTON GOLF CLUB**

Twilight Wed 6 Dec. Our keen twilight golfers continue to support this event, which is great to see. Golfers stableford: Graham Marshall 26, J Kos 24, Stu Duncan, Matt Roberts 22, Shirley Ballard 21, B Beatson 20, Kereopa, Ian Gunn 18. Non-golfers medal: Todd Sutton 47, S Kendall, G Webb 28, D Boyd, D Gillies 50, Andy Clark 53, J Webb, J Skerman 54. Lucky draw: Leighann Belsham, Luke Klienschmidt. Twilight Christmas cheer, sponsored by Richards Construction, will now be on Wed December 20. Tee off 4.30-6pm. Entry fee \$8 includes light meal with dessert. Thursday golf money day. M Jones 46, L Wake 45, I Christison 42, N Gordon 41, I Batcheler 40, B Beck 40, R McDermott 39, D Clark 39, C Murphy 39, P Simpson 37, D Angove 36, T Hammond 36, A Stewart 36, G Calkin 35, H Bremner 35, P Connolly 35, B Cameron 34, G Velvin 34, B Wingate 34, B McGinniss 32, R Yorke 31, F Ravn 31, T McVerry 31. Saturday 9 December - D Singer 47 pts, B Wingate 41, G Marshall 40, B Poppe 37, P Singer 36. Next week - stableford competition. All welcome.

**MARTON NINE HOLE GOLF**

A field of thirty players had their final golf day of the year. Results: stableford: 1st division: 1st Neil Powell 21, 2nd Pip Carne 20. 2nd division: 1st Brian Hamerton 26, 2nd Dave McDougall 21. 3rd division: 1st Jan Cook 29. 2nd Beryl Higgle 26. Two's: Claire Aston and Tim Brandon. The summer series gross stableford competition, sponsored by Active Chartered Accountants; winners: ladies, Jan Cook. Men's; Richard Peirce. Lucky card: Jill Bryant. Raffle: Brian Short. Have a great Christmas and New Year.

**TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB**

The Robertson Holden Xmas cheer was contested in superb conditions. A slight breeze and light cloud cover was complemented with receptive greens that had some pace, although not lightening quick. Despite recent grass growth, the fairways and rough were excellent to play out of, with enough cushioning to make it enjoyable to walk. A field of 102 greeted the starter, with visitors dominating all facets of the results, including the novelty holes, two's and raffles. Matt Thomas won the men's gross on 73, from Mike Taiuru (Hawkestone) on 76. Thomas's round included only 1 birdie on the 15th and 14 pars. In the women's gross, Lily Griffin (Manawatu) and Nicky Martin (Rangitira) both shot 85; just edging out Jenny Ritchie (Marton) on 86, with Griffin winning the 1/2 ham on the toss. Long time stalwart Denis McKenzie (Apiti) who won the net in 1987, presented the Snow Wind Cup to joint winners Barrie Randall (Taihape), Josh Clarke (Hawkestone) and Joe Stella (Hawkestone) - all on 64 net. However, the best score on the day came from life member Marian Cleaver, with a phenomenal 47 points, to easily blitz the ladies, despite failing to score on the last hole. Paul Early (Apiti) won the senior men, with 41 points, which included birdies on 2 and 18. Results: ladies - M Cleaver 47, Lily Griffin 85 (gross), W Finlay, D Mickleson 39, N Martin 38, K Early 37, L Leary, H Dickens, L Burke, F Robertson 35. Junior men (22 - 36) - B Randall 43, H Rose 42, D Bond 41, L Baker 39, A Corbett, D Griffin, D Bartlett 37, G Stanton, JJ Walker, R Ellery 3. Intermediate men (14 - 21) - J Clarke, J Stella 43, K McLeod, D Robertson, J Fannin 40, S Purcell, R Early 38, D McGuinn, G Marshall 36, S Martin, C Williams 35. Senior men (0 - 13) - P Early 41, M Thomas 73 (gross), G Thomas, A Thomas 40, K Wells 39, M George, J Belski 38, D Mickleson, J Mickleson 37, D Dick 36, M Taiuru, S Barker 35. Nearest pin: 6 R. Ellery, 8 D. Mickleson, 12 K. Early, 14 J. Johnston, 17 K. Clarke. Best 2nd shot: 1 V Burke, 5 K Wells, 7 D Bond, 10 D Griffin. Best 3rd shot: 9 L Griffin, 11 N Martin, 15 M Taiuru, 18 J Sinai. Twos: (8) A Thomas, (12) G Thomas, C Leary, K Wells, J Dickens, K Early, (14) M George, J Bielski, G Pope, S Baker, (17) R Bourke, C Skou. Eagles: 18 M Booth.

**MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 2 CRICKET**

Two outstanding individual performances ensured Central ITM Saracens convincingly won their 40 over holiday round match against Wanganui Tech at the weekend. Playing at

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 Declaration of Parent Election Results

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Name	Votes
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I hereby declare the following duly elected:  
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Centennial Park, Saracens captain Andrew Spence won the toss and elected to bat. He was the first man out, for 8 in the 4th over, with the score at 14. Vern Kohi was dismissed for 1; with the total at 18 and Saracens were looking shaky. Mark Transom joined Dave Woolston at the crease and this pair steadied things somewhat, before Transom was given out to a very dubious lbw decision for 14. It was the second time in two weeks that Transom had lost his wicket this way, when the ball was obviously 'going over the top'. This wicket brought Justin Lock to the crease and he proceeded to play a very sensible, free-scoring innings that set Saracens up for the eventual comfortable win. Lock drove confidently and worked the ball all-around the park, eventually being dismissed for exactly 100. He shared in productive partnerships with Woolston, who scored 23, Kelly Kumeroa (13), Allan Pond (19) and Brett Cunningham (11 not out). Ronan Spence was dismissed for 0, Jayden Lane 2 and Michael Thompson was 4 not out. Saracens reached 228 for 9 at the end of their 40 overs. The Tech reply started well but opening bowlers Lane and Transom bowled accurately and with pace, to tie the visitors down. Transom picked up both openers and, when Lane was replaced by Cunningham, Tech had no answer to his accurate, lively in-swing. Cunningham took the next 7 wickets; 6 clean bowled and the other lbw. He finished with his best ever figures; 7 for 9 from his 7.3 overs. Tech was all out for 57, in the 23rd over, to give Saracens a 171 run victory. Player of the day discussion was robust, with the team eventually deciding they couldn't separate the two obvious contenders. Justin Lock was awarded Broadway Colourplus player of the day and Brett Cunningham Graham Marshall Decorating player of the day. This Saturday, Central ITM will play United in a T20 match at Centennial Park.

**MARTON SARACENS CRICKET CLUB DAY**

This Saturday, both Marton Saracens cricket teams will be in action at Centennial Park, taking on Wanganui opposition in the Twenty20 competition. The club will be holding a club day where they will put on a free barbecue and drinks for supporters, sponsors and their families. The first match will get underway at 11am, when Matt Burke Engineering Saracens P1 will play Wanganui Tech. Father Christmas is due to pay a visit at about 1pm, drinks will be available and the barbecue will be operating from 1:30pm. The second match will begin at 3pm - Central ITM Saracens P2 playing Wanganui United. All sponsors and supporters are encouraged to come along to what will be the last day of cricket for the year.

**MARTON BOWLING CLUB**

Wednesday 22 November roll-up results: skips- 1st Joanne Simpson, 2nd Trevor Evans, 3rd Tony Stockton. Twos - 1st Jennie Redshaw, 2nd Tania George, 3rd Neil Gardner. Leads- 1st

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**Date:** 15 December 2017  
**Time:** 7pm

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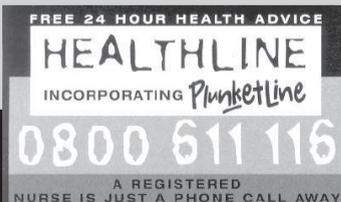
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RDC will assess proposals in EsOI on the basis that non-financial considerations in RDC's Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings (2015) will be weighted at 40% and price will be weighted at 60%. The Policy is on our Website at: <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/policies-bylaws/policies/policy-on-disposal-of-surplus-lands-and-buildings>

EsOI must be delivered to Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741 or <mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz> no later than Noon on Thursday 21 December 2017.

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Kevin Redshaw, 2nd Graeme Hill, 3rd Noeline Schollum. Wednesday 29 November roll-up results: skips: 1st Peter Saywell, 2nd Elaine Saywell, 3rd Kevin Mullany. Twos: 1st Jean Coleman, 2nd Ron Harding, 3rd Josie Bismark. Leads: 1st Bruce Aplin, 2nd Noeline Schollum, 3rd Joy White. Wednesday 6 December roll-up results: 1st- Tony Stockton & Graeme Hill, 2nd- Peter Saywell & Wayne Pudney, 3rd- Mickey Neumann & Kevin Redshaw. Wednesday 6 December, ladies singles club championship: 1st Jennie Redshaw, 2nd equal - Tania George & Shirley Wallace. Congratulations ladies.

**MARTON CROQUET CLUB**

The weather has been lovely and a good number of members have been attending our club days. A barbeque will be held this Saturday, after play, for members and friends. Results Monday 4/12/17; association - D Winmill 26 v Murray McNae 20, T Martyn 26 v G McIntyre 5, Mary McNae 19 v L Thompson 13, G Thompson 13 v S Johnson 10. Golf croquet; L Hughes 7 v L Johnson/M Vallance 5, L Hughes/M Vallance 7 v L Johnson 3. Wednesday 6/12/17; association - Murray McNae 26 v G McIntyre 15, D Winmill 26 v T Martyn 18, S Johnson 24 v Mary McNae 21. Golf croquet - L Thompson 7 v G Thompson/J McDougall 3,5, G Thompson 7 v L Hughes/J McDougall 5. Saturday 9/12/17; association -T Martyn 15 v L McLay 14, S Johnson 15 v G McIntyre4, L Thompson 6 v G Thompson 5, Mary McNae/S Spooner 19 v G Thompson/L Johnson 12, D Winmill 26 v Murray McNae 25. Golf croquet - L Hughes/J Mc Dougall 7, 7 v Mary McNae/M Vallance 5, 4. A Winmill/Mary McNae 6 v Linda Hughes/J McDougall 2.

**CROQUET MANAWATU-WANGANUI**

Golf croquet interclub competition. Week 5. This is the final round for the first leg of the competition. Feilding still hold the lead that they have held, since the first round. The second leg of the tournament will start on 15 February. Feilding 5, Marton 3. Results: Lynda Thompson & Lyn Johnson (M) bt Bob Mabey & Shirley Birchall (F) 7-5; David Harrison & Julie Fitzgerald (F) bt Gordon Thompson & Marilyn Vallance (M) 7-4; Mabey & Harrison (F) bt L&G.Thompson (M) 7-5; Fitzgerald (F) bt Vallance (M) 7-6; Johnson (M) bt Birchall (F) 7-6; Mabey (F) bt L.Thompson (M) 7-5, Harrison (F) bt G.Thompson (M) 7-6; Vallance & Johnson (M) bt Fitzgerald & Birchall (F) 7-4. Levin 6, Rangatira 2. Rose Gardens 5, Wanganui 3. Points to date: Feilding 27 (33), Rose Gardens 24 (42), Wanganui 21 (4), Marton 20 (15), Rangatira 14 (-45), Levin 14 (-49).

**MANAWATU JETS**

The Manawatu Jets basketball team is pleased to announce the naming rights sponsor for its 2018 New Zealand national basketball league campaign. "We are thrilled to announce The Go Media Manawatu Jets. It's fantastic to have Go Media, a forward-thinking innovative media company, onboard as our naming rights sponsor. They share our community values and have the opportunity to help us get the Jets name back out in the community, after our two year absence," said chair Richard Hansen. Dean Shaw, director and business owner of Go Media said, "Go Media is pumped about being onboard with the Jets! As a proud Palmy owned and operated company, we couldn't think of a better team to be backing, as they jump back into the NBL. We are looking forward to building a great relationship with the team and management and through the use of our new digital billboards, bus-back advertising and billboard media, throughout the region, it's bound to be a successful first season back in the big league. Go the Jets!" Piers Finch, Jets general manager said, "The digital aspect that Go Media brings 'onboard' is going to enhance the game day atmosphere and add elements the Jets fan base has never seen. We can't wait to have our local players plastered across busses, billboards and more importantly, digital billboards around the region. The team at Go Media are great and we're looking forward to working closely with them in the months to come. We're gearing up for a massive push to have basketball back in full force, here in the Manawatu and we will need every basketball fan to come forward and support our relaunch! To help, please visit our website - www.thejets.co.nz."

# 'Look after the trout you catch,' says Fish & Game

With the summer fishing season now underway, Fish & Game has launched an initiative to educate anglers on how to properly look after trout they catch. Fish & Game has produced videos, along with a new brochure and pages on its website, to inform anglers on the best way to handle trout they have caught. Proper handling of trout is a good way to ensure a trout is fit for the table and for anglers to "play their part" in sustaining fish stocks, says Fish & Game communications manager Don Rood. Don says all anglers, not just the less experienced, need to be aware that how they handle any trout they catch is critical, if the fish is to thrive after release back into the stream, or river. "We want anglers to look after the trout they catch, while they decide to keep them for dinner, or release the prime breeding stock," Don Rood says. "It doesn't matter, if you are selectively harvesting one for a feed, or releasing good fish so they can breed, you want them to be in the best possible condition. We're, not of course, urging anglers to release every trout but encouraging them to look after them all," he says. Mr Rood says some practices to avoid are fighting a trout for too long, using too light gear, dragging trout onto the rocks, or boat deck and not taking enough care removing hooks. He says trout make excellent eating, so if you are keeping them for the table, make the decision and kill them quickly and humanely. "Trout are a great source of wild food and for many anglers, hunting and gathering for their families is a key part of the fishing experience," Mr Rood says. "You don't have to apologise for selectively taking fish for the table and our publicity material advises on the most humane way to despatch a trout. Looking after the fish we catch is not only better for the health of our trout populations and the future of the fishery but also your reputation as a provider of good quality food for family and friends." For advice on handling and netting fish, have a look at the Fish & Game website: fishandgame.org.nz

**Key messages:**

- Use the heaviest line you can get away with. Too light a line means you will have to fight the fish for longer and that takes a toll – a tired fish has much less chance of surviving.
- Use a single hook and consider trying barbless hooks.
- Aim to land your fish quickly. Modern reels have great drags, so make the most of these and the rod's leverage to get the trout close enough to net.
- Use a net to land your fish, preferably a knotless one.
- Keep the trout in the net and in the water while releasing it.
- Unhook the fish gently, preferably with long nosed pliers.
- Work quickly and, if at all possible, avoid touching the fish at all.
- If you want a photo, make it quick and get the fish back into the water without delay.
- Wet and cool your hands before handling the fish and consider using gloves.
- Ideally, take the photo of the fish still in the water.
- If you have to hold the fish, do it gently, with one hand around the tail and the other carefully cradling the fish.
- Keep your hands, hooks and anything else away from the trout's gills.



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# Results of public feedback on blue cod announced

In September 2017, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) engaged widely with tangata whenua, stakeholders and the public as part of the first phase of development for the national blue cod strategy.

MPI inshore fisheries manager Steve Halley says fishers from around the country have let the ministry know what is happening with blue cod in their area.

"It's great to see so many people have taken the time to provide feedback and help shape the development of the strategy," says Mr Halley. "Overall, 335 people came along to the SI information sessions, and we received over 1100 responses to the first online survey.

"In general, feedback has indicated that blue cod fisheries in most areas are doing okay. However, there are issues in some areas that need to be resolved.

"The concerns raised by people vary, depending on the area, but include localised overfishing, mortality of returned fish and illegal take. MPI has started developing options to address areas that are under pressure and to protect areas that are doing well. MPI will start the second phase of public engagement early next year; seeking feedback on proposed options and on additional, or alternative measures. "It's important that people continue to get involved and give feedback; to make sure we get this strategy right. This work provides an opportunity to make sure these important fisheries thrive, not just survive."

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