

Spring has sprung - the spectacle of blossom down Thomas Street, Ranfurly.

#### MANIOTOTO SPACE RADAR

In June, Positively Maniototo visited the construction site of New Zealand's first space radar located between Naseby and Ranfurly. (below).



The Leolabs Kiwi space tracking radar under construction in June

Fast forward four months and we were privileged enough to attend the invitation only official unveiling on the 16th of October. LeoLabs (California, USA) is the company behind this massive project as the leading commercial provider of low Earth orbit (LEO) mapping and Space Situational Awareness (SSA) services. This establishes New Zealand as the site for the first radar of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. As the third radar in LeoLabs' network, the New Zealand radar is the first



St Johns School Students at the LEO LABS Kiwi

to track debris as small as 2cm in low Earth orbit.

Our two Maniototo schools were invited to take a tour of the radars on the morning of the unveiling and there was some fantastic information shared as well as some great questions asked. Jack Steele asked how the structures would

#### MANIOTOTO MANA



Maniototo Area School Kapa Haka Group perform in Queenstown.

Last month the Maniototo Area School Kapa Haka Group (including teachers Lauren Reid and Heather Dowling) performed at the annual Central Lakes Polyfest on a stunning day in Queenstown. The event is run by The Murihiku Maori & Pasifika Cultural Trust and this is the second time Maniototo had entered. Although not a competition, the group yet again did themselves proud as a stand-out, well-oiled machine.



Maniototo Area School Kapa Haka Group.

They sung waiata - Halleluja, Maniototo e, E te hokowhitu a tu, Tiaho Mai Ra and the Maniototo Haka (see words and translation page 12). A couple of weeks later senior members of the group travelled down to

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#### THANK YOU



Ruth MacDonald would like to thank all her lovely friends, Maniototo RSA, and Pakeke Lions Club for their cards and good wishes for her recent 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She had three days of celebrations with family and

friends and a fun afternoon at Parkstone Care Home with the residents and staff.

Thank you to all those people that stopped to assist me when I had my mishap on the corner by the derelict shop in Ranfurly on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Extra thanks to Ewan and Heather (for their on the spot help), Denise from the Radio Station (for her help in ringing for medical help), David and Carolyn (for taking care of my car and dog for the following week), Duncan and Becky (for transporting me in the Ambulance to Dunedin) the other male Ambulance Officer (sorry didn't catch your name but you straightened my glasses). I am on the mend with many stitches and lots of bruising. You were all very caring and I am forever grateful. Cheers, Glenda.

#### **WANTED TO RENT**

Semi-retired married couple looking for a farm cottage to rent permanently in the Maniototo area. Avid gardeners, very clean and tidy. Husband is a machine operator/tractor driver. Wife is a professional cleaner. Call 021 168 9402.

#### **WORK WANTED**

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#### MANIOTOTO GARDEN CLUB TOUR

Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of December is the next tour date and this year's gardens take in the Naseby and Ranfurly area.

#### MANIOTOTO GARDEN CLUB

The Maniototo Garden Club have a street walk in Ranfurly on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at 4.30pm, beginning at 21 Stafford Street. Come and join us if you would like to see what local gardeners are growing in their gardens. All welcome!

The Garden club have also updated and re-printed the Maniototo Gardener's Book, which is available for \$15 from More than Books and Maniototo Paint and Hardware. These books are a great Xmas Gift!!

#### **CENTENNIAL ART DECO GALLERY**

The Centennial Milk Bar is now open for the season which ends on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. Opening hours are 11am until 3pm. Remember that local crafts are for sale, which includes cards for every occasion, jam, knitwear and other knick knacks, plus the a walk down memory lane.

We would appreciate some help from the community so that the local people meet our many visitors. During the 2018-19 we had 4,511 people looked through the gallery} and keep the Milkbar open over the summer. If you have a couple of hours a month or week, there are two time slots of 11.00 am -1.00pm or 1.00pm - 3.00pm contact Ida Jopp - 444 9347, or Joan Pringle - 444 9629, or Karen Munro - 444 9814.

#### **OLD BATTERIES**

The Maniototo Lions Club is still collecting any old car or truck batteries for their scrap metal. Please leave these at PGG Wrightson's yard in Northland Street. Contact Andy 027 333 7874.



#### **BUSINESS BREAKFAST**

The November Business Breakfast will be held on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, 8am at Kokonga Lodge. All are very welcome. For further information about the Maniototo Business Breakfasts chat to Janyne Fletcher at her gallery in Charlemont Street.

#### RETAIL THERAPY

A 'Pop-Up Shop' will be opening on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December in the old Westpac Bank building in Charlemont Street. Enquiries to Joyce Greer on 021 139 4304.

#### **HOUSE WANTED**

A couple in the Ranfurly area are looking for a long term,1-2 bedroom rental. They are non-smokers, have no pets and can provide good references. Please contact Manish on 022 093 8112 if you can help.

#### **PARISH VISIT**

On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November Bishop Steven will be visiting the Anglican Parish to celebrate St Hilda's Day. The church service will be at St Hilda's Church on Wells Street at 10.30am. We warmly invite along those wishing to attend the service. A luncheon will follow. Should you wish to join us, please contact 444 9249 by the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

#### **WANTED - MOA DISPLAY INFO**

The Kyeburn Public Library Committee want to locate any relevant info from local people of any sites or finds of moa bones, eggs or fossils in the Maniototo Area. It is proposed, in conjunction with the Otago Museum, that such information be incorporated on a display panel together with recent moa footprints in the Kyeburn riverbed. Contact Robert Scott on 444 9288 or Nick Mackenzie on 444 9055.

#### **NASBEY INFO AND CRAFTS**

Did you know at Naseby Information and Craft Centre there is a good selection of 100% Merino wool hand knitted garments, a range of soaps, shampoos and conditioners, Naseby bookmarks, postcards, keyrings, fridge magnets and cookbooks. There are also handmade greeting cards and local history books. The Naseby Information and Craft Centre is also the place to go for information brochures on local history, forestry walks and cycling maps. Volunteers to help in the Centre are welcome with just three hours a month required. Contact numbers are Lorraine on 444 9512 or Hazel on 444 9937. Also, they are accepting Books for the December 30<sup>th</sup> Book Sale.

#### **FESTIVE FETE**

The Maniototo Festive Fete is happening on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Arts Centre.

Come along between 10am and 3pm to celebrate the Christmas spirit and do a bit of creative Christmas Shopping!

You can make your own gifts by participating in our \$5 workshops (all materials supplied), or purchase gifts made with love by our talented local artisans. There will be patchwork, honey, knitwear, Christmas cards, Christmas decorations and much more.

Bring along any unwanted Christmas decorations for our Swap table – we all have those items that we've fallen out of love with, but how much better to recycle them than throw them away (and how exciting to get to rummage through someone else's unwanted treasures!)

Entertainment provided by live Christmas music to enhance the Festive spirit.

There will also be a Christmas card making station for the kids!

#### PINK RIBBON DAY

Thank you to the volunteers who helped on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October outside More Than Books. It was a very cold day so your effort is much appreciated.

Also, thanks to Janet and Dick for looking after us all.

Thanks also to Cherie and Simon for the Raffle night and their donation of the wine.

Raffles were donated by Tony and Liz O'Neill, Karl and Ro McDiarmid, Allison and Graeme Duncan, Margaret Hore and Bill Carson. Money raised was \$1504.60

#### Raffle results

Meat was won by #57 Bonnie Smith,  $2^{nd}$  #105 Hutch and  $3^{rd}$  #38 Lucy Girvan. The grocery hamper went to #54 Bev Helm. The goodie box was also Bev #115. The crochet rug went to #129 Joan Pringle

#### **WOOD RAFFLE WINNER**

Congratulations to Irene O'Malley for winning the trailer load of firewood by supporting Kassidy Pont's Central Otago Under 15 Hockey fundraiser.

Please give Amie a ring on 027 2643 766 and we will organise delivery Irene.

Thanks to everyone who supported Kass this hockey season. You're an awesome community (but you already knew that).

#### **NEW EMAIL FOR PM**

Positively Maniototo has a new email address so please note this in your email contacts.

It is **PositivelyManiototo@gmail.com** This enables content to be directed to one place in the future. Thank you.

#### **ACCOMMODATION NEEDED**

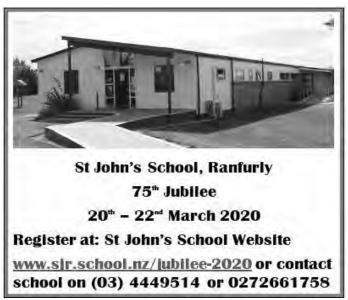
A call out to all residents in the Maniototo and surrounds! A film shoot is scheduled in the Hills Creek area in early 2020 from early January to mid-March.

Accommodation is required for the entire film company and they are talking big numbers that need to be housed. They need options of five bedroomed houses to shearers quarters for crew in larger numbers. They also require office and workshop space in the area, the workshop is for the paint department. If you have accommodation that will be available early 2020 the coordinaters would love to hear from you! Holiday house free? Need to head away for a holiday and your house is available? Please do not hesitate to contact Nicola 027 333 3308 from Bad Girl Creek Productions Ltd or Pam 027 651 1171, Travel and Accommodation Coordinator.

#### FILM EXTRAS CALL

Seeking Extras for a film - the role is "Seasonal Workers" (the era is 1920's in the US). Feature film to be shot in Ida Valley region next year between 27<sup>th</sup> Jan - 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Looking for the following ethnicities: Polish / Irish / Italian / Euro looks as well as Mexican looks. Men aged from 18 - 65. Character faces a bonus. Must have the physique of a pre-depression migrant ie. sinewy / brawny muscles. No visible tattoos. If you are interested in taking part please contact Bex on becrowe@gmail.com as soon as possible with your name, phone number and a photo of yourself.







#### MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY BOARD

Positively Maniototo thought it opportune to introduce you to the Maniototo Community Board as voted by yourselves.

#### Stu Duncan

Stu is a fourth-generation farmer from White Sow Valley, married to Lorraine and has three children. Along with his parents, Stu and Lorraine are the owner-operators The Wedderburn Cottages, providing accommodation to users of the Otago Central Rail Trail.



The further development and protection of the Central Otago area is extremely important to Stu and he believes this can be reached by balancing tradition and history, with fresh ideas and an entrepreneurial focus. Stu advocates for farmers on issues relating to water and the land and wants to create an environment of support and opportunity, while retaining the important aspects a lifestyle in a rural community offers.

Stu will continue another (4th) term as a Maniototo representative on the Central Otago District Council as the position was uncontested.



#### **Mark Harris**



Mark has worked in the farming industry as a fencing contractor, farm manager and farmer since moving here nearly 40 years ago.

Mark and wife Jane have two children who were born, raised and schooled in the Maniototo. Jane is a nurse at the hospital and covers the medical centre.

Over his time Mark has contributed to the Maniototo Lions Club, Maniototo Area School Board of Trustees and the Maniototo Community Board (his last term as Chair). Mark looks forward to sitting on the board again and believes their role is to keep Maniototo issues in front of Council to keep and enhance our current services.

#### **Robert Hazlett**



Rob is a father of two and is a partner in a family contracting business that has been based in Ranfurly for the past 70+ years. Rob has been involved in numerous organisations such as the volunteer fire brigade and both the rugby and golf clubs.



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With extensive of knowledge the Resource Management Act, Rob has worked for many years with the Otago Regional Council and believes it is really important that we continue to attract and encourage economic development to make our area viable for new families to settle.

Rob has been on the community board for two terms, the last as the Chair and is passionate about improving local services and infrastructure.

#### **Duncan Helm**



Duncan was born and raised in the Maniototo and runs a sheep and cattle farm with his brother.

Back in the day Dunc played cricket for Gimmerburn, rugby for the Gimmerburn Patearoa Club (continuing to play rugby when the Gimmerburn Patearoa Club amalgamated Ranfurly with

the Maniototo Maggots) and curled for Garabaldi.

In 2003 he joined St John ambulance as a volunteer and has become an Emergency Medical Technician (obtained by National Diploma). Duncan enjoys his time being on call for the Ranfurly ambulance and working with and teaching the volunteers.

### CHALLENGE



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#### **Sue Umbers**



This is Sue's sixth term with the Maniototo Community Board.

Sue enjoys being involved in community affairs and listening to the issues that matter in the community. Sue has been involved in establishment of two community plans.

Sue has a wee patch of land and breeds Welsh ponies. Her grandchildren also keep her busy.







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At home on the farm we have just had our New Zealand Farm Assurance Programme (NZFAP) audit and one of the questions that comes up is "Do you have an Animal Health Plan from your vets?"

I have a prepared one, in the same style as any of my clients would get, so we pulled it out along with our RVM consult folder. The auditor was very pleased and said this met all the compliance requirements – job done!

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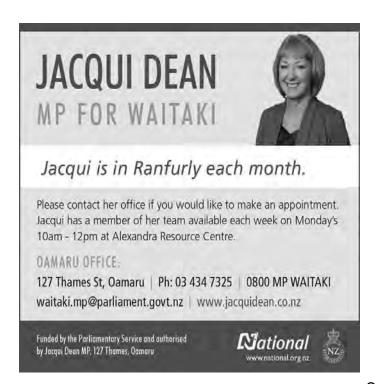
Once this consult is done you are authorised to pick up any of the listed prescription drugs throughout the year and administer them yourselves following the guidelines discussed during your RVM consult. Without an RVM consult, it is a legal requirement that a vet must authorise every prescription medication purchase, which can be inconvenient for you especially if all the vets are out of the building when you pop in to grab something. Once your RVM consult is complete, you will receive a copy of the paperwork for audit requirements, some further information about the prescriptions and doseage/withholding information, all in a convenient folder.

Having a formalised Animal Health Plan is now part of the NZFAP audit, this is a real step forward in preventative animal health and we applaud the industries approach to this.

An Animal Health Plan is a discussion around your farms annual approach to animal health, where we cover off the big topics: fly, lice, worm management, vaccine use etc. We hope that sitting down with your vet to create an Animal Health Plan will add value to your farming business and at the end of it you will end up with a personalised calendar of your year with all your planned animal health interventions mapped out.

If you have FarmIQ we can even offer a service where our Animal Health Plan will sync with the FarmIQ calendar, stream-lining your system. You may receive a phone call soon about having your annual Animal Health Plan and RVM consult, if you have any further questions about the process please ask!

We look forward to catching up with you all soon!





#### GARDEN CLUB TRIP TO DUNEDIN

Maniototo Garden Club annual spring outing coincided with Rhododendron Week at Dunedin Gardens this year. A van load of keen local gardeners and friends set off from Ranfurly early on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. First stop was the top of Dunedin Botanical Gardens where we drifted our way down through the displays, finding pockets of colour, spotting named varieties and admiring the views.

Next stop was Tannock Glen, owned and maintained by the Dunedin Rhododendron Group. For most of them it was they first visit and they all enjoyed a wander amongst the mature trees underplanted with many colourful rhododendrons, azaleas and spring flowers, followed by a shared picnic lunch.

After lunch they headed towards Port Chalmers then over the hill to Orokonui Ecosanctuary. Some explored the sanctuary for an hour while others enjoyed the café.

The next stop was close by at the garden of Rodney Macdonald and Clinton Chambers. In just ten years on the property they have produced an outstanding garden with so many interesting features - we were in awe.

A stunning plant-lined pond (complete with ducklings), a shrub-lined driveway full of colour and interest, productive organic vege beds, a water feature, greenhouse, rockery, native bushwalk, a beautiful home in an amazing setting. They loved it!

George Lindsay bravely drove the club members around. Thank you George. They were blessed with a beautiful day, great company and lots of laughs. In all, a great day out!

The next Maniototo Garden Club event is an evening walk through some Ranfurly gardens on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The annual Christmas gathering will be held in Naseby on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. New members are always welcome, feel free to contact anyone from the club for more information.

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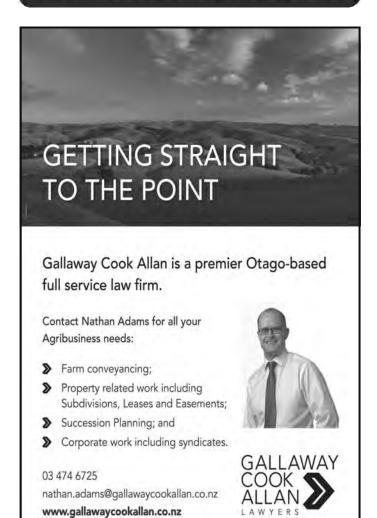
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stand up to an earthquake (they'll be fine apparently as the materials are all chosen to withstand such events) and Robert Hall asked how much they cost to build (super scientist Mike managed to manoeuvre around a direct answer with that one – we can probably safely presume it wasn't cheap). The radar does, however,



Leolabs co-founder and chief technical officer Michael Nicolls takes Maniototo Area School students on a tour.

generate return on investment by selling the data and information from tracking space debris and advising if they're going to come close another object (such as a satellite). This enables prediction of where debris will be in due course, enabling companies to move said objects and protect their investment.

The company also announced an agreement with New Zealand's Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to promote the creation of applications and services that enhance New Zealand's contribution to the Space Industry.

Low Earth Orbit is rapidly emerging as the focus of commercial activity with in space, thousands satellites spawning new generations services. ranging from broadband internet to Earth imaging. **LEO** represents both a new economy and



Leolabs chief executive Dan Ceperley speaks to more students at the space radar site.

a critical ecosystem shared globally by governments, space agencies, regulators, commercial satellite operators and insurance. Against this backdrop is the risk to satellites and astronauts posed by space debris, especially from the estimated 250,000 dangerous objects which are untracked today.

This is another string in the bow of Dark Skies projects, the Otago Central Interplanetary Trail, Night Sky photography competitions and various exhibitions featuring the Maniototo sky night or day! Jo and Phil Dowling, who are leasing the site to LEOLABS, think the project is 'very exciting and great for the Maniototo'.

#### MANIOTOTO FOCUS OF STUDY

Samuel Bergen is a Geography student at the University of Otago, undertaking his Master of Arts in Geography thesis in Behavioural Geography. The aim of the research is to explore the changes within small town New Zealand, particularly in the context of rural life. Sammy is studying farming and agriculture and how community responds to change.

The study of Behavioural Geography took off in the 1970s and, in his interviews, Sammy is taking into account historical context, economic drivers and future influences. The body of work started in March and will take a year.

So far, fifteen interviews have been undertaken including members of local council, business owners, rail trail operators, community board members, farmers and various community members.





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Dunedin to the Mana Pounamu Awards which is an opportunity to celebrate the achievement of rakatahi Māori in secondary schools across Otago. school can nominate a junior student from Year 9-11 and a senior student from Year 12-13 and, this year, Reef Becker (Year 9) and Madi Pont (Year 12) were selected. As each student is Reef Becker and Madi Pont after receiving their Mana Pounamu Awards in Dunedin.



called up a picture and profile is displayed on a large screen behind them and they are gifted a beautiful

piece of pounamu (followed by a hongi), a certificate and senior students receive a scholarship to either Otago Polytech or the University of Otago.

Reef's selection included her contribution to hockey, curling and St John Youth and Madi for her leadership in hockey, music and as Kaea of the Kapa Haka Group as well as achieving her academic goals in unit standards. Each school is given the chance to perform one haka or waiata to honour their peers up on stage. Other groups are also welcomed to perform at the same time should they wish to acknowledge a connection to the school or the student/s.

#### HAKA FOR MANIOTOTO

#### Ko te whenua o Maniototo kia matara Kia Mau,

Hī Aue Hī! Whakataka te hau ki uru Whakataka te hau ki tonga Ka noho te hukarere i runga i tōku whenua

#### Anei mātou te Maniototo

E werowero kia koutou Rapuwai, Waitaha, Ngāti Māmoe, Kai Tāhū, mata, waka ngā whānui e

#### Tènei o mātou whakaaro

Te mana, te ihi, te reo Kia ū, Kia mau, Ki tō Māoritanga Hī Aue Hī

#### This is the area of Maniototo – be alert, be ready We are ready,

we are we are Cease the wind from the south The snow lies on my ground

#### Here is the area of Maniototo

We challenge you Rapuwai, Waitaha, Ngāti Māmoe, Kai Tāhū, the many canoes, our families

#### This is our thoughts

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#### **BURN UPDATE**

**Denise Baddock** 

The Burn Tailing Shout is into its fourth week. Don't forget to enter your name, where you are tailing and contact details with us here at Burn and be in to win! Congratulations to first three weekly winners, Tim O'Neill of Gimmerburn, Donald Carey of Kokonga and Simon Paterson of Gimmerburn. The tailing shout is kindly sponsored by Ranfurly Supermarket with the last draw at 4pm on Friday the15<sup>th</sup> of November.



What a glorious day weather wise our Market Day received at Labour weekend, could not believe how lucky we were after the previous day's weather we had been subjected to. One out of the bag and welcomed by all our local and visiting stall holders. What a great turnout of stalls and people who attended them. It was lovely to see the village green humming with activity, with a great selection of wares on offer and buyers grabbing a bargain or two. Once again, a huge thank you to all the stall holders, especially to those who travelled to the Maniototo from far and wide. To the Ranfurly i-site for allowing us the use of the village green, Ewan Mason for sound and music and to the awesome Burn team cranking out the sausages, bread, onions and burgers. Thank you, another sterling effort by one and all. To Sarah, thanks, you have given the Burn team a great idea for our 2020 market day, we will definitely be including boot sales in our line-up.

**Wanted - a keen photographer!** Can you help us out???? The Burn team are looking for a local photographer who could volunteer an hour or two to take pics of Santa and the kids this year, if available and are happy to assist please contact Denise here at Burn. Santa's Grotto is set to coincide with the late night shopping again this year so pop Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3:30 – 5:30pm on your calendar for the kids. Once again it will be held at the St John rooms in Northland Street for your convenience.

For all your advertising requirements a pricing schedule is available and we can tailor an advertising package to suit your requirements. Like to get your notice on air throughout the Maniototo to inform the locals and visitors of upcoming events and meetings, don't hesitate to contact us here at the station. For as little as a gold coin donation, that is all it takes. Don't forget to check out our Burn Facebook page.







#### MANIOTOTO ST JOHN UPDATE

**FREE** in partnership with **PowerNet**, St John is offering a First Aid course on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 8:30am – 5pm at the Maniototo St John rooms in Northland Street, Ranfurly. If you would



# ns in **St John**

like the opportunity to update your First Aid certificate for free phone **03 477 7990 ext 3656** and quote code **POW0615.** 

The Annual awards for 2019 Maniototo St John Youth & Penguin, crew and committee members will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Ranfurly Town Hall. 4:30pm – 5:30pm, followed by a shared afternoon tea at the St John rooms. All welcome to attend. The St John annual dinner for crew and committee is scheduled for December, with date, day and times to be advised nearer the time.



Our local St John Community Initiatives are well underway in and around the Maniototo, with our

donations of First Aid kits being well received by the

schools etc. Don't forget if your First Aid kit needs

replenishing or you require one for home, workplace,

Duncan Helm from Maniototo St John (and Maniototo Community Board member - see page 6) deliver a first aid kit to teacher Geraldine Duncan and students.



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#### **ROGAINING CHAMPS**

If, when you hear the word Rogaining, you think of balding men in a hair growing competition, (although you wouldn't be the first) perhaps you should keep reading. *Rogaining* is an orienteering sport of long distance cross-country navigation, involving both route planning and navigation between checkpoints using a variety of map types. In a *rogaine*, teams of 2–5 people choose which checkpoints to visit within a time limit with the intent of maximizing their score. Rogaining has become popular with a number of local ladies (below) and they are excited to be able to compete in the upcoming New Zealand Rogaining Champs being held here in the Maniototo.



Maniototo competitors during the Flat Top Hill (near Roxburgh) Rogaine in August.

On weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November hundreds of keen rogainers will ramble around a course set on the Rock and Pillar Range. It is pitched to be the best rogaining terrain in New Zealand ever with no tracks, no fences, no matagouri and no spaniards (the plant, not the people). Competitors will enjoy typical Central Otago high country, subtle contours, water courses, rocky outcrops, gold mining relics, large open ridges incised with small to large gullies.

The base 'HQ' for the Rogaining Champs will be at En Hakkore where many will also stay. There are 3hr, 6hr, 12hr and 24hr course options so endurance and strategy definitely come into play. If you'd like to enter a team or would like further information contact Terry Davis on 021 284 6844.



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#### **PUTTING IT TO PRINT**

Last month members of the Positively Maniototo team, Amie Pont (Editor) and Luke Anthony (Graphic artist) were invited along to speak to the Year 7 and 8 class at Maniototo Area School about what it takes to create Positively Maniototo. A project for the classes this term is to create a 'newspaper'.

Amie covered some of the history of printed publications in the Maniototo, the connection with our local radio station Burn 729am/87.9fm, who else makes up the team (proof reading, regular contributors, delivery and distribution) how content is created, how long it takes to make each month and the positives and negatives of the role.

Luke shared his indepth knowledge of design and layout and printing. There were some great questions and fabulous note taking. Amie and Luke have offered to continue to help with the project in any way they can.

#### WINNING WRITERS

Congratulations to Oturehua writers Brian Turner and Jillian Sullivan. They have both won awards in the recent New Zealand Heritage Literary Awards.

Jillian won the poetry section with her poem *The Huts,* and Brian has been awarded a special poetry book award for his *Selected Poems*.



#### **WATPTATA A WINNFR**

Each year the annual Eat, Taste, Central campaign gives local cafés, restaurants and cellar doors the opportunity to collectively produce a 'Central Otago Regional Menu' that celebrates the region.

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This year the judges from Mindfood Magazine awarded Waipiata Country Hotel with a highly commended for the Dykes Dam Pie (below top left) and they also won the People's Choice Top Awards for the Maniototo Merino Lamb Main (bottom left) and the Waipiata Sharing Platter (right).









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#### PATEAROA CAVALCADE 2020

#### Saturday 29th February "Pick Your Pace to Patearoa"

The Patearoa Host Town Committee continues its preparations to host the Otago Goldfields Heritage 28<sup>th</sup> Cavalcade in Patearoa on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020. A small committee is working behind the scenes to host what will be a great event for



Patearoa and the wider Maniototo community.

TRAILS: Entries open 1st October 2019 for OGHT members only. From the 1st of November entries are open for everyone! Book your time off work and clear all other commitments now!



Seasoned Cavalcader Bill Sutherland.

Starting back in 1991 the Cavalcade was brought about to reenact the Gold Rush era where every able bodied man left their jobs and headed for the hills in search of gold. The trails back in

1862 were basic if at all. Accommodations were an over-

hanging rock or a canvas tarp and food was damper and boiled mutton if you were lucky.

These days our focus is on that wilderness environment with the most basic of transport (foot, horse or bike) and accommodation (tents, woolshed or community hall floor space) but we have upped the ante on the food guite a few notches!

There are 12 trails for 2020 – 5 horse-riding, 2 wagon, 3 foot and 2 cycling. All trails start from different places and end in a Grand Parade, markets and entertainment at Patearoa on the 29<sup>th</sup> February.

For all information regarding the various trails check out www.cavalcade.co.nz.

If you can't make it onto a trail you should still get to Patearoa for the grand parade and day's entertainments - always great fun and well worth while!

If you are interested in having a stall at the market day, please contact the Host Committee on patearoacavalcade@gmail.com, or Cate Herlihy on 021 977 217.

If you are interested in sponsoring or supporting the event in any way, we would love to hear from you at patearoacavalcade@gmail.com. Please join our Facebook page for all the latest updates; Patearoa Cavalcade 2020.





#### **NASEBY STORE**

How time flies! Half a decade in the life of Naseby Store. Five years ago the little Naseby Store was a closed empty building, used only to house NZ Post mail boxes, after the previous owners were unable to find a buyer.

Naseby wasn't quite ready to lose its store and a working group from the community researched possibilities.

A number of options were investigated but it was clear Naseby could not sustain a full time mini-supermarket. A shop of sorts would survive if it had another aspect to it

Marilyn Swinbourn took on the lease and after a paint and tweaking of the layout, set up a smaller 'camp-store' that stocked the basics and freed up half the shop for a sewing workroom and display space. Initial plans to develop a full commercial kitchen did not eventuate for various reasons however that option still exists.

Fast forward three years, Marilyn was looking to retire, when along came Paul Bishop, looking for a way to pursue a career and business in Dark Skies tourism.

The deal was done, the sewing moved out and astronomy moved in.

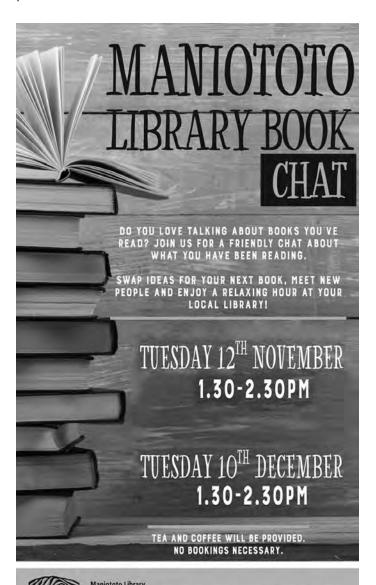
Paul's astronomy business, Naseby Night Sky Tours, has now grown to the point where it needs his undivided time and the little store is on the market again.

With commercial space at a premium in Naseby, there is an opportunity for someone to do exactly what Marilyn and Paul have done. Another business can be run alongside the mail contract and retail store.

There is still the possibility of upgrading the kitchen and creating a food business. The building is leased from CODC who are excellent motivated landlords and keen to see the services remain in Naseby.

The store is a treasured part of the Naseby community and the Naseby holiday experience. Many customers are generational and have memories of their first ever solo shopping experience picking up bread, a paper, icecream, or spending hard-earned pocket money.

Spread the word! With the growing interest in small-town New Zealand there is an opportunity for the right person/people waiting .....



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#### **CURLING IN CHINA**

Competition is nearly over in Shenzhen, China and, of the four men in Team NZL at the 2019 Pacific-Asia Curling Championships, three are from the Maniototo (Warren Dobson, Anton Hood and Scott Becker).



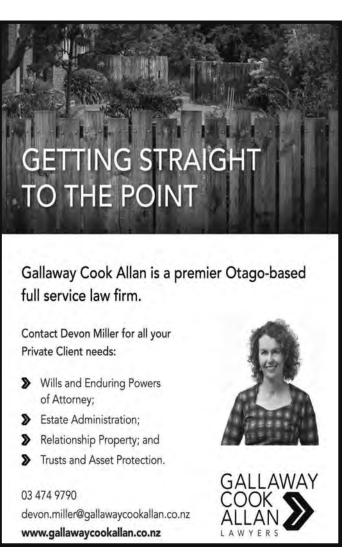
Warren Dobson leads Team NZ in to the Opening Ceremony of the Pacific-Asia Curling Championships in China.

As we head to print, Team NZL have won against Australia, Qatar, Chinese Taipei, Nigeria and Hong Kong with losses to Korea, Japan and China and one game still to play against Kazakhstan.

"Final scores have been tight and rounds nail biting at times," says Warren's partner Jody who is in China supporting the team.







#### **CLACHANBURN COMMENT**

A cold wet October, and in fact colder at times, than in winter. The mild winter was good in as far as no snow or frost damage occurred but, as we know, November can bring late frosts which are harmful so be aware of that. Nature will always have the last say.

This Spring however has been good for planting trees and shrubs as the moisture content of the soil has been good.

At Labour weekend Margot (Hall) and I went to the Cromwell Polytechnic Horticultural Campus to their annual plant sale, where Jo Wakelin the head lecturer, teaches her students the practice of propagation. It is the first time I have been (I don't know why) and it was wonderful. Very good healthy plants of a good size, reasonably priced and grown in similar conditions to ours, and therefore will move well.

The Glad McArthur Book Committee supported students from Central Otago, in the form of a scholarship to study at the campus. Local gardeners had been involved too, so it was very good to see the complex, and catch up with other locals there also. Jo did say that before next year's sale they will be moving closer to Bannockburn. I think this will become a day we diary.

To the veggie garden – visitors from afar are slightly curious that we plant them out at Labour weekend, and most tomatoes are grown in a glasshouse, or a very sheltered spot. For years I have grown peas up through binder twine supported by standards, but at last year's open garden day I was very impressed to see peas supported by metal mesh, the kind builders use in concrete floors. It will be firmer and hold the peas up better.

I have spoken of my Berry House before, the longing of one for years, and the help from friends, and finally it is up, and planted with raspberries and strawberries, and hopefully fruit for Xmas. All very exciting.

As gardeners know our gardens are as much about friends as plants. In our gardens we are reminded of friends who have given us plants, visited each other's gardens and swapped plants and, for me, working with a very dear friend for over 20 years together on the Glad McArthur Book committee. Sue Hore died a last week ....

Beautiful gardens are not made by singing,

"Oh, how lovely,"

And sitting in the shade.

#### GAS I IGHT



#### **Maniototo Early Settlers Museum**

In the early 1900's two new methods of lighting were competing against each other, electricity and acetylene gas. The Wizard Lighting Company installed gas in Craven's Drapery, Naseby May 1906 with the chemist Barnard following a couple of months later. George

Provan, butcher, decided to produce his own power using water to turn a bicycle dynamo which he considered gave sufficient light. The Naseby Hospital must have first tried gas and soon decided to change to electricity, due to the gas freezing in winter, and installing their own generating plant. Gas remained popular with Alured Mathias, The Beeches, Waipiata getting the Wizard Company to install it there 1918. Gas lamps could be hung from the ceiling so became ornamental in design, one style is on display in the museum foyer.



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Tussock Networks Ltd News Updates	Top of the hour 6am - 6pm					
Burn Daily Calendar	8.45am, 11.15am and 3.15pm weekdays					
Maniototo Sheep Handling Buy, Sell and Swap	9.30am, 11.30am and 3.30pm weekdays					
Vet Centre Community Notices	10.30am, 2.30pm and 5.30pm weekdays					
The Country with Jamie Mackay	12noon - 1pm weekdays					
Monday Night Memories	7pm - 9pm Mondays					
Vincent George Travel 70s & 80s Music:	6pm - 8pm Tuesdays					
Country Show	6pm - 8pm Wednesdays and 9am - 12 noon Sundays					
Rock Show	6pm - 8pm Thursdays					
Combined Churches Choices	8am - 9am Sundays					
McLaren Ranfurly Transport Ltd Sports Round Up	9.30am Sundays					

For all notices placed in *Buy, Sell & Swap, Live* and *Community Notices* for individuals or groups, a gold coin donation would be very much appreciated (other than community groups who already make an annual donation). Thanks

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MONDAYS					
Ranfurly Ka	rate Club:	Maniototo Arts Centre, 6	-7.30pm. A <b>ll</b> new a	and graded members welcome	. 444 9831

Pilates: 6-7pm, MAS Maniototo Learning Centre. 6 - 7pm. Contact 021 165 4872 Scrap booking & card making 10.30am at the Reade Street Art Centre. Contact Sandra on 027 847 5643

Monday Night Memories: Burn 729am / 87.9fm 7-9pm, 444 9729

**TUESDAYS** 

Maniototo Golf Club: Ladies golf, Competition of the Day. Tee off 11am. All welcome

Steady As You Go Classes: 10.30am, Maniototo Stadium Rugby Club Rooms. Call Joan 444 9629, Karen 444 9814

or Maureen 444 9493

70s and 80s Music: Burn729am / 87.9fm. 6 - 8pm

**WEDNESDAYS** 

Thai Chi: Classes 10 - 11am. Maniototo Arts Centre. Inquiries 444 9831 Catholic Women's Fellowship: Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. Contact Francie on 444 9243

Line Dancing: Arts Centre @ 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Contact 444 9612

Maniototo Bridge: 7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members welcome. Call Ang on 021 063 6630

Pilates: 6-7pm, MAS Maniototo Learning Centre. 6 - 7pm. Contact 021 165 4872

Country Show: Burn729am / 87.9fm. 444 9729 from 6pm

**THURSDAYS** 

Ballet: 3pm - 7.30pm depending on age group. Ph Jemma Robertson 027 314 6595.

Rock Show: Burn 729am. 6pm - 8pm. 444 9729

**FRIDAYS** 

Art group: 10.30am at the Reade Street Art Centre. Contact Colin on 020 4118 8971 Catholic Women's Fellowship: Op Shop. Open 10.30am– 4.30pm. All welcome. Contact Francie on 444 9243

Ranfurly Playcentre: 9.30am-12noon. Call Jenny on 021 158 4698

**SATURDAYS** 

Maniototo Golf: Tee off 12.45pm. Contact Club Captain - Alan 444 9129

**SUNDAYS** 

Maniototo Toy Library : 1.30 - 2.30pm - Pipe Band Rooms, Ranfurly. Contact Jamee Howell 027 473 6941

Presbyterian Church: 10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly

Sunday School: Presbyterian Church. For details - Call Ro on 444 4700
Naseby Golf: Club Competition. 12.30 Tee off. Contact Carol 444 9949
Catholic Church: 5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly

Choices: 8am – 9am. Burn729am/87.9fm
Country Show: 9am – 12 Noon. Burn729am/87.9fm

Maniototo Spinners	2nd and 4th Monday	10am <b>–</b> 3pm	Tracey 027 654 1977 or Karen 444 9814
Plunket Playgroup	1st Monday	10am-12noon	Sarah 444 8284
Te Kakano	2nd Wednesday	From 10am	Maniototo Hospital 444 9420
Business Breakfast	3rd Wednesday	8am - 9am	Morgan on 444 9023
Garden Club	1st Thursday	7.30pm	Mary Wright 444 9435
St Hilda's Anglican Church	1st Sunday	10.30am	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly