



Positively MANIOTOTO!



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JUNE 2014

Over the busy visitor season accommodation providers, retailers, cafes and restaurant owners are often told of people 're-discovering Ranfurly' or their surprise at what 'a cool little town' Ranfurly is. As residents, we can easily take this for granted and focus on what we don't have. When looking at the current state of business in Ranfurly, the Positively Maniototo team found themselves outlining addition, change, refurbishment and development.

The changing landscape of commercial business is exciting and shows not only local residents' confidence in starting business here but also encourages investment from outside of the area.

Since changing hands in 2012, Maniototo 4 Square Supermarket in Pery Street has expanded in size, taking in the vacant space between the existing building and what was Style Corner. New flooring, a paint job and a conveyor counter has given it that 'supermarket' feel. Owners, Martin and Michelle moved from Auckland after researching possible business opportunities all around the country.

Ranfurly Bike Hire in Mitchell Street (below) has been bought by Becky Bruhns and Peter Jones (of Maniototo Engineering) and previous owners Dick and Janet Parker will take over Books and Things early this month.



A new clothing shop moved into the old Decollectables building in Charlemont Street in April and Terry Blackshaw has taken the leap, deciding to stay on during the cooler winter months and open Central Cars year round from his John Street premises. Terry jokes that he's 'providing the Maniototo with the smallest car yard in New Zealand.'

Ranfurly Hotel has undergone some extensive refurbishment in the last year. Owners Barry and Leonie have had much of the roof replaced and re-carpeted the restaurant, main foyer and upstairs accommodation. A complete overhaul of the art deco dining room included using a colour palette sympathetic to the theme. Barry says "the unique art deco identity of the hotel is important to our business and having pride in and valuing the need for investment into small town business is very necessary."

McLaren Transport has added a 350 metre square workshop (including open pit) to their Mitchell Street depot. The 'drive through' mechanical space means a truck and trailer can be worked on under cover. "This upgrade to our truck service and repair facility enables the company to continue providing an efficient transportation service to the area", says Manager Chris Spratt.

Ranfurly continues to change. Businesses may come and go but the ability for the township to maintain and develop is encouraging. Locals will say this has always been the way. We wish new business success and commend those existing businesses for investing in the main township of the Maniototo.

Books & Things

**After 28 years
Diane, along with
John would like the
Maniototo Community to know
the shop has been sold to Dick
and Janet Parker as of the 9th
June 2014.**



THANK YOU for all your support over the years and we trust you will give the same support to Dick and Janet.

FORWARD PLANNING 2014

JUN 1st	Annual Loganbrae Trophy Mixed Foursomes Golf Tournament at Patearoa, tee off 12 noon. Entries ring Errol Millar 4447 161
Fri 6th	Beef & Lamb Central Otago Farming Technology Expo (page 11)
Sat 7th	Maniototo Maggots vs Arrowtown (home game) and Maniototo Young Farmers Winter Feed competition function
Mon 9th	Table tennis meeting at Waipiata Hall, 7.30pm
Tues 10th	'Maniototo Got Talent' meeting, 7pm in Ranfurly Hotel Art Deco Lounge Bar (page 6)
Wed 11th	Pink Ribbon High Tea (page 9)
Sat 14th	Maniototo Maggots vs. Upper Clutha A - home game
Wed 18th	Promise and Promiscuity, 7.30pm (page 8)
Sat 21st	Maniototo Maggots vs. Wakatipu Wanderers in Queenstown
JULY 10th	Fortnightly refuse collection begins (page 10)
19th	Naseby Ice Festival 11am - 4pm
30th	That Blind Woman (page 6)
AUG 29th	Maniototo Kindergarten Quiz night
OCT Sat 25th	Burn 729am Maniototo Markets
NOV	Naseby Car Show and Maniototo Community Cup in Otarehua (dates to be confirmed)

2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Sat 5th JUL	-	Sun 21st JUL
Sat 27th SEPT	-	Sun 12th OCT
Wed 17th DEC	-	2015!

Maniototo Curling International:
Position Vacancy:
"Casual Assistants"
Apply/Ph Rink 4449878 (Ewan)

NEW TO THE MANIOTOTO?

If you are new to the area (or you know someone who is) please email info@maniototo.co.nz and we will pass on the details on to our local Rural Women branch.

A RWNZ member will call around with a welcome packs and a friendly face.

THIS EDITION ...

- South of the Sumburgh Lighthouse
- July school holiday programme
- Noho Marae weekend success

NEXT EDITION DEADLINE

Positively Maniototo content deadline is the 20th of every month at 5pm.



COMMUNITY TRUST OF MANIOTOTO

MANIOTOTO TRUST FUND

Funding applications are invited from:

- Individuals, or community groups within the Maniototo
- Must have clear benefits for the Maniototo Community

For queries about the funding scheme or assistance filling in your application contact:

Janice Remnant (Property and Facilities Officer)
 Ranfurly Service Centre
 Telephone (03) 444-9170

Application forms available from:

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 15 Pery Street
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Applications close: **5pm Tuesday, 10 June 2014**

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COMMUNITY CONTENT

Feel free to give Amie a call or send an email to info@maniototo.co.nz if you have any story ideas, events to add, pictures to offer.

Be our eyes and ears.

EYES & EARS

SO LUCKY

Davie, Rose, Catherine and Alex would like to say thanks to the following; Ranfurly and Naseby volunteer fire brigades, Maniototo St John Ambulance, Police and the Rescue Helicopter.

Also, a special thanks to the Steele families for finding and helping Davie at the accident scene off Scott Lane bridge on Friday afternoon (23rd May). Davie was discharged later that evening and is recovering at home. Thank you all for the phone calls and messages.

POSITIVE RESPONSE

After printing a letter from Felicity Glover asking for information on Rory O'Malley we were pleased to receive the following:

Thank you very much for your efforts on my behalf to find Rory. He contacted me through his sister Shelagh who saw your ad ...

"I returned to NZ for a while to look after my mother and, when she died, I was by that time quite enmeshed in Timaru (professionally; old friends; memories, etc.). Despite family here, it took quite a wrench to leave in 2011.

While my uncle was alive in Alexandra I used to go see him through the Maniototo - stopping at Ranfurly to look in the shops. Once I spent time there and at Patearoa to see the trekkers come down from the hills - all saddlebags, glistening oilskins and the serious silence (except for the hooves) of men and women intent on work's end and day done. One of my cousins always takes part.

My father's family comes from the south and every time I've gone over the border into Otago, and on, my mood lifts, and when I return, it goes down a notch! It must come through travelling down to Invercargill on all those holidays as a child - the excitement - including 'who saw the Water Tower first'. Those were trips into another older world and listening to people who had known people born at the end of the 19th century ..."

Thank you again, for linking me up with Rory.

Best regards,
Felicity Glover

THANK YOU

Nancy, Richard, Jacqui, Linda and their families would like to say thank you to the people of the Maniototo for their kindness following our recent loss of Denis.

Your kind thoughts and friendship have helped us through this sad time and will be warmly remembered.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of you who have phoned, sent cards and flowers and we ask that you accept this as a personal acknowledgement. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Many thanks,
Nancy Todd

Ed: See obituary for Denis on page 13



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COMMUNITY CORNER

There will be a meeting to look at establishing a table tennis club at the **Waipiata** Hall on Monday 9th June at 7.30pm. If you're interested in playing or helping out please come along. All invited. Enquiries to Murray on 444 9618.

Oturehua residents are being asked to provide feedback on their draft Oturehua Community Plan. Once feedback has been received, the Oturehua Community Planning Group will be responsible for finalising the plan and putting it into action. Copies of the draft plan are available in Oturehua from Gilchrist's Store, the Oturehua Tavern, Beckers Transport and the Council offices in Alexandra. It is also available online on the council website, codc.govt.nz, and the Central Otago NZ website, centralotagonz.com.

Wedderburn was base for the Central Otago Hunt Club's 25th Jubilee and South Island Hound Show over a week at the beginning of May. Over 180 riders registered, including an American freelance journalist from Minnesota. A dinner held at Maniototo Stadium was a successful conclusion to a wonderful celebration.

Patearoa Farmers/Allied Trades annual Golf Tournament was held late last month. All woke to heavy showers, then a pause and then another big shower 30 minutes before tee-off so after lots of withdrawals 25 hardy souls started play early in the afternoon. Their tenacity was rewarded with a fine albeit windy afternoon and at the end of play a warm fire in the clubrooms, a great meal and some wonderful prizes. Best Gross score for the day was Steve Pringle on 83 followed by Geoff Shaw (84). Best Stableford score was Errol Millar (36) followed by Andrew Green on 34 points.

Patearoa Collie Club also successfully hosted the North Otago Dog Trial Centre Champs at the end of April. There were entries from all over the South Island. A great two days were had even though the weather was inclement. A huge effort was put in by all the club members as entries were up on previous years.

Another Central Otago event was held in **Ranfurly** during the last weekend of May at the Maniototo Stadium. The annual Central Otago Small-bore Rifle Shooting competitions saw 40 shooters from throughout Otago come together to take aim and fire using the great facilities at the northern end of the main stadium (similar to those at Gimmerburn Hall). Extensive lighting and target systems were set up in order to provide a quality indoor shooting environment. President Bruce Smith said, "We're very lucky to have these facilities on our doorstep, anyone wanting to join can call 444 9567."

As Positively Maniototo goes to print **Naseby** Vision Incorporated will have celebrated the return of heritage street lamps to the township. We look forward to providing images and a report in the July edition.

Naseby Athenaeum continues to be popular. The library opens twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30am when librarian Dawn Lowien will be there to greet you. A visit to choose books can turn into quite a social occasion as neighbours catch up. Holiday weekends are particularly busy when many crib-owners are in residence. The Annual General Meeting is coming up soon (date to be decided). If readers have any requests for books or preferences for magazine subscriptions this is a good time to make them known.

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SOUTH OF THE SUMBURGH LIGHTHOUSE

by Suzy de Louw

It's not often that you hear someone say they came to Ranfurly for the climate but that is exactly what enticed Ron and Lorraine Cheyne away from their home in sub-tropical Whangarei earlier this year.

On a cool autumn afternoon, the fire is roaring in their Fraser Ave bungalow. Zena, the very large but oh so friendly jet black Alsatian, is basking in a spot of filtered sunshine and Ron is sporting a beautifully hand-knitted Fair Isle cardigan. As we sit and talk about the twists and turns their lives have taken, their love affair with colder climes begins to make more sense.



Lorraine (left), a Kiwi girl, and Ron, a sea-faring Shetlander, met and married in New Zealand. With two small children in tow, they went to Shetland in the late seventies and set about building a house. Their temporary home was a caravan which withstood the snow but did not fare so well in the extreme winds which buckled the sides and lifted it off its mounts!

The discovery of oil and gas in the North Sea in the seventies had a positive economic impact on Shetland with the first oil and gas landed at Sulom Voe in 1978. Taxes on the oil enabled increased spending on social welfare, art, sport and financial development. According to Ron, the seventies also saw the end of many of the old ways.

During their time on the island, Lorraine undertook a three-month knitwear course. She was the only 'sooth moulder', i.e. someone born south of the Sumburgh Lighthouse, on the course and is lucky to have learnt this craft. Traditionally, the patterns were not written down being passed instead from generation to generation through teaching along with the history of the patterns and the cultural influences that have been incorporated into the designs.

The course gave birth to a cottage industry for Lorraine with her garments being sold through a craft shop in Edinburgh and, once back in New Zealand, through selected outlets here including one in Hokitika and The Practice, Ranfurly (right).

Lorraine explained the differences between Shetland wool and our own wool here, how it reacts differently when washed and how to restore it. Every word she spoke exuded her obvious passion for her craft. She has many fine examples of her work and a huge store of both Shetland and Kiwi wools just waiting to be turned into more warm winter woollies.



While Lorraine is knitting, Ron keeps busy by restoring antique wooden furniture. He is also a keen chess player always on the lookout for an opponent.

Impressions of Ranfurly so far? "The people are friendly. The climate is just what we are after and we are looking forward to some snow. It's great to have parks where you can walk your dog. The only disappointment was finding out that the Refreshment Rooms (*which Lorraine had seen on Google Maps when taking a virtual tour of the town*) does not serve cups of tea!"

(If you know of someone new to the Maniototo, let us know so we can ensure they are made welcome. Cheers. Ed.)



Inland Revenue

Will be in Ranfurly as part of the Heartlands initiative on
Wednesday the 18th of June 2014
From 1pm to 3pm

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FELINE PARVO VIRUS

Lately there has been some publicity about the Feline Parvo Virus outbreak in cats at the Dunedin SPCA, and VetEnt Ranfurly has had a single case of this same disease in a local cat recently as well. This seems a good time to remind everyone of the importance of vaccinating their cats to prevent this serious infection.

So what is 'Feline Parvo' infection?

This is a contagious viral infection caused by Feline Panleukopenia Virus (FPV). It is similar to the Parvo Virus that causes severe vomiting and diarrhea in puppies. FPV infection can cause destruction of bone marrow, lymphoid tissue and gut lining. The symptoms resulting are usually depression, severe dehydration, fever, vomiting and sometimes diarrhea. Signs of disease are most common in young cats, while many unvaccinated older cats mount an effective immune response when contacting the virus. Cats that become ill with FPV infection have a high fatality rate (occasionally we hear of whole litters of wild kittens that die between 2 and 5 months of age as a result of FPV infection). Dogs and humans can not be infected with FPV, although cats have been known to become infected by Canine Parvo Virus. FPV and Parvo viruses are very resistant in the environment – special disinfecting is needed to kill the virus particles, and the virus can survive for one year in dirt or faeces.

How do we prevent it?

Prevention is quite simple and effective – kittens should be vaccinated twice (one month apart) at approximately 8 and 12 weeks of age. After their one year booster, they can then be boosted every 3 years (unless going into a high risk environment). The core vaccines protect against FPV and cat flu. If an adult cat has an unknown vaccination history, they need two shots initially to get an effective response.

MANIOTOTOS GOT TALENT

Anyone interested in helping organise a 'Maniototo's Got Talent' event to help fundraise for the Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust please meet in the Ranfurly Hotel lounge bar at 7pm on Tuesday 10th of June.

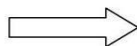
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THAT BLIND WOMAN

Julie Woods is a fantastic, inspirational speaker with a difference.

Jointly organised by RWNZ Maniototo and the Lions Club of Maniototo as a charitable event with proceeds going to the Blind Foundation.

Date: Wednesday 30th July
Time: 7pm
Venue: Rugby Club Rooms
Cost: \$25 includes wine/beer and supper

Everyone welcome!

Call Errol on 444 7161 or Deborah on 444 9280 for further information



BURN729AM UPDATE

To all the keen duck shooters, thank you for the wonderful response, support and photos sent to us for the duck shooting photography competition. Over 61 entries for the three categories were received. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to our great sponsored prizes from RD Petroleum, CRT Farmlands Ranfurly and Swazi Apparel Ltd. Our prize giving evening was held at the Ranfurly Hotel Friday 16th May in conjunction with a raffle night.



Matt McSkimming and son Callum receive prizes.

Thank you to Steve Kewish for judging the photography, Barry, Leonie and staff at the Ranfurly Hotel for letting us host the event and all the people who came along.

RD Petroleum Best Photo – 1st Ali Clarke, 2nd Kirsten Dowling, 3rd Greg McSkimming

CRT Farmlands Ranfurly Funniest Photo – 1st Olivia McAtamney-Clouston, 2nd Megan Martin/Ross Wilson, 3rd Bronwyn Flannery

Swazi Apparel Ltd Best Mai Mai – 1st Greg McSkimming, 2nd Megan Martin, 3rd Paddy Beck

Check out all the entries on our Facebook page 'Maniototos Burn' or pop into the station at 10 Pery Street, Ranfurly.



BRUNO's ANGELS: Hannah McAtamney, Dale Byrne, Megan Martin and Sarah Byrne in their 2nd place (Funniest photo) taken by Ross Wilson of TVNZ.

Congratulations to Rose Sneddon who won the lovely Mothers Day Hamper. Nearly fifty dedications were played throughout the day. Thank you to the generous contributions from Maniototo Paint & Hardware, Ranfurly Four Square, Maniototo Pharmacy, Books & Things, Maniototo Four Square and The Practice Ranfurly.

Available at 'The Practice' Raffle tickets for a beautiful hand crocheted blanket kindly donated to Burn729am by Anne McLaren of Oamaru. \$2.00 per ticket.

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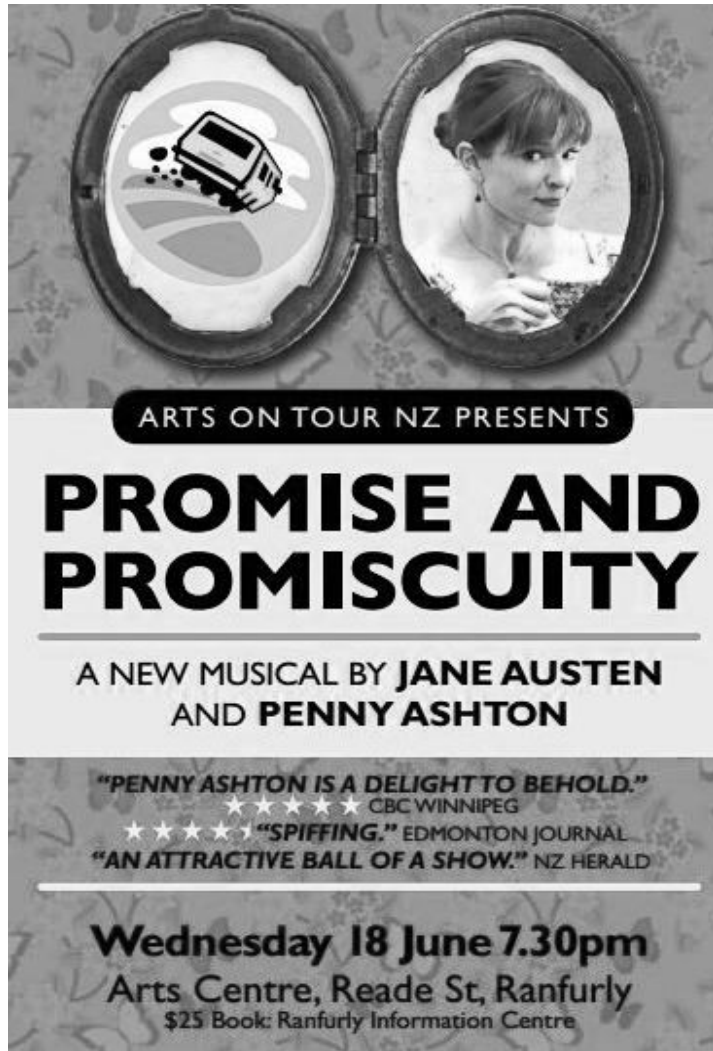
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Amie Pont will be offering evenings where you will be able to learn computer basics and information sharing in a relaxed and fun environment. The workshops will be held over three Wednesdays (with a possible 4th depending on demand) at the Maniototo Area School Learning Centre from the 23rd of July. Cost will be \$5 per night per person.

In order to prepare content and be able to meet the needs of the community please register your interest by filling out the form below (feel free to use additional paper) and popping it into The Practice or post to Amie Pont, RD3, Ranfurly 9397. Alternately you can call 444 9993 or (027) 264 3766.

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Topics to cover: _____



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\$25 Book: Ranfurly Information Centre



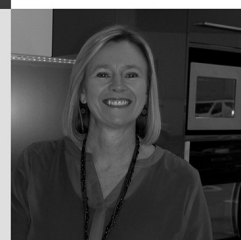
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INTRODUCING RWNZ

By Deborah Paterson

Maniototo Rural Women Branch started in 2006/7 in an informal format. Over that time our profile has increased and we run a range of events and provide support to the community. Currently we

have approximately 30 members from various backgrounds and a range of ages.

We welcome all women in the Maniototo to join, of all ages, for some fun, getting out and about in the community and supporting one another where required. You don't need to be a farmer's wife or live on a farm to be part of Rural Women, just be a lady from the Maniototo area!

As we are a rural community that sometimes can be isolating we would like to create a group where women can come together for social events, educational workshops and contribute to the community in a positive way where required.

Also being part of the Rural Women New Zealand is a benefit as the National Organisation advocate on our behalf on issues that are important to the rural sector e.g. Broadband rollout, School Bus Safety, Farm Safety, Rural Depression and many more.

If you would like to become a member email rwnzmaniototo@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- **Pink Ribbon High Tea - Breast Cancer Foundation** (See below)
- **Wallpapering/Painting Workshop – TBA**
- **Julie Woods – That Blind Woman - See page 6**

Plus more! Listen out to Burn 729am for details or 'like' our Facebook page "RWNZ Maniototo".

PINK RIBBON HIGH TEA

The New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation Pink Ribbon Breakfast initiative gives you the opportunity to host a 'pink' themed breakfast/afternoon tea etc in order to raise funds to go towards research projects and medical grants to improve breast cancer survivorship in New Zealand.

2013 saw over 1,800 breakfasts take place across the country and 2014 is gearing up to be even bigger and pinker than ever!

Date: Wednesday 11th June
Time: 10am
Venue: Wedderburn Tavern
Cost: \$15
(includes tea/coffee, morning tea & \$5 donation to The Breast Cancer Foundation)

Pretty in Pink dress theme to all Maniototo ladies. Prize for best dressed!

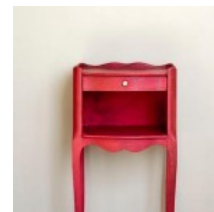
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Debbie Paterson 444 9280 or
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Date: Sunday 15 June 2014
Time: 1.30 – 4.30pm
Venue: Art Room, Maniototo Area School
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Cost: \$130

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Jacqui Dean

MP FOR WAITAKI

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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

So much is planned for the July school holidays (5th- 21st July) this year that there's no reason to head out of the Maniototo - you might miss out otherwise! There's the ice camp and ice festival and the school holiday programme being run by the Maniototo Arts Council!



WEEK 1:

Luge Camp

Monday - Friday with races on Saturday and Sunday both weekends of the school holidays.

WEEK 2

Arts Council Budding Artists Programme

Tuesday the 15TH and Wednesday the 16TH of July for children aged 8-13

Have fun making clay creations, exploration with paint, papier mache and limestone carving with Jeff Pont at our very own Maniototo Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly.

Hip Hop Workshop - RAZA Dance School

Thursday the 17TH and Friday the 18TH of July.

For anyone aged 8-18. Ages 8-12 will be 9am-12noon both days and ages 13-18 in the afternoons. The cost is \$10 per person/session based on 20 attending all together. It is recommended to attend both of the morning or afternoon sessions.

Register your interest for the art and/or dance by ringing Kim on 4449652

Maniototo Arts Council has been able to make these activities possible due to funding from the Central Otago Creative Communities Scheme.

Ice Camp

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For further information on the Luge and Ice Camps please ring Geoff Balme on 0274 958 923 or pick up a registration form from Maniototo Curling International or Burn 729am. Cost for a full week camp is \$125. Single day registrations are available for \$30 per day.



Ice Festival and Costume Dance

The Naseby Ice Festival is on Saturday the 19th of July (11am to 3pm). Enjoy curling, luge and ice skating. Later on that evening (6-8pm) is the Costume Ice Dance at the Outdoor Rink.

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FORTNIGHTLY BIN COLLECTION *CODC update*

Fortnightly refuse collection will officially begin at the end of this month. Residents must continue to use their old bin up to and including their scheduled rubbish collection on Thursday 26th June. **All old bins must be placed out on the kerbside on the 26th June even if they don't have any rubbish in them.** These bins belong to the contractor (not to the ratepayers or Council) and will be collected for re-deployment to other areas of New Zealand serviced by the contractor.

A new red lidded wheelie bin will be delivered to all Council rated properties sometime during the last 2 weeks of June. The new red lidded bin can be used for the first collection scheduled under the new contract which will be Thursday July 10th for the Maniototo. There will be no collection on Thursday 3rd July.

A calendar detailing all the collections for the next 12 months including any changes due to public holidays will be delivered with the new bin.

For more information including two videos about the changes go to: www.codc.govt.nz/zerowaste.

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TODAY IS DIFFERENT

Kath Thomas

Life in the Maniototo today is very different from the early days of its pioneers. Because of circumstances not of their making, life for young people and their families has become more and more difficult. Juggling their lives with work (often both parents work due to financial pressures) and bringing up their children in a much changed environment, allows little time for personal interests and community service. And yet, many do their best to support those organisations which affects their family time.

The Maniototo is probably one of the best places in New Zealand to see the impact of pioneers on this land. Often enduring great hardship, they walked, rode horses, or rode in wagons or drays, enduring long drawn-out journeys to arrive at their chosen site. They set to work to create a home for themselves and their families using what materials surrounded them and developed innovative methods to utilise their land. Their distance from so-called 'settled society' did not give them the time, or the means, to wait upon the arrival of what they might need to improve their lot.

In the process they developed a close knit society, reliant on each other for help and support, not only with work related activities, but also with family and friends when illness, accident or death upset the tenor of their ways.

They created clubs and societies, both sporting and cultural, and always turned out for events under both those banners. In short, the people supported anything and everything relating to their own community. They supported all the organisations in their community most of which are still in existence today.

It appears however, that there is now little time for people to work to retain the heritage developed by their ancestors that they are so justly proud of. How sad those forefathers would be to know that the one organisation that serves as a repository for the memorabilia of their endeavours, and of their family histories, the Maniototo Early Settlers Museum, is struggling due to lack of local community support.

The current volunteers give of their best, but most are in the older age bracket and there are few young people putting up their hands to help. With the best will in the world, older people do not have the energy to do what needs to be done.

Remember, this is a Museum that belongs to the whole district, to Hyde, Kokonga, Patearoa, Waipiata, Otarehua, Kyeburn, Gimmerburn, Wedderburn, Paerau, Ranfurly and Naseby. While volunteers are in short supply for all these small towns, surely this district's heritage deserves input from us all.



Your Museum is challenging you. Put up your hand and commit to the one organisation that represents all ages in your community so your descendants can continue to be proud of their ancestors.

Contact the Chairman, Sam Inder on 444 9884 or The Secretary, Jan Bean, on 444 9775 to find out more and play your part in preserving your descendants' heritage.



TECHNOLOGY EXPO

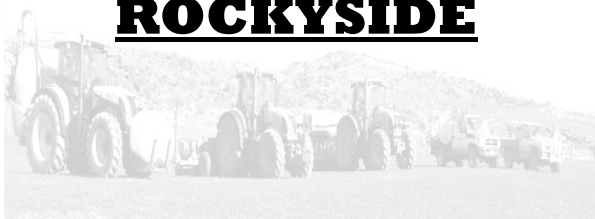
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Haven't we all enjoyed the autumn and still some lovely colours too, and the weather has been kind for the tidy up jobs in the garden before winter. The more gardening we can do in autumn definitely helps us in spring which is always such a busy season. This year we have had plenty of days to cut back perennials and divide, rake up leaves, mulch and mow lawns.

I have also trimmed up under some shrubs removing die back, and generally cleaning away debris for easy maintenance next season. Another good job was to dig up tall bearded irises, discarding the centre rhizomes which weaken over a number of years, choosing the strong outside rootstocks with healthy leaves. When they become crowded that is when grass and dandelions can creep in, so carefully weed the ground, and after planting give a little side dressing of lime.

Protect delicate plants with frost cloth or put frost tender potted plants eg geraniums, into the glasshouse which is what I do, and hang up some frost cloth inside. Put fabric covered outdoor furniture under cover for winter, bring in hoses and lag hose taps with sacking, pink batts or any material to save burst pipes, and an unnecessary bill to follow! I have brought in some wooden garden seats to repair, and repaint.

Thank you all for supporting the Blueskin Nursery initiative of selling compost left over from their Ellerslie flower show exhibit. The profits have gone to Ranui house in Christchurch. Allan Dippie from the Nichol's plant shops was in Christchurch supporting his wife who was having treatment and staying at Ranui house. He gave Sally Brown help to stage her garden, so it was a particularly good way of saying thank you. Our little Lucy also stayed there for nearly 6 months when she was having treatment. Special thanks also too Tony and McLarens for free freight of the compost and to Denise at Burn 729 for the sales achieved.

Ranui has received \$2,500, made up of Maniototo sales of \$950, \$900 from other sales and topped up from the Dippie family, so the Maniototo has done itself proud again.

Lucy (below) and I had a lovely visit to collect nearby walnuts, she had not so far to bend and better eyesight than me – we had fun together filling two baskets. We recalled the nursery rhyme, "Here we go gathering nuts in May, nuts in May, nuts in May. Here we go gathering nuts in May on a cold and frosty morning." Except it wasn't frosty.

Happy gardening
Jane



NOHO MARAE WEEKEND A SUCCESS

Family Works Community Social Worker, Stewart Hawkins and wife Judy invited the Maniototo Community along to a weekend of fun and learning. With funding from the Ministry of Social Development and Central Otago REAP as well as support from Maureen Miller of Strengthening Families, the weekend was an official success. On average 50 people (some pictured below) attended the evenings and daytime activities. Piripa Gage and members of the Oho Ake Group from Southland came and helped teach Kapa Haka (traditional dance), Waiata (song), Powhiri (welcome) and Te Kaanga (farewell).

Stewart says, "The weekend was well supported by the wider community. Thanks to the Maniototo Area School for the use of their facilities. Since we don't have our own marae in the area we were able to use the home economics rooms as the kitchen, the art room for sleeping and the gym for fun and games. Many came to begin their journey of learning and others came for a refresher of what they once knew. Most were shy on the first day but by the end it was great to see everyone up there on the Sunday showing what they could do. This is just the beginning. We will keep the momentum going as the interest certainly seems to be there!"

The first continuing venture will be Stewart and local Mum Nicole Bailey taking Waiata at Maniototo Area Junior School on Tuesdays.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each month Positively Maniototo will catch up with someone who used to live in the Maniototo and find out a little about their journey since. This edition we chat with Grant Kreft.



What is your link to the Maniototo?

Born and bred. I was the only one of my family to be born in Ranfurly Hospital and grew up on Welles Street where my Father (Tony) still lives.

What did you do while you were here?

I attended Maniototo Area School through until the end of my 6th form, as I spent my 7th form year on an exchange in Chile. I worked right through school – I delivered the ODT in the morning and was on the milk truck with David Bleach in the afternoons. School holidays were spent either working at McLaren's Transport for Dad or up at Stonehenge with Jim Hore.

Where are you now?

I left New Zealand in September of 1996 and aside from 5 years in London (2001 – 2005) I've been in the USA. I moved to LA from New York back in September and now split my time between both places – I alternate weeks. It is one hell of a work commute but I'm used to it.

What do you do there and what is the highlight of what you do?

After spending nine years building up an Irish software company I took the plunge in June of last year to co-found a software start-up. My role is Chief Revenue Officer – essentially I'm in control of Sales and Marketing globally. What is exciting about this role is being part of something from the beginning – we are exceeding our targets and are up over twenty employees. Most of our investors are from New Zealand and we have aspirations to list on the New Zealand Stock Exchange in Q1 next year – watch this space!

What do you miss the most about the Maniototo?

Many things but most of all my Father. He has been a huge part of my life and I miss him everyday. I miss having a beer with Ryan (Dowling), Forry or Charlie (Hore), laughing with my brothers, being able to go fishing or shoot a duck. Growing up in the Maniototo gave me a fantastic foundation and I wouldn't be the person I am today had I not spent my first 16 years there.

OBITUARY - Denis Todd

Denis and Nancy Todd moved to Ranfurly and purchased Maniototo Pharmacy in 1968. Their children Richard, Jacqui and Linda were born and raised there. Denis (pictured right with his grandson Noah) was the pharmacist in the Maniototo from then until 2005. Having moved around for much of his life, Denis saw the Maniototo as a place to settle down and become involved in the community. Amongst other things, he was chairman of Community Council and the Chalet Trust for many years.



In his early time in Ranfurly Denis saw the need for a camping ground and was instrumental in starting up the present day Ranfurly Camping Ground. Denis was inspired by the knowledge possessed about Ranfurly by the late Bob Hanrahan to write the book 'Ranfurly – a Centennial History', so that Bob's knowledge could be preserved forever.

The refurbishment of the interior of the Ranfurly Railway Station and creating an audio visual and static photographic display was his biggest achievement, spending hundreds of hours over the course of a year to see it completed. Denis had a great love of the whole of the Maniototo - the people, the rivers to fish in, the mountains to tramp in, and photographing so many aspects of its scenery, but he especially enjoyed running, biking, orienteering and walking in the Naseby forest.

In 2005 for health and family reasons, Nancy and Denis moved to Christchurch and during the ensuing eight years they were able to enjoy wonderful family time, especially with his three grandchildren.

Sadly in April Denis lost his battle with Parkinson's, and in Nancy's words, "Not once did he complain even though the struggle was immense at times, and in fact recently told our daughter Jacqui that he had done everything in life he wanted to do, and he had no regrets."

"There is no doubt that although he enjoyed these years in Christchurch a great part of him remained in the Maniototo," Nancy said.



Above taken by Denis - one of his favourites of the Maniototo.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

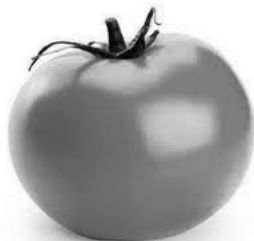
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Real Tomato Soup

2T Oil
2 Onions, chopped
2-4 Garlic cloves, crushed
2 Kg of fresh tomatoes chopped + 1 ½ C water
(or 5x 400g cans peeled tomatoes)
½ C Tomato Puree
2 Stalks celery, sliced
1 Green capsicum, diced
½ C Chopped parsley
½ t Oregano
½ t Marjoram
½ t Basil
Pinch Cayenne pepper
1 t Paprika
2 T Soy sauce
1 T Worcestershire sauce
300g Chorizo, Sliced and fried
Sour cream (optional)



Cottage Lane Bread to serve

Sauté the onion and garlic gently, until the onion is transparent. Add all other ingredients (except chorizo and sour cream). Bring to the boil, and then simmer for at least 1 hour. Add the chorizo 5-10 minutes before serving.

Serve with a warm loaf of Cottage Lane bread, and a dollop of sour cream.

LOOKING BACK

Jim Sullivan



Photo credit - Hocken Collections

Ranfurly from the air. The earliest aerial photos of Maniototo come from about 1930 when pioneer aviators would land near Ranfurly from time to time.

By 1934 the Otago Daily Times was claiming a "first" when it began aerial delivery of papers in Central Otago, including dropping bundles near Ranfurly. But the experiment was a one-day wonder. Photos from the air were certainly being taken in 1931 and there are good shots of Waipiata from this time.

The picture of Ranfurly from above shows the new Ranfurly Hotel which was opened in 1934 and a knowledgeable local may find enough clues elsewhere in the picture to be more accurate about the year.



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Farming Show	12noon - 1pm weekdays
Monday Night Memories	7pm - 9pm Mondays
Groundworks Ltd Country Show	6pm - 8pm Wednesdays & 9am - 12 noon Sundays
Entire Plumbing Rock Show	6pm - 8pm Thursdays
Combined Churches Choices	8am - 9am Sundays
McLarens Sports Round Up	9.30am Sundays
The Hits Weekends	6pm Friday nights and after midday Saturday and Sunday

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). Thank you.



MONDAYS

Ceramics Club:	10am at the Art Centre. Contact Carol 444 9264 or Maureen Kearney 444 9449
Ranfurly Karate Club:	6-8pm for beginners & lower grades, Maniototo Arts Centre. \$1pp – call 444 9831
Monday Night Memories:	Burn 729am 7-9pm, 444 9729



TUESDAYS

Pottery Group:	Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Denise 444 9985
Maniototo Ladies Golf:	Maniototo Golf Club 10.30am, tee off 11am. Contact Liz 444 9318 or Belinda 444 9185

WEDNESDAYS

Catholic Women's League:	Op Shop. Open 10am - 4pm. Contact Francie on 444 9243
Artists Group:	1pm, Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Norma 444 7076
Line Dancing:	4pm, Arts Centre. Contact Joan 444 9621
Ranfurly Karate:	Graded Members, Arts Centre 6-8pm. \$1pp. Call 444 9831
Maniototo Bridge:	7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members very welcome. Call Ang on 444 9231
Country Show:	Burn 729am 6-8pm. 444 9729



THURSDAYS

Indoor Bowls:	1.30pm at Ranfurly Bowling Club
Arts and Crafts:	Call Kim 444 9653 or Jill 444 9844 for further details
Squash Club:	6.30 - 8pm at Maniototo Park Stadium, Contact Jude 444 9718
Rock Show:	Burn 729am. 6pm - 8pm. 444 9729



FRIDAYS

Catholic Women's League:	Op Shop. Open 10am– 4pm. All welcome. Contact Francie on 444 9243
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SATURDAYS

Maniototo Golf:	Tee off 12.45pm. Contact Wayne for details on 444 9491
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SUNDAYS

Presbyterian Church:	10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly
Naseby Golf:	Club Competition. Tee off 1pm. Contact Carol 444 9949 or Syd 444 9604
Catholic Church:	5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly



Maniototo Toy Library	2nd Monday	11.30am – 12.30pm	Renee 444 8212 or Michelle 444 9034
Maniototo Spinners	2nd and 4th Monday	10am – 3pm	Bonnie 444 9932 or Karen 444 9814
Plunket Playgroup	1st Wednesday		Heather 444 8353
Garden Club	1st Thursday	7.30pm	Mary 444 9435
St Hilda's Anglican Church	1st Sunday	10.30am	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly

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