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A JOB WELL DONE

What could have been a far more catastrophic event last month was thwarted by the awesome efforts of local and out of town fire fighters (Fire and Emergency NZ – Otago and Southland), Police, Civil Defence and Heli Otago. Tinder dry conditions and multiple lightning strikes created the imperfect storm on hillside property above Taieri Lake Reserve on the back road from Waipiata to Kokonga.



An initial sighting of the blaze was called in by an agricultural worker from the United Kingdom at around 6pm on Wednesday the 6th of March. In fact, multiple fires had broken out in the Strath Taieri and Maniototo area due to lightning strikes with all but one quickly contained. The focus remained on Kokonga. State Highway 87 was closed to allow a base to be created, emergency service and volunteers to move around safely and for water tankers to re-fill from the river. Also, a segment of the Otago Central Rail Trail was closed.



Maniototo Rural Fire Fighter co-ordinator Willie Dowling, Ian Hore, Simon Hore, Malcolm Helm, Philip Dowling and Simon Paterson enjoy a well deserved break with food provided by community donations.

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MEMORIAL AT MAS

There is no way to effectively report on the act of terror in Christchurch and how it has shaken every single one of us.



Mike and Noeline O'Malley with the Mayor Tim Cadogan at the Memorial.

However, as many communities did, the Maniototo felt the need to acknowledge and mourn for not only the lost and wounded but for the way it has changed the country. On Friday 22nd March, Maniototo Area School (MAS) hosted a memorial service on their senior school lawn. St John school students joined them, their teachers and members of the public for a very moving service. Maniototo Area School Principal Mr Ferdinands, our Mayor Tim Cadogan, head students and student council members spoke discerningly about the tragedy.

Fifty students let fifty brightly coloured helium balloons go as names of the victims were read aloud. This showed the true enormity of the situation faced by the emergency services who responded to the callouts. The National Anthem was sung and the school students, led by the MAS Kapa Haka group sang Utaina, He Honare and Maniototo E' with passion throughout the service and the moving ceremony ended with a very rousing Haka.



The New Zealand flag flies at half mast as Principal Ferdinands reads the last names and the last balloon is released.

'Kia Kaha Christchurch with Aroha Atu'



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FORWARD PLANNING - APRIL 2019

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BALLET ON THURSDAYS

Ballet classes are available for children aged three through to eighteen year old every Thursday during School term dates. Ph Jemma Robertson 027 314 6595. 3pm - 7.30pm depending on age group. Held in the Maniototo Community Arts Centre.

GARDEN CLUB

APRIL 4th Maniototo Garden Club meeting will be held on 4th April in the Art Centre, Reade St. at 7.30pm. Pete Lowen will be speaking on Bees/honey production. There will also be a competition for the best recipe containing honey. Enquiries Mary Wright 444 9435

May 2nd The Maniototo Garden Club will be holding it's AGM and a General Meeting on Thursday May 2nd at 7.30pm. This will be held in the Art Centre Reade Street, Ranfurly. Jane Falconer will speak about her recent trip to Italy. All welcome. Enquiries Mary Wright 444 9435

NASEBY GOLF CLUB.

Easter Ambrose Tournament. Will be held on Sunday the 21st of April. Tee off is at 12.30pm. Entry fee \$20.00. Food to follow. All welcome.

NASEBY EASTER BOOK SALE

This is a fundraiser for Naseby Information Centre. Being held at the Naseby Fire Brigade Rooms. Sunday April 21st. 1pm to 3pm. Good selection of fiction, children's books and jigsaws. ALL BOOKS ONLY \$1.00

HARBOROW TROPHY AT PATEAROA

The Patearoa Bowling Club will be hosting the Harborow Trophy Optional Pairs on Sunday the 14th of April at 1pm. Dress is mufti. Please note the date change from the 7th. Entries to Irene O'Malley 444 9756

CLEANER WANTED

McLaren Machinery are looking for part time cleaner, couple of hours a week. If you are interested please ring Paul on 027 436 0578

TUESDAY CLUB STARTS AGAIN

The Tuesday Club has started again at the Presbyterian Church Every Tuesday at 1.30pm Come along and a enjoy game of Euchre or Scrabble plus other games. Contact Glenda or Murray on 444 9618. Please note the name change from the Winter Indoor Sports Club to the Tuesday Club.

FOOD LOVERS MASTERCLASS

A Food Lovers Masterclass with Kate Meads will be held at the Maniototo Community Arts Centre on Saturday 13th April from 7-9pm. Tickets are \$15 which includes a \$60 Goodie Bag. Bookings are essential. For bookings and further details see the website katemeads.co.nz or contact Central Otago REAP. (03) 448 6115 or 0800 267-327

OP SHOP HOURS

The Catholic Women's League second hand store is located at the rear of the Centennial Milk Bar building on Charlemont Street, Ranfurly. It is open Wednesday and Fridays, 10.30 until 4.30. We thank everyone for their donations to the Op shop and would appreciate good clean clothing. We do not take items of furniture.

THE CENTENNIAL GALLERY

The Centennial Gallery is now open from 11.00am to 3.00pm, seven days a week (volunteer availability permitting). Experience a slice of life in the Maniototo. All very welcome. Entry is only a gold coin donation.

BRAIN INJURY AND EPILEPSY SEMINAR

A brain injury and epilepsy seminar and discussion will be held on Wednesday the 10th of April from 10.30am-12noon in the St John Room in Ranfurly. Contact Cathy on 03 471 6156 for more information and to assist with planning.



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MANIOTOTO RUGBY CLUB

Maniototo Rugby Club has kicked off its 2019 season and we are currently seeking sponsorship for our club.



We have structured our sponsorship into four levels

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100 Club	\$100.00



Sponsorship is a great help in running our club successfully and your contribution would be greatly appreciated. In return, our club will endeavour to promote and support your sponsorship in every way we can

Anyone interested in sponsoring us, contact Quinton Smith (President) 027 435 6607, Ros Blue (Secretary) 027 594 4394, or maniototorfc@xtra.co.nz.

Rugby draw

DATE	HOME TEAM	V	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
6 APRIL	CROMWELL	V	MANIOTOTO	QUEENSTOWN
13 APRIL	MANIOTOTO	V	MATAKANUI	RANFURLY
27 APRIL	ARROWTOWN	V	MANIOTOTO	ARROWTOWN
11 MAY	MANIOTOTO	V	CROMWELL	RANFURLY
25 MAY	WAKATIPU	V	MANIOTOTO	QUEENSTOWN
8 JUNE	MANIOTOTO	V	UPPER CLUTHA	RANFURLY
15 JUNE	MANIOTOTO	V	CROMWELL	RANFURLY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Even though World War One was officially over in November 1918, it took 9-10 months more for our armed service personnel to find their way back home. 100 years later, we commemorate by writing letters, making suitcases and medals, peace doves and commemorative art.

Bookings essential. Contact your library to secure your child's spot.

Holiday programmes are being held on the following days and times at Maniototo Library. Phone 03 444 9348.

Letters and suitcases Tuesday 16 April, 2-3pm

Doves Thursday 18 April, 2-3pm

Silhouette art and medals Tuesday 23 April, 2-3pm

Ask our librarians for times and dates at our other Central Otago District Libraries if you are unable to make these sessions. Under 5s are to be accompanied by an adult.

AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Maniototo Area School are pleased to be hosting the Southern Area Schools Tournament from 15-17 May 2019. 150 students from The Catlins, Waiau, Twizel, Roxburgh and Lawrence Area Schools will be coming to the Maniototo to take part in this event which is unique for the Area School family.

We need the whole community to get on board and show some genuine Maniototo hospitality to our visitors. If you can help to billet some students, please contact Mrs Kirk at the school office 444 9341

DRAMA TIME

We have set the dates for this year's shows. Our Matinee will be on Sunday 22nd September and additional shows on Wednesday 25th September, Friday 27th September and Saturday 28th September.


More details will be announced soon about the show. If you want to be involved with this year's production (either on or off stage) please contact Lucia Dowling 021 179 9333, Melissa Inder 027 444 9305 or Anne Kirk 021 024 00378.

It is a great way to meet people!

Don't forget to like our "Ranfurly Musical and Dramatic Society" Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening.

BANK REUNION

A Bank Reunion is being held in Alexandra on the weekend of 11th and 12th May. This for ex-staff of the Dunedin Savings Bank, Otago Savings Bank and Trust Bank. If you are an ex-staff member or know of somebody that was please get them to contact Murray on 444 9618



JACQUI DEAN

MP FOR WAITAKI


Jacqui is in Ranfurly each month.

Please contact her office if you would like to make an appointment. Jacqui has a member of her team available each week on Monday's 10am - 12pm at Alexandra Resource Centre.

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BOWLS RESULTS

Ranfurly Womens Bowling Club Tournament Committee
March 2019.

Wedderburn Cottage sponsored pairs results: 1st J Heazlewood, D Brash, Arrowtown. 2nd J Wilson, D Coburn, Middlemarch. 3rd N Tisdall, A Tisdall. 4th A Hebbard, M Barrow, Wanaka. Spider: Pairs winner: A Hebbard.

Maniototo Community Trust Sponsored Fours results: 1st J Heazlewood, D Brash, B Menlove, D Jackson, Arrowtown. 2nd D Keenan, J Elder, L Murry, B MacDonald, Ranfurly. 3rd G Beal, Y O'Brien, J Anderson, M Mariu, Woodend/Christchurch. 4th L Somerville, A Crosbie, R Cavanagh, E Cushnie, Alexandra.

Consolation Fours results: 1st A wright, A curtis, L Cowan, E Andrews/A Elliott, Christchurch. 2nd M Stace, M Wilson, A Reid, Jan Ireland. Spider: C Stringer, main event winner.

Raffle Results. The following were prize winners in the Ranfurly Women's Bowling Club tournament 100 Club raffle: Coleen Stringer (\$200), Rayleen McCloy (\$100), Trish Hore (\$40), Terry McCloy (\$30) and Carol Mackenzie

(\$20). Winning \$10 were John Levido/John Mulholland, Linda Varcoe, Ian Smith, Yvonne McAtamney, Judy Elder, Ida Jopp, Mon Flannery, Robin Moore, Noeline O'Malley and Linda Varcoe. Congratulations.

Thank you: On behalf of the Ranfurly Ladies Bowling Club, we wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our main sponsors for again supporting our 2019 Tournament.

Fours main sponsor, Maniototo Community Trust.

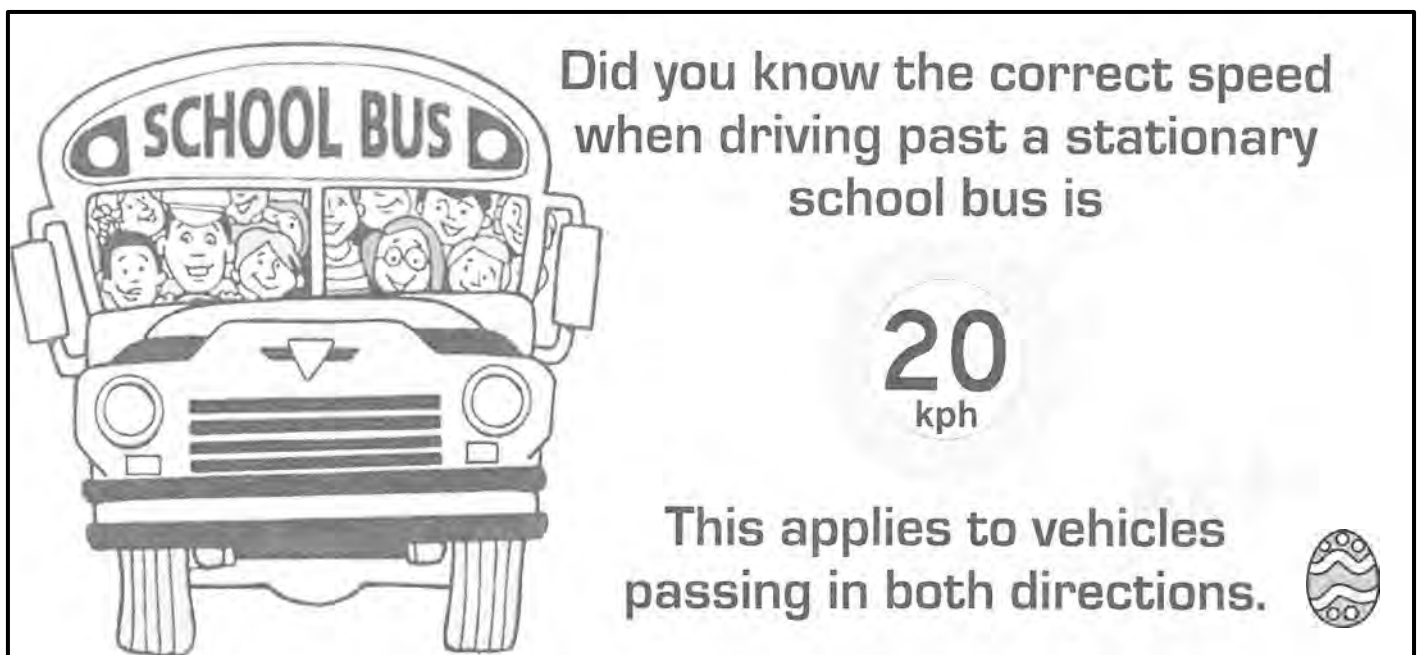
Pairs main sponsor, Wedderburn Cottages

Tournament meat sponsor, Alliance Group

Sponsors, Ibbotson Cooney Ltd, Basilia and Andy MacDonald

At this time we would like to thank the local businesses for their continued support for our 2019 Tournament: Maniototo Four Square, Maniototo Pharmacy, The Hair Studio, More Than Books, Ranfurly Supermarket, Ranfurly Hotel.

Special thanks to all the helpers who worked in the kitchen over the three days of bowling at our tournament. Our Committee appreciate all your help.



COMMUNITY TRUST OF MANIOTOTO

URNS 45 YEARS OLD

On the April 24th, 1974 the County Clerk Len Ardell and the Maniototo County Council created a Trust to be known as the Community Trust of the Maniototo.

The original Board of Trustees was Len Ardell, Keith Paterson and Jesse Crutchley, with Bob Hanrahan as Secretary and Bob White as Auditor. Laurie Inder was appointed as an additional Trustee in 1977.

They had a **vision** which was **“to see the Community grow and prosper”**. They had a **principle** that no one should miss out, It was to be **for the people of the Maniototo**, the concept of **looking after our own**.

Today we still hold true to our predecessors' vision and allocate grants twice a year to those applicants that apply and are approved.

The power of appointment of the Trustees rests with the Maniototo Community Board. The current Trustees are: **Dawn Sangster** (Chair) d.sangster@xtra.co.nz 027 444 7731. **Richard Smith** cjsinclair.ranfurly@xtra.co.nz 027 367 1913. **Alastair Watt** alaskawatt@gmail.com 027 839 8000. **Joan Dobson** RobbieandJoan@xtra.co.nz 444 9483. **John Morrison** dixibelle@xtra.co.nz 444 9339. **Val McSkimming** (secretary) bryanval@xtra.co.nz 444 9740.

Over the years many organisations and individuals have benefited from the Community Trust of the Maniototo to the tune of \$981,817.42. Significant recipients include the Ranfurly swimming pool, Maniototo Curling International and the Maniototo Health Services.

There are too many to mention by name but we have been very proud to support our talented youth in their many endeavours on the National and International stage.

We would like to invite **YOU** to a function to celebrate this significant milestone.

Where: Ranfurly Rugby club rooms

Date: Sunday 28 April

Time: 2pm

Afternoon tea and cutting of the cake at 3pm.

What to bring: Please bring your ideas about what the Trust should do for the next 45 years.

Your Community Trust has some ideas but we are keen to hear what you have to say.

Can't make it?: Please ring any Trustee if you have a message for us.

HEALTH SERVICES OPEN DAY

About 150 people attended the MHS Ltd Open day held on Friday the 15th of March to view the new hospital complex. Those who attended were very impressed with the building. Many commented on the size of the complex, tasteful decor, outlook, warmth and airiness.



Main entrance to MHS Ltd Hospital

The day before the open day saw Chalet residents checking out their new rooms and the facilities available. As this goes to print the move is underway, they will have shifted in and will be calling it home.



Maurice Pringle, Carol McKenzie, Dickson Andrews, Fred and Kris Carey - in the sun room off the main hospital corridor.

MHS Ltd have a date to officially open the facility and all Maniototo residents are invited to attend **the opening on Wednesday the 17th of April**.

Invited guests and Government officials will be attending. At this stage the opening will be held in the afternoon.

The time for this is pending and will be announced as soon as possible once MHS Ltd hear back from Government. Afternoon tea will be provided.

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A NIGHT IN THE CLOUDS

The Maniototo Area School senior students and supporting staff can be very proud of a wonderful evening at the annual Maniototo Area School formal in Ranfurly Town Hall on Saturday night.



Crowds gather outside awaiting the arrival of MAS Year 11, 12 and 13 students and their dates.

The theme was 'A Night in the Clouds' and students from near and far were entertained by rental event company 'Gravity' who provided not only music but lighting and photographer!

Area School formals are a little 'different' in the sense that small class numbers means students from Year 11-13 attend (vs the usual year 12 and 13).

This year the formal also included a sit down buffet meal which was thoroughly enjoyed as it gave students the chance to talk and enjoy the efforts everyone went to to look so smart!



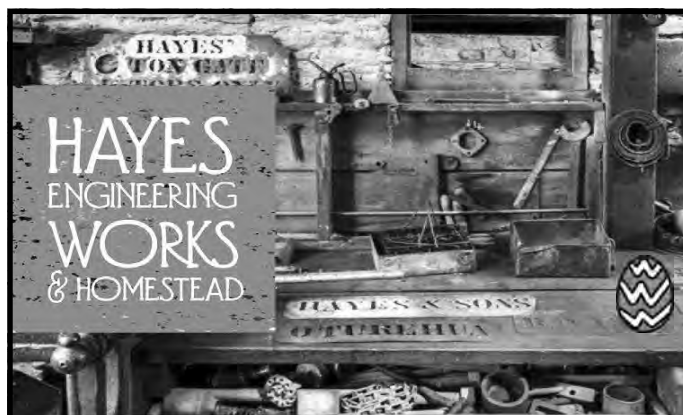
Mia Steele and Ben Voice strike a glamorous pose.



Blake Hubbard and his date Charlotte take the rural lifestyle form of transport to formal.



Quite a crew George Macintosh from Darfield, Ayeasha Tapatu, Jotahn Crowell, Jody Burrell, Rylie Gale, Madi Pont, Damian Carson, Emily Landrebe and Teariki Tapatu.



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Eight to ten helicopters were on site at any one time with monsoon buckets battling the blaze. By dark the fire had spread over 50 hectares and threatened two properties with occupants of both evacuated to Kokonga Lodge. Helicopters had to stop working once visibility was an issue and crews remained on site overnight to provide protection to the houses. At first light on Thursday the 7th of March the helicopters and full crew were back on site by which time the fire covered approximately 280 hectares. Rural Fire Fighters were distributed around the site to discover and put out hot spots throughout the day. A call went out via Facebook and Burn 729am/87.9fm (see page 13) for donations of food to be delivered to the radio station for distribution to the workers and volunteers.

By 5pm the fire was controlled and contained, with all displaced residents able to return to their homes by 6pm. State Highway 87 was re-opened and the Rail Trail section opened the following day.

"Fire and Emergency would like to thank the efforts of our team and partners, including the Police, Civil Defence, and especially our tireless firefighters for their commitment and support in fighting the fires in Kokonga. We would also like to acknowledge the public for their support and understanding and the donations of food and supplies to our front line teams."



Fences were destroyed and established kowhai trees burnt to the ground but the black scar on the hillside which can be seen across the valley is rapidly disappearing as fresh, green growth comes through. All was not lost as it so easily could have

been and, yet again, the people of the Maniototo came together to show their support.

Get ready for a wildfire. Go to Civil Defence 'Never Happens? Happens.' www.happens.nz. In this website you will learn;

- about disasters and how to keep safe.
- how to create and practice a household emergency plan.
- Don't rely on an official warning to leave. Wildfires can start quickly and threaten lives and homes within minutes.
- Check the radio, internet and social media for updates and evacuation advice from Fire and Emergency.
- If you plan to leave early, then you must leave your home well before a Wildfire threatens and travelling by road becomes hazardous.

- assemble and maintain emergency survival items
- about having a getaway kit in case you have to leave in a hurry.
- Implement your household emergency plan, and take your getaway kit with you.
- If you've evacuated, don't return home until you're advised that it's safe.
- Call family and friends or use social media to let them know you're safe.

MAKE YOUR HOME AND FAMILY FIRE SAFE

Maintenance tips to reduce the risk of fire to your home.

Spouting/gutters. Clear regularly and consider screening with metal mesh. Embers can easily ignite dry material that collects in gutters.

Fences. Fences can create a direct path from the fire to your house. Use fire resistant fencing material or separate your house from a wooden fence with a metal gate to slow the advance of a fire. Cut the grass along the fence line to reduce fuel for a fire.

Under the house and decks. Enclose the base of the house, decks and balconies with fire-resistant material or fire mesh to reduce the risk of embers getting beneath your house and igniting it.

Sheds and Outbuildings. Give any structure within 10 metres of your house the same fire safe considerations as you do your home.

Firewood. Store firewood and other combustibles as far as possible from any house or store in a closed shed.

Landscaping. Ten metres from your house is your most important line of defence, where you should:

- mow lawn and plant low-growing fire resistant plants.
- thin and prune trees and shrubs.
- avoid tall trees close to the house.
- use gravel or decorative crushed rock instead of bark or wood chip mulch.
- remove flammable debris like twigs, pine needles and dead leaves from the roof and around and under the house and decks remove dead plant material along fence lines and keep the grass short.
- remove overhanging branches near power lines.



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MANIOTOTO HITS MELBOURNE

The Melbourne Flower Show is in its 24th year and, this year, a large contingent (mainly members of the Maniototo Garden Club) departed Queenstown airport on Wednesday 27th March bound for Australia.



The group consisted of seventeen from the Maniototo, four from Waimate/Timaru and two from Dunedin. After being asked to put the trip together, Kaye and Steve Dunn (Vincent George Travel, Maniototo) planned two days at the show with most of the group taking in the Muriel's Wedding Show and a free day for shopping (as you do in Melbourne). *"After a group dinner on the second last night our final day took us to the Yarra valley on a wine tour. We were pleased with the fantastic response and had a fabulous time escorting this great bunch of ladies. There has been lots of fun and laughter all the way but what goes on tour stays on tour,"* laughs Stephen.



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SPORTS AWARD FINALISTS

The Central Otago U13 Collier team who went on to win Silver in North Harbour last hockey season have been named as finalists in the Central Otago Sports Awards. The teams coach, Geraldine Duncan, is also a finalist for the title of Coach of the Year.



Many Maniototo girls were in this record breaking team; Briar Duncan (Captain), Kassidy Pont (Vice Captain), Hope Devitt, Hannah Cormack, Ella Gibson, Peta Smith and Charlotte Paterson. Tash Kane and Cheryl Cormack should also be acknowledged for their contribution within the management role.

The Team of the Year award aims to recognise any age group, club, school or representative team male or female from within Central Otago which has performed to an elite level and expressed the ideals of true sportsmanship. The Coach of the Year award aims to recognise outstanding contributions and achievements by a coach (age group, club, school or representative) during the qualifying period. The Central Otago Sports Awards region includes all the area within the Sport Central catchment and includes Ranfurly and the Maniototo, Alexandra, Roxburgh, Clyde, Cromwell, Wanaka, Tarras, Makarora, Hawea, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Glenorchy and Kingston.

The Awards dinner is to be held on Friday 12 April 2019. Good luck to the team and coach! We have everything crossed!

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SWIM CLUB SUCCESS

Becky McAuley gauged interest in starting a swim club this year and found there was a lot! Assisted by Laura Becker, they had 30 kids come along to the Ranfurly pool for swimming for fitness and skills. *"I'm so proud of their achievements this year. The improvements in fitness and skill was beyond amazing. Sixteen of the squad qualified to enter the Otago champs and we hope they go there with more speed and confidence than in the past. A Huge thank you to the Maniototo Lions, Trust Fund Maniototo and Maniototo Community Trust, Central Otago District Council Ranfurly Service Centre and Maniototo 4 Square for helping get this club up and running again. To offer these kids another opportunity in our area was my goal, and I'm excited for the future years and what will come out of it."*



At the prize giving this month, the award winners for 2019 were Brooke Huddleston (Most Valuable Senior donated by Laura Becker), Jake Smith (Most Improved Senior donated by McDiarmid Family), Lexie MacKenzie

(Most Valuable Junior donated by Maniototo 4Square) and Grace Paterson (Most Improved Junior).



Brooke Huddleston



Grace Paterson



Jake Smith



Lexie MacKenzie

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ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE

Step out in style as over 30 members of the Central Otago Regional Orchestra will be performing in the Ranfurly Town Hall (Northland Street) on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm.

CORO (Central Otago Regional Orchestra) started as the pit orchestra for productions by the Alexandra Musical Society. In 1989 these musicians formed the Alexandra Civic Orchestra with Russell Poole, then Mayor of the Alexandra Borough Council, as the first conductor. Russell used his authority as Mayor to allow rehearsals to be held in the Borough Council chambers.

The orchestra was subsequently renamed the Central Otago Regional Orchestra to better acknowledge its geographical spread. Players come from Wanaka, Hawea, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Cromwell, Alexandra, Roxburgh, and Dunedin.

Ranfurly Performance

Date: Saturday the 6th of April

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Ranfurly Town Hall

Entry fee: \$20

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Denise Baddock

Burn radio station was again the base for community contributions in a time of need. A huge vote of thanks to all the people of the Maniototo who rallied around and baked up a storm for all the local fire personal FENZ, national mobile command unit, rural fire volunteers and farmers, who fought and won the battle with the recent fire at Waipiata/Kokonga. It was very much appreciated. To Michelle Dowling, thanks for helping with coordinating and helping with drop offs and liaising with the ground crew. The visiting fire personal were amazed at the generosity of the locals and couldn't believe how the community rallied at a time of crisis (see images in front page story).

April already?, on the countdown to school holidays, Easter and ANZAC Day, where has the time gone? A month of Autumn gone already and the winter months on the horizon.

Remember to get your sports results into our basket in the foyer or email the results to us here at Burn for our Sunday morning sports roundup. We have received the draw for the Premier rugby and look forward to their results.

It was lovely to have Amie back in the hot seat, even if only briefly. Thanks to Dean, Amie, Tont and Carol for filling in for myself, Lynley and Steve. We have just returned from four days in Melbourne attending the Melbourne Flower Show with a group of fellow travelers from the Maniototo and beyond. (see page 8)

Keep those notices of events, meetings and community gatherings coming into the station. We are happy to get your notice on air and post notices and updates on our Burn facebook page regularly. All we ask for is a gold coin donation to make this happen.

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The Maniototo Community Fruit & Vegie Stand is situated on the deck at Burn Radio in Pery Street, Ranfurly. A shade cloth cover is now in place so your goods will stay fresher longer. People do stop and check it out daily and your kind donations are gratefully appreciated.



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MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE

There's no doubting that the Maniototo Arts Centre was fair buzzing on Saturday the 23rd of March. The atmosphere was that of community and celebration with smiles galore.



Every room in the centre was full to capacity throughout the entire day with card making in the smaller front room, stalls, displays and performances, Devonshire teas and rolling images on the new smart tv of all the wonderful activities that take place there. The work room was full with stunning art and Luke Anthony worked on his bird carvings while artist Julie Greig from Patearoa had groups enthralled during her three talks throughout the day.



Denise McGirr with her garment display.

Otago Daily Times reporter Adam Burns came along to take some pictures and stayed far longer than anticipated – he was pleasantly surprised at the huge cross-section of talent in the Maniototo. The beautiful ballerinas sure know how to draw a crowd as Mums and Dads, Grandma and Grandads, Aunties and Uncles packed the seats.



Jimmy Spooner, David Cromb and Denis Flockton lead a karate demonstration.

Tony Clarke quite literally gave blow by blow accounts of Karate moves and breathing techniques. The talent flowed from start to finish with Miriam Canning and Donna Mapley (and her lovely daughter) sang so beautifully, stilt walkers Brooke Harrington and Lena Hawthorse created a welcoming atmosphere as the gracefully danced at the entranceway to the centre and creative groups showed off their unique talents.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day, to the groups who have assisted with funding and development of the centre thus far.



Maniototo Area School Kapa Haka group, Hope Devitt, Jack Steele, Madi Pont, Patrick Reid, Cassidy Pont, Harmony Devitt, Phoenix Tapatu and Jothan Crowell.



Beautiful ballerinas: front, Aubree Mulholland. Back, Ruby Dylees, Tayla Smith, Evelyn Hagen and Bonnie Spooner.



Miriam Canning, Maia MacDonald, Candice Ferdinands, Ella Gibson and Brooke Huddleston perform contemporary dance.

Our next fundraiser towards Stage Two of the Arts Centre refurbishment is hosting the Central Otago Regional Orchestra this coming weekend (Saturday April 6th) in the Ranfurly Town Hall. There will be a cash bar which will be opened at 7pm, performance from 7.30pm. A raffle will also be there as an additional way to show your support (see page 13 for more details).

ANZAC DAY

It has been a year since the commemoration of the end of the first World War and we have been busy preparing for the Dawn service and Family service for 2019 on the 25th April.

As always, the Dawn service will be held at the cenotaph in Pery Street, Ranfurly at 6.30am. Those people that wish to join the parade are asked to meet outside the Community Council building in Pery St prior to 6.30 to wait for the marshals call to order. A warming cup of tea/coffee will be available for everyone at the conclusion of this service at the Ranfurly Bowling Club in John Street, Ranfurly.

This year the family service will be held in Otarehua. At 10.30am we will begin with the wreath laying outside the Otarehua hall on the main road followed immediately by the family service in the hall. There will be a cup of tea/coffee at the conclusion of the service.



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4. Monitor annually to ensure the plan is working

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YOUTH

As part of our Youth Environmental Badge and Penguin Safety badge, we have been studying Bees. We have learnt a lot about their habits, colonies and the Maniototo environments that they live in.



Reef Becker is put into a Bee Keepers suit by Anna.

A highlight of our term was having Anna Pettigrew from Patearoa visit and talk about her work as a beekeeper. We were amazed about the complex lives of our bees and learnt so much from Anna's presentation.

We have truly talented and interesting people living and working in our community.



Anna explains the different roles of the bee to Maniototo St John Youth students.

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The **'Buddy Programme'** run by Family Works, was created to provide emotional and social support to children. It matches children (Young Buddies) with carefully selected and trained adult volunteers (Adult Buddies).

Once a week they hang out, usually for a couple of hours, and provide friendship, support, guidance and encouragement to increase the child's self-esteem.

Since the Buddy Programme began in 1992, hundreds of young people have been part of the programme. For most, the impact of the programme has been life changing. Sometimes it is difficult to gauge just how much being part of the program has helped these young people.

Helen Bond, Buddy Coordinator in Central Otago, recently caught up with Taryn Gray, who was a Young Buddy over 10 years ago. Taryn (pictured) had nothing but positive statements to make about the Buddy Programme.



Taryn joined the Buddy Program when she was 11/12 years old, when she was going through a rough patch. She was faced with challenges and changes within her home environment that led to a serious knock to her self confidence.

Taryn's Adult Buddy would pick Taryn up from school and they would spend time together once a week. Taryn's Adult Buddy lived on a farm so they did plenty of farm activities. Taryn remembers the horses in particular.

Taryn remembers learning from her Buddy early on that that *"It's ok to not be ok."*

In their time together, trust was built and Taryn opened up to her Buddy and she helped Taryn work through those traumatic times. Taryn's confidence grew and she came to terms with the issues she had faced.

Taryn said she doesn't know how she would have coped if it hadn't been for her Adult Buddy. Taryn said it was *"...really helpful to have someone trusted I could talk to....looking back - I don't know if I'd have been able to deal with it if I hadn't had her"*.

The pair remained connected as Buddies for almost two years, until Taryn started High School and then it became difficult logistically.

Taryn is now 24 years old and says she often thinks about her Buddy and wonders what she is up to. Taryn has recently thought about becoming an Adult Buddy herself and looks forward to becoming involved when the time is right.

"It was the highlight of my week - I LOVED it".

If you think you could spare two hours a week to have fun and provide a little support to a young person in your community - give Helen a ring on 0274 182 192 or email helenb@psotago.org.nz - training coming soon!!

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THE SOUTHERN TRUST

Southern Victorian Charitable Trust Inc has made the transition to The Southern Trust. Previously, SVCT operated the machines at the Ranfurly Hotel, and since they have wound up, the Southern Trust has taken over. SVCT operated in the Maniototo for approximately 13 years and, over that time, has given nearly \$1m to local organisations including Radio Charity (t/a Burn 729am/87.9fm), Maniototo Rural Art Deco Inc (Ranfurly Art Deco Festival), Ranfurly Playcentre and the Evergreens.

A function was held in Ranfurly last month at the Ranfurly Hotel where The Chair of Southern Trust Evan Moore and Steve Bennett (the National Grants Manager) attending alongside Jocelyn and Mearl from SVCT Inc. Mearl and Jocelyn have a long and respected relationship with many in the Maniototo Community. Steve says, "Approximately 15 people came along to meet us. Evan and myself spoke to the locals about the changes".

The main message was about the money that is raised in the Maniototo, stays in the Maniototo. Whilst we do not have a large amount to distribute at present, as we are building up funds from the take-over date, we will be keen to talk to any Maniototo groups about how we can support them.

The Southern Trust has been operating for 20 years now, and currently has almost 60 venues from all over NZ. Last year we returned \$12.8m to the community. We have a Grants team here in Dunedin distributing the money, and we are very approachable for advice and information – ring us on 0800-424-274."

The Maniototo is very grateful for the work of Mearl and Jocelyn and SVCT. "Over the years, SVCT has supported two organisations I have been heavily involved in (Art Deco Festival and the radio station). Often, costs for Event Co-ordinator roles or wages for a Team Leader are more difficult to find funding for. SVCT were sympathetic to those necessary pieces of keeping community events and services running. That has been very much appreciated and valued," says Amie Pont.

"Jocelyn and Mearl always 'got' what we were trying to achieve and supported us no end. Mearl also once said that Positively Maniototo was one of the best community publications he's ever seen. Thanks Mearl! We wish Mearl all the best in his retirement and are happy to know Jocelyn has stayed on with The Southern Trust. I'm sure the community will appreciate any support that The Southern Trust can offer."



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CLACHANBURN COMMENT

March weather is good for gardeners, the temperature is not so intense, watering can be slowed down as we don't want to overwater and encourage new growth only to be damaged in frosts yet to come.

We can enjoy our home-grown fruit and vegetables and this season I think the roses now are better than the 1st flowering in November when too much rain followed by hot weather, caused sudden growth which made for sappy growth and the blooms went floppy. Not now, the roses are lovely.

A few weeks ago Miracle Margot asked me would I like to visit Cynthia Clarke's garden near Patearoa which she created, loved and shared with many gardening friends. Yes I would, and as Margot's family are moving there soon, it was exciting for me.

Though before I went I hoped it would not be too sad, as good memories are special and cherished, and I didn't want that to be ruined. Indeed it wasn't and proved that a well designed garden, planted with the right plants in the right place and the garden well established before Cynthia left that the garden can sustain a level of neglect for quite a few years.

The good bones are still there and many mature trees looking healthy. Yes a few trees and shrubs need to be removed from overcrowding, and a few have died, but overall I was amazed, and know this garden will be in good hands and that Margot will get it back into shape with sound sensible pruning, good feeding and watering and I am sure in time will include some of her lovely perennials which she loves.

Then on we drove on to a wonderful evening held at Blueskin Nursery, in the old church. A full house assembled to hear Sally Brown and Lynda Hallinan from the NZ Gardener talk on tips, tricks and planting ideas for our gardens. They were clever, smart, entertaining and young with some new inspiring ideas for us to all think about. Having a multitude of plants on hand and sharing fertiliser and spraying tips was interesting too.

A recent garden visitor admired our lawns, and then told me how his new lawn in Dunedin was "sprayed on" and it cost him \$3 per sq m. One week later it was one inch tall, yes wispy growth but doing well. The mixture contains fertiliser which no doubt helps.

It is a known fact that an autumn sown lawn always does better than a spring sown one, so if you are planning to sow a lawn whatever the method this is the time to get going.

Enjoy your autumn gardening.

Jane

1880'S PIPE INSULATION

Maniototo Museums

A new display is now on view in the Jubilee Museum – it is perfectly preserved straw insulation round a galvanized water pipe. Either wheat or oat straw, with few seed heads, has been used laid length wise along the pipe, about 2 to 3 cm thick, and laced together with a hand knotted light cord. The condition is amazing considering it will be at least a hundred year old, galvanized piping was created in the 1830's, naturally the inside of the pipe is rather rusty.

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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 - 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 4449 435
St Hilda's Anglican Church	1st Sunday	10.30am	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly

