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August 2019

ICE ENDEAVOURS

July was a massive month for all things ice. International and national curling champs, awards and medals. Ice camps, luge competitions and ice dances.



St John school pupils having a lovely time on the outdoor ice rink in Naseby last month.

Two major indoor curling competitions were held in July - the NZ Open and NZ U21 Championships. Congratulations to the 2019 NZ Men's and Women's Champions! Bridget Becker, Nat Thurlow, Cass Becker and Eloise Pointon won over Team Jess Smith 5-3 in the Women's final and Peter de Boer, Kenny Thomson, Jamie Chisholm and Phil Dowling beat Team Matt



NZCA President Sam Inder with Men's Bronze medallists Damian Carson, Ben Smith, Will Becker and Hunter Burke at the 2019 NZ Junior Curling Championships.

Neilson 4-2 for the Men's title.

The Maniototo, as always, represented very strongly and family connections was well and truly a theme. The Miller brothers Tim, Kris, Sam and Willie, alongside Warren Kearney, made up one of eight men's teams at the championships and, although they missed out on getting into the playoff, they gave juniors Matthew Neilson, Anton Hood, Ben Smith and Hunter Walker a run for their money. Other families in action included Scott Becker and nephew Will and Bridget Becker and

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LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

A huge congratulations goes to Janyne Fletcher from Ranfurly for winning Landscape Photographer of the Year at the recent New Zealand Institute of Professional Photography's Nikon Iris Awards. Positively Maniototo caught up with Janyne after she'd had a bit of time to process the accolade.



Q. Well Janyne, you're biggest award yet! Perhaps we should start at the beginning. What inspired you to start making photographs?

A. I have been making photographs since I was quite young but when I look back they were certainly a little different. I got truly inspired when I began using a proper SLR camera and came to realise the creative possibilities of intentionally taking pictures. I started shooting professionally about 14 years ago but I have always had my own creative work in the background. This is the work that I do just for me - ideas that I play and experiment with. About 9 years ago, I developed enough confidence to share these ideas, got better at crafting my images and felt good about printing my own work. I got brave and entered the Iris professional

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'Blue Ranfurly'

FORWARD PLANNING - AUGUST 2019



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SEPTEMBER 2019

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POSITIVELY MANIOTOTO Community Notice Board

THANK YOU

On behalf of Maniototo Health Services Ltd, the Board Of Trustee's, Joyce and Denise would like to thank all the people who attended the garage sale on Saturday 20th July, it was a great turnout, with great results. Over \$900 has been raised for the refurbishment fund and it was very much appreciated. The garages are all but empty and now have room for the hospital vehicles. They will keep you posted with dates in their next endeavour when they sort and clear the old hospital of excess furniture, equipment and fittings.

OTUREHUA COMMUNITY MEETING

The next community meeting will be on Monday the 12th August, 7:30pm in the hall. This will be an AGM with the election of chairperson and secretary positions. Nominations for these positions can be made by email or phone to the secretary or at the meeting. All welcome especially newcomers to the district.

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 Wednesdays 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.

Maniototo Garden Club

The Maniototo Garden Club have their first meeting of the season on the 5th of September at the Arts Centre, Reade St, at 7.45pm.

We have invited Ben Elms (also known as Doctor Compost), to speak on soil health in the garden and composting systems. He has a wealth of knowledge and we encourage anyone interested to attend.

Garden Club members free, members of the public welcome, but with a gold coin donation.

Enquiries to Mary Wright 444-9435.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My daughter plays netball for Cromwell and this photo is when they played Maniototo Gold last month. They lost 42-0 the first time they played them and were getting beaten again 21-5 until play was stopped. These Maniototo girls came over and included the shy Cromwell team in the huddle. (Pictured below)



When walking back to the car my daughter said to me, "They always smash us but they are so nice and have great sportmanship". Their attitude will ensure that these girls play again next year. They are a credit to netball and their folks.

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The Ranfurly Musical & Dramatic Society are staging Treasure Island a pantomime written by Ben Crocker. Described as a madcap, laugh a minute pirate adventure story from start to finish – it won't disappoint! With a strong cast of about 30 this year's performance promises to be another brilliant sell-out show!

Tickets go on sale in September from More than Books in Ranfurly. Cash Only for tickets. No holds on tickets... strictly first in, first served. Doors will open 30 minutes before each show. Lock-out policy applies

Matinee: 2pm Sunday 22nd September

Family Show: 7.30pm Wednesday 25th September

\$20 Adults and \$10 Children (no allocated seats for Matinee or Wednesday shows)

Supper Shows: Friday 27th September and Saturday 28th September 7.30pm (Seating in tables of 10) \$30/ticket

Cash bar, Supper provided, Courtesy coach available.

DAFFODIL DAY



The Cancer Society of New Zealand's Annual Daffodil Day Fundraising Appeal on August the 30th will again be recognised on the Maniototo.

Our local community will once again unite and join together to make Daffodil Day the huge success it always is

Daffodil Day is our major effort at fund raising and has proved very successful.

Local volunteers will help presell our daffodils and man our stalls. The stall will be outside of More than Books, starting at nine o'clock. We have our beautiful daffodils, raffles, baking and various other bits and pieces. You are all very welcome, come to and have a chat and a browse.

Money raised in Otago stays in the Otago, Southland region. Money is spent on three things.

- Good health promotion providing resources that can be used
- On-going research.
- The support of patients and families

Any donations of baking or grocery items would be so much appreciated and can be left at:

Ruth Smith	39 Thomas Street
Colleen Stringer	6 Knowles Crescent
Judy Elder	22 Launceston Place
Irene Malley	17 Knowles Crescent

CLOSE SHAVE FOR CANCER

Maniototo Area School senior students Josh Hawthorne, Thomas Smith, Damian Carson, Ryan Shead, Courtney Parata and Te-Ariki Tapatu (absent) shaved their heads in support and awareness of the Child Cancer Foundation.



They raised over \$1800 for the cause and also held a mufti day which took the total up to \$2050. Becky at The Hair Studio did the honors.

Shave for a Cure is a fundraising initiative that hits close to home for many Kiwis – a chance to shave, spread the word, and stand in solidarity with all New Zealanders who are living with a blood cancer or blood condition.

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The key for the Naseby Pavilion is no longer kept in Naseby. The key must be picked up from the Ranfurly Service Centre during office hours Monday to Friday.

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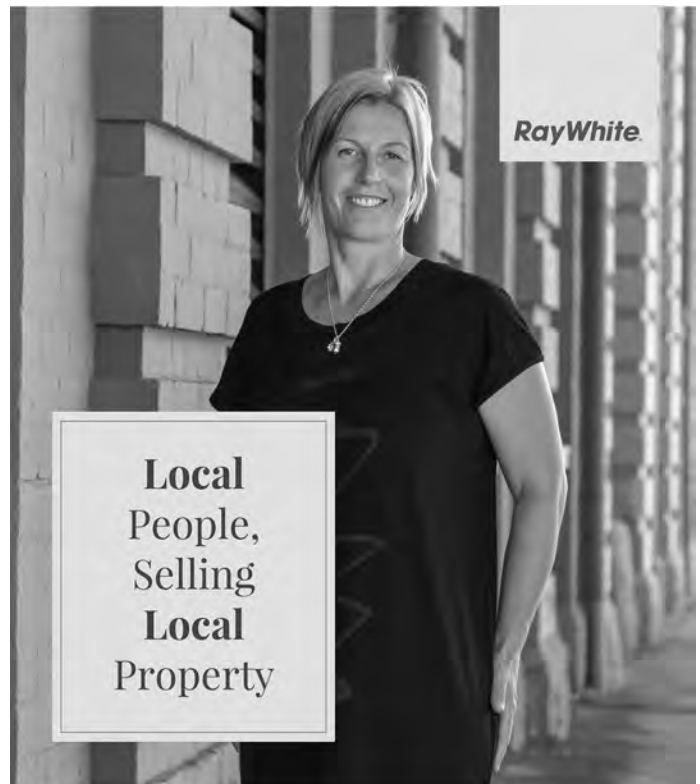
WANTED ROOK SIGHTINGS

A flock of rooks has been spotted in the Maniototo recently. Rooks have previously been spotted in Gimmerburn, Pateroa and Kyeburn.

Rooks are a pest in Otago and the continued success of our control programme relies on any rook sightings being reported to us. Reports mean we can pinpoint where these birds are gathering, feeding and nesting. If you have seen any rooks, please contact the Otago Regional Council on **0800 474 082**.

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FABULOUS FARMING

Q. Well done Tia! It's great to see you've taken your skills you've obviously learnt on the home farm and put them out for critique. What inspired you to enter the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year?



A. We have a young farmers club at school so I heard about it through that. I decided to give it a shot and push myself outside of my comfort zone a wee bit and put my knowledge about farming to the test.

Q. What were some of the challenges you had to undertake and what one did you find the easiest and what one the hardest?

A. We, myself and teammate Holly, had modules that had a set time where we had to answer the questions they gave us. Some of it was more practical and others more theory. Each had different sections of agricultural, health and safety, waterways and macroinvertebrate, soils and nutrients, sheep breeds with their wool and microns, Nait tags and pest control and driving a tractor we also had to prepare and present a speech (on why the primary industries should be a compulsory subject in all NZ high schools). We also had to do a farm-let where we had to assemble two troughs and a Irripod with pipes that we had to connect to a main water line, with the equipment and gear they gave us. We also had to do an exam on agriculture which was an hour long,

One of the harder challenges we had to do was probably the exam because it had such a wide range of questions to do with agriculture, horticulture and forestry - making it pretty hard to know what the right stuff to study was.

An easier challenge would've been the farm-let because it was more hands on and practical which was a wee reward in itself when we turned it on and saw that there were no leaks and that everything worked when we were under a time limit.

Q. How did you end up going in the Hawkes Bay?

A. Overall, we weren't towards the higher end of the competition but that didn't matter to us because we got the opportunity to go and experience what a young

farmer of the year final was like and got to meet new people as well as push ourselves out side of our comfort zones completely. We aim to go to finals again next year.



Holly Clarke (Milton) and Tia Dougherty competing in the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year.

Q. Would you recommend to other young people to enter and how do they go about it?

A. Definitely. Young farmers have a website (www.youngfarmers.co.nz) that has all the info about their competition and the local young farmer clubs (which Maniototo has!). It's a great opportunity to have a go at and learn new skills from and more about the other sides of agriculture that there is.

Q. Has living in the Maniototo on a farm inspired what you see yourself doing in the future?

A. Living on a farm has definitely given me a passion for animals and the outdoors so I don't think I can see myself sitting in an office all the time. I would like to go overseas and see how they farm over there and experience that and then come back to the family farm to help out and maybe take over one day.

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The Patearoa community is thrilled to be hosting the Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade on 'leap year day', Saturday 29th February 2020. Patearoa is in the heart of the beautiful Maniototo and Cavalcaders, on the 28th annual trek, will not be disappointed with picturesque views of this distinctive part of Central Otago with its vast valleys and harsh and rocky landscapes. "Tucked into the lower Rock and Pillar Range in the south east Maniototo, Patearoa is blessed with extensive vistas of Rough Ridge, the Rock and Pillars, the Hawkdun Range, Kakanui Range and Mount St Bathans." We look forward to welcoming new and seasoned Cavalcaders to our little piece of paradise. Patearoa being a homecoming of sorts to some of the foundation Cavalcade Trail Bosses and also a celebration of 25 years for the walking trails.

The Patearoa 2020 Cavalcade will include four horseback trails, one wagon trail, two walking trails, two mountain bike and one running trail – each with their own unique journey to reach us in Patearoa.

Patearoa will also be hosting a family-based country market fete for Cavalcaders, friends, visitors and the wider community on the Saturday 29th February as we welcome the trails into town. The Fete will include food, drinks, stalls and entertainment throughout the day.

The Cavalcade Grand Parade, where each of the ten trails will parade through the township of Patearoa to the domain, will as always, be a great spectacle for all to see. Evening entertainment will be in true Cavalcade style - a hearty southern meal will be accompanied by a few beverages to replenish the soul, and a great Hoe Down with live entertainment to keep everyone warm and friendly.

This is the second time Patearoa has hosted the Cavalcade, the first in 2008 and once again we look forward to being the host town - so leap, run, walk, ride or bike to join us on the 29th of February – we are sure you won't be disappointed in being a part of a fabulous event. An open and friendly community awaits you to the quiet and beautiful township of Patearoa in Central Otago.

Keep up to date with all the latest Host town information on our facebook page, www.facebook.com/cavalcadetopatearoa2020; or for any Host Town queries please send a message to us at patearoacavalcade@gmail.com or contact Pete Aitken, (Convenor of Patearoa Host Town Committee) on 03 444 9573, cell 027 436 4698 or Terry Davis (Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust) on 021 284 6844 for general Cavalcade enquires.

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MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Chairpersons Report 2019, Amie Pont

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Maniototo Community Arts Council. This has been another full on year full of achievement and creativity. The highlight for me has been what a well-oiled machine this committee has become. Everyone is on the same page (or at least in the same chapter) and everything happens with such positivity and genuine care.

Thank you to Tracey – who is not just our treasurer, she is quite a treasure. She has poured endless hours into this committee. Ro has stepped into the role of secretary with efficient detail (from funding applications down to providing the prettiest crockery for our Devonshire teas at the Open Day) in her gentle and kind way – thank you Ro. Kim, who is flouncing her way around the world right now, continues the essential role of taking bookings and juggling the use of the centre with ease and always a smile on her face – thank you to Ella and Ben too who have been brought along to many arts centre related gatherings!

The rest of our committee are also such great contributors – turning up as much as possible to do as much as possible. Everyone appreciates and understands that people are busy but every committee member has genuinely tried their hardest to be part of the work. Then there's the 'helpers'. The non-committee members who have turned up at the working bees to strip wallpaper, paint, clean, set up at events, catered

and baked or spread the word of events and happenings. Thank you to you all.

Dare I say - the fire almost was a blessing in a way as it inspired our group to carry on the work of fixing the kiln rooms out to the main workroom to a massively successful Open Day! After our last AGM it was decided we would look more strategically at the future of the work of the Arts Council and the centre itself. This lead to a community survey, some work around the formality of the group and ways we could bring the building into 'today'. We literally steamed ahead. Thank you to Bernie Lepper from Alexandra Community House and Rebekah de Jong for attending our planning meeting in May. Bernie inspired the fundraising and subsequent purchasing of a portable digital television and the need for wifi. A huge thank you to Tussock



Some of the Maniototo Community Arts Council committee members Ro Kinney (Secretary), Karen Munro, Luke Anthony, Tracey Weir (Treasurer), Julie Greig and Karen Mulholland.

Networks who are sponsoring a monthly wifi connection for FREE. There are now many more opportunities for use of the center. A huge thank you to

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All this hard work lead to what I think was a very successful Open Day. Unfortunately, the day came just a week after the Christchurch terror attacks. However, there was such a strong sense of community, of celebration, an unspoken decision that what had happened would not affect what we were there for that day. Our community came together from every corner of the Maniototo (and some even further) to showcase and celebrate their unique interests, talents and diverse gifts. To see every space (including outside with our lovely stilt walkers) in the centre full with energy was just wonderful. Thank you to all the individuals and groups who came to showcase on the day and thank you to Adam at the Otago Daily Times for coming along. The coverage of the day was great but also the follow up stories he was able to do from meeting Luke Anthony and Tony Clarke carried on the Maniototo story in the media.

The Center continues to buzz ... we've had the Russell Perry Watercolour, Scrap Booking, Weaving and Kids Christmas Card Workshops and parts of the building are often used five days a week, more than once a day!

Thank you to Burn radio and Positively Maniototo for spreading the work of what we do including classes, events and the Creative Community Funding Scheme. Thank you to Ro who sits on the Creative Communities Committee as our Maniototo Representative.

My role as Maniototo Representative on the Central Otago District Arts Trust has been rewarding and lead to the connection with and subsequent performance in Ranfurly by the Central Otago Regional Orchestra. This was pulled together very quickly and, although we were worried about numbers, was a lovely evening. CORO were delighted with the high level of 'hosting' we provided.

We must also make special recognition of a very kind donation to the Maniototo Community Arts Council of approximately \$900. Norma Manson attended a committee meeting to present the cheque after officially winding up the Art Group she was part of.

Apologies, as always, if I have forgotten anything. This has been another busy year! I have enjoyed my role much more this year having been able to focus a little more time (never as much as one hopes) on the arts in the Maniototo and I look forward to Stage 2 of the refurbishments. We are hoping this includes the Haybale Project, new windows and upgrading the rest of the interior spaces. Thank you to Tracey who continues to beaver away on the kiln project. I also hope to continue to be part of seeing the Ranfurly Sun Project come to fruition.

I said it last year and I'll say it again this year - I look forward to the future of the Arts Council and hope to see many of you come along for the journey.



Ranfurly REAP Day

Tuesday
27 August 2019

9.00am - 3.00pm
Arts Centre, Read Street ♦ \$20 per person
Light Lunch Provided

Speakers (This order may change slightly)

- **Let's Learn Macramé - Debbie Grundy**
You will learn the skills involved to construct a simple, colourful macramé bunting. Debbie will discuss the gauge of cottons you can use to get different effects and show you how to tie some basic macramé knots. She will also show you how to make a twisted cord to use as a hanger for your work. Debbie is very passionate about teaching people new skills.
- **The Ins and Outs of Making Cheese - Angela McKeen**
Angela returned to New Zealand in June 2012 after working overseas for 12 years and almost 20 years of working in IT. She and her husband have set up their own artisan cheese making operation just outside Alexandra. You will be able to watch Angela demonstrate how to make Ricotta and Haloumi cheeses. She will explain about the equipment you can use, temperatures and additives required to make a quality product.
- **Books on Prescription - Jo O'Connor**
Books on prescription is a programme run by WellSouth Primary Health Network and the libraries of Otago and Southland. There are three strands of the programme; Read Yourself Well - self-help reading, Listen Yourself Well - if you prefer to listen, we have podcasts, videos and some audio books or T App Yourself Well - smartphone apps which may be a useful tool to help understand and manage a health problem. Jo from WellSouth will talk about these options in more depth with you.
- **Mindfulness & Relaxation - Angela Connell**
Angela from Flow Space Yoga and Wellness Centre will share mindfulness and breathing skills for daily life. Angela grew up in Poolburn. She is a Vinyasa and Therapeutic Yoga facilitator and teaches mindfulness and meditation from her Alexandra Wellness Centre.
- **Reducing Single Use Plastic - Anna Robinson**
Anna works for Central Otago REAP as the EnviroSchools Co-ordinator. Anna will discuss the reasons for reducing the amount of single-use plastic we all use and provide practical, easy steps to help you reduce your usage. She will showcase some great alternatives to plastic products and give you ideas for simple changes in behavior you can try out to make a real difference.

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sister-in-law Cass Becker. Will was skip of the school team which also included Damian Carson, Sam Flanagan and Ben Voice. Siblings Ben and Jess Smith, fresh off a mixed doubles title last month were also in action, alongside their cousin Courtney Smith. The Neilson duo of Simon and Matthew has grown with sister Lucy taking on the sport in the last couple of years.



Zoe Harman and Courtney Smith fistpump after a good stone.

Zoe Harman, Lucy Neilson, Anna Stuart and Courtney Smith competed in both the NZ Open (gaining bronze) and NZ U21 (winning gold) Championships. Zoe, Lucy and Courtney were selected for the NZ U21 Junior women's team that will travel to Finland in December for the World Junior B's.

National selectors were using the Open event to select players for the Pacific-Asia Championships, scheduled for China in November.

Warren Dobson was 'honoured to be nominated by my fellow peers and competitors and privileged to be awarded the prize after such a humble and great lady,' when receiving the inaugural Wendy Becker Sportmanship Award. The Australian Curling Federation also honours Wendy's memory with their annual Wendy Becker Memorial Sportsmanship Award.



Peter Becker presents the new Wendy Becker Trophy for Sportsmanship to Warren Dobson (Maniototo) and Jen Stewart at the 2019 NZ Curling Championships.

In outdoor curling the winner of the 2019 Contractors Hack was Ranfurly (with Becks as Runner-Up) and in the Contractors Crampit with winners were Rough Ridge and runner-up as Naseby.



The traditional outdoor curling had also had a busy month. Pictured is 1st place winner Dave Greer and co at the 'All Corners Points Match' which was played on lovely ice with great prizes. Second equal was Richard Smith and Jock Scott and equal 3rd place was Pete McMillan, Jamie McMillan and Eric Swinbourn.

Thirteen young athletes attended the Ice Camp in Naseby during the July school holidays including three curlers, one figure skater and nine lugers (of whom three also curl, two play hockey and one is a very accomplished ballerina). The figure skater was from Auckland and one of the lugers from Christchurch but all had Central Otago connections. President of the Luge Association Geoff Balm says, *"There was so much talent and it was great to see that many participate in other sports, and doing them well. I only poked my nose in occasionally but the feedback I've had was very good and we'll look at a way of building on it next year."*



Naseby Luge Cup 2 Junior Women - Greta Pinggera (Coach), Isabelle Helm (2nd), Kiera O'Neill (1st) and Isabella de Haas (3rd)

Maniototo Curling International will be hosting the Australian Champs (men's/ladies' fours and men's seniors) from August the 14th to the 19th.

The Winter Games NZ 2019 International Mixed Doubles will be held at Maniototo Curling International in Naseby from the 26th to the 31st of August. Twelve teams from around the world will be competing including local junior teams Anton Hood and Holly Thompson and Ben and Jessica Smith. Courtney Smith and Hamish Walker are the Reserve team. 'The Games' will use mostly local officials and Darren Carson (our own International Umpire) will be Chief Umpire. Jamie Danbrook from Canada (was Chief Ice Technician for the World Qualifying Event in Naseby in January) will be returning as Chief Ice Maker, ably assisted by locals Bill McIntyre and Joe Donald.

SQUASH SUCCESS

Renee Weir

Maniototo Squash C Grade Ladies team have earned the Otago title and will be battling it out at Nationals at the end of September. The C Grade team played against Cromwell here in Ranfurly at our local squash courts (behind the rugby club rooms) on Friday 26th of July.



Players Alice Hollows, Kelly Smith, Dale Mulholland, Becky McAuley, Jude McMillan, Leah Burrows (Queenstown), Sharon Thompson, Coach Brent McKenzie, Referee Jackie Hamilton (Cromwell) and Manager Renee Weir will be heading to Invercargill to take on the rest of the provinces' in New Zealand.

The club has had success over the last few years at these Superchamp Nationals as they have attended in many different Grades.

The ladies team has been training hard over the last two months and will continue to do so until they leave. It is an incredible achievement for such a small town to have so many available players in this grade.

The qualifying of this team shows the strength within the Maniototo Club. The support the club has provided over the years to those attending nationals in the lower grades has helped to strengthen the squash of the ladies right through the club.

Unfortunately, our men's C grade team didn't qualify this year, however I am sure that with seeing the inspiration and dedication of the ladies they will have another go next year.

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BURN UPDATE

Denise Baddock

It's been a quiet July here at the station. Thanks to team members who have been doing an extra shift or two while a few took a break. We will revisit our 'Boot Sale' and open 'Mic' session nearer spring. For those who registered their interest, we will be in touch.

What a winter? Definitely drier and warmer. NIWA's been stating very little storm activity in the coming weeks, with above average temperatures expected. Are the months of August or September going to prove any different? No complaints, especially from the farmers, with most striking great conditions for shearing. Global warming? Spare a thought for the visitors to the ski fields who are struggling with little or no snow, with their snow making machines working overtime.

The ice capital, Naseby has been experiencing great numbers of visitors and locals supporting and enjoying the programmes, ice camps and festivals been held over the recent holiday break and weekends. The International Curling Rink has been busy hosting some major events, NZ Mixed Doubles, NZ Nationals and NZUnder21 competitions, and once again our local curlers have done us proud with great results and podium finishes. Congratulations to one and all, a sterling effort.

Thanks from the Burn team to everyone for feeding our Burn piggy bank and giving a gold coin donation for the bags of daffodil bulbs kindly donated by Helen Cromb. They proved very popular. Thank you Helen, your kind gesture was very much appreciated.

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photography awards for the first time. I got a couple of awards which was a helpful confidence boost. Since then, I have consistently pushed myself to enter my best work every year. This year is the 10th time I have entered. I now have over 60 photography awards and I feel privileged to have been made a Grand Master of the NZIPP. I have to thank my partner Deane for being the catalyst that got me started, an awesome source of encouragement, inspiration and for showing me some of his favourite spots in the Maniototo.

Q. You have set up a gallery in the main street of Ranfurly. How is that going and what has it done for your photography?

A. Setting up the gallery has been an amazing experience. No doubt it has been challenging at times and I truly wasn't sure I could do it but it has been one of the most positive things I have ever done. It has been a bit of a family mission and I have had loads of help from Deane, our kids, my folks and our friends. I am also very grateful for the support I get from the locals as well as visitors to our town. The gallery has allowed me



'Backroad'

to show my new work and help people choose artwork they enjoy. It is a real boost to see my photographs all beautifully matted, mounted and framed. These finishing touches transform a photographic print into a piece of artwork and I am all the time learning new ways to present my work.

Moving permanently to Ranfurly and daughter Zoe starting at the area school in October last year it has made it a lot easier to look after the gallery and I have been able to put some more energy into developing new work. I feel more settled in my work and I think it showed with the results I have had at the Iris Awards this year.

Q. You sell your work outside Ranfurly. How is that going?

A. It is an interesting experience selling my work at larger locations. Right now I regularly show my work at art shows in Christchurch and Dunedin. Buyers at these locations are pretty savvy and quiet often enjoy my more creative pieces. I have had a go at selling work at international shows with a little success but for now, I want to concentrate on the South Island, especially while we still have kids at home.

Q. Obviously the Maniototo is perfect subject matter for landscape photography but looking at some of your more traditional works, you are pushing the traditional concept of landscape. Can you tell us about your newly developing techniques?

A. Great question! When I first started out I was really trying to please everyone and show our beautiful landscape in a way that people expected. I still definitely enjoy traditional landscape photography but I do feel good when I know that I have resisted just "checking the box" and producing images that people may have already seen. No doubt our Maniototo landscape has been instrumental in my journey as a photographer but I like to present it differently. I really enjoy capturing the Maniototo in my own style with an emphasis on shapes, textures, quirky images and getting a sense of the history of the area. The digital editing process, often in photoshop, is something I really enjoy and is a creative tool that lets me bring my ideas to life. My images are not necessarily telling an obvious story but bringing my own interpretation, particularly of the landscape and presenting it in a way that people may take another look and appreciate the beauty all around us.

Q. So, back to the award. What does it mean to you and how has this place shaped where you are today as a professional photographer?

A. I flew up to Wellington to receive this award and I had to make a short speech. I thanked the sponsors

and my awesome support crew but I also told the audience was about how I was so proud to bring this award home to Ranfurly and the Maniototo - home of stunning landscapes. So it meant a lot! I feel proud of my achievements but as a professional photographer Industry awards are important. Not just so we can say we are great photographers but to help create a benchmark that pushes everyone forward. The standard of work at these awards is very high and they encourage and reward innovation, experimentation and risk taking.

Q. Where to from now?

A. Right now I am having a bit of a break and the gallery is on winter hours. I will be back into it in October but in the meantime I will work on more new images and some new ideas for the gallery. I am looking forward to continuing with exploring my creative photography, spending time with my family and meeting and greeting visitors to the gallery over summer. I am also looking forward to being a curling mum and supporting Zoe with her upcoming efforts overseas for curling. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to find a profession and a business that I enjoy that helps support my creativity and my family.



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Michelle Dowling

In the first week of the July holidays, I had the pleasure of traveling, and staying, with eight of our Maniototo Area School students who were selected to represent the Southern Zone region (South of the South) at the New Zealand Area School's Tournament in Rotorua.

After a hectic six weeks of fundraising within our amazing community, we left early Sunday morning to fly to Rotorua, via Wellington. For one of our students it was their first time flying!

We arrived at Rotorua and settled in to our accommodation at Rotorua Boys High. Most of the sporting codes had a get together to re-learn names, rekindle friendships and practise together before Monday's start. This is the strength of "South" as most of our combined Area School Tournament students know each other from previous tournaments or have played together/against each other in weekend sport and/or attended each others formals over the years.

Over the following week our eight students competed in their sporting codes of netball, rugby, volleyball, basketball, football and ki o rahi. Every one of them showed our school PRIDE values of Participation, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Empathy, whether on or off the field. Each day, the students played their sport against each of the regions eg: Monday, all South teams played Central (bottom of the

North Island Area Schools); Tuesday, we played against North (top of the North Island Area Schools) and Wednesday, the big competition of Top of the South Island verses the Bottom of the South Island - Us! This is where students were viewed to trial for the South Island teams across all the sports being played. Once the teams were selected, Thursday was when the clash of the islands took place.



L-R, Aroha Cromb, Te-Ariki Tapatu, Damian Carson, Danielle Mapley, Doug Smith, Tyla Spooner, Harmony Devitt and Andrew Fetalver.

Five of our students succeeded in gaining selection for the South Island teams within their codes. These students were: Danielle Mapley (football) Harmony Devitt (netball B) and Doug Smith, Damian Carson and

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Te-Ariki Tapatu (rugby). These North versus South games are fiercely contested and our students gave their all.


From these games, and over the week, a New Zealand Area School team is chosen for each of the sports. Doug Smith was selected for the NZ Barbarians Area Schools Rugby team and named as Vice Captain for this team. He will travel to Palmerston North on 10th September and stay at the Massey University Sport and Rugby Institute during their 4 days of training. They have a training game on Wednesday and then on Saturday 14th September they play a game against a Manawatu age group representative team before returning home.

Although we were a small team from South all our students represented our areas, our communities, families and themselves with huge heart and determination. This was demonstrated more than ever in the rugby team. These boys won the overall regional clash for the first time and the cheer from the all the teams, at presentations, was one of huge respect for our small region.

It is here that I would like to thank Philip and Donna Smith for their support/coaching/managing the rugby at this tournament and their help with fundraising to get the children to Rotorua (and home!).

Thanks to all the community businesses, community groups and families who supported these students to get to Rotorua. Without your help in buying tickets or donating goods, we would have never got there.

Many thanks to the students who made our school, community and families proud. You are amazing young people who are a credit and pleasure to be with.



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St John

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We are in changing times. It is true to say that we are a few weeks ahead of usual, here we have blossom *Prunus autumnalis* flowering, witch hazel, winter sweet, winter roses blooming well ahead of time, snowdrops, violets and the beginning of daphnes, and, as I write, it is still July.

So, now is the time to prune the grapevine in the glasshouse during the winter while it is still dormant and will not bleed sap. Ours would now be 60 yrs old and planted by my mother in law. It is a Black Hamburg, an old robust dessert variety which is still strong and healthy. I can remember being told when planted a dead lamb was dug in the hole, which was the custom. It was planted outside the glasshouse, and a round hole in the concrete foundation was made, and the trunk trained to grow up inside, so the roots will not be affecting the tomatoes inside. The trunk now would be 2m in height, and has two main horizontal rods, one running the length of the glasshouse and one running along the end wall. Both are supported by a wire. Over the years a new strong growing cane has been laid down, replacing the previous rod when it is not spurring well. I prune using the rod and spur system where the spurs should be developing every hand span apart. From there the laterals grow and I prune leaving two buds per lateral.

A copper and conqueror oil spray should finish the job. Follow this up with sweeping down the glasshouse and frame work, and washing with bleach, as Jeyes fluid is no longer available.

Garden pots today are not only terracotta which tended to crack in good old Central Otago frosts.

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Get as many jobs done now before the Spring comes.

Happy gardening

Jane

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Recently the MESA museum at Naseby has had one of the windows covered with a vinyl photograph of 'The Lamplighter.' William [Billie] Francis Wilson JACOB was the Borough Council dayman and part of his job was to fill with kerosene then light the street lamps, until power was connected 16th May 1947, a day of great celebration. A visiting photographer got Billie to pose half way up his ladder, note the cigarette while handling inflammable material. There is a replica lamp post beside the display.

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Ranfurly Karate Club:	Maniototo Arts Centre, 6-7.30pm. All new 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 444 9231
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 - 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