



Positively MANIOTOTO!



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December 2018 - January 2019

WATER MANIOTOTO

Well, water we got! It's been a difficult few weeks for many and, yet again, the Maniototo community has come out in spades to support and help each other out. Good deeds included moving stranded stock, getting supplies to those stuck, evacuations, pumping out garages, moving firewood, pulling out drowned vehicles, fixing damaged roads and fences and general tidying up of a huge mess left behind.



Yet again the rugby grounds (above) turned into Lake Ranfurly but in a more spectacular fashion than a few years back. Although many were tempted, a stern warning was issued by Central Otago District Council that watersports of any kind were not to occur on the newly established tourism opportunity. Especially as, given the severity of the flooding around the town, stormwater was potentially mixing with wastewater as toilets backed up and port-a-loos were distributed.



Kelvin Robertson, Vaughan Dowling and Phil Flanagan (obscured) help evacuate Nica Davis from her home during the floods on Tuesday 20th November. The family would like to say a big thanks to the Ranfurly & Naseby Fire Brigades. Phil Flanagan may or may not have also been spotted on his inner tube floating down Bute Street.

Taieri Lake, however, on the back road from Waipiata to Kokonga was full to the brim reminding us of what it once was before it was drained in the 1940's.

Talk is this was the largest flood of the Taieri since the 90's and the worst flooding of Ranfurly township since the 80's.



Before and after! Flooding at Hall's Bridge

According to the Water Maniototo Facebook page, "50+ mm of rain in one week hit the Upper Taieri Catchment, causing phenomenal flooding. Flood levels peaked in the Styx Vally and exceeded levels experienced in the last 25 years causing widespread damage to roads and farmland. The Loganburn creek peaked, as did water levels in the Styx. The Loganburn Dam Gate was closed with a high flow of water spilling over the spillway. But the dam is built and designed for this type of event. Strong south east winds have also bought down trees in many places."

Kokonga was badly hit and the road closed for a good week after the floods last month but it has been worse. In the December flood of 1993, SH87 was out of action for a very long time as large holes had to be filled across the flat. The state highway was tarsealed not long after that and a stop bank was built on Kokonga Road which prevented a lot of flooding.



Flooding over the Kokonga bridge.

FORWARD PLANNING - DECEMBER 2018

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POSITIVELY MANIOTOTO Community Notice Board

THANK YOU

Bessie Pearson would like to thank friends and neighbours for their good wishes on her recent birthday.

Ed: Bessie turned 102! You are a legend young lady! Happy birthday from us all at Burn radio and Positively Maniototo!

I am very pleased to be elected to the Board of Farmlands. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Maniototo community for their votes but also their encouragement and support. Candidate assessment processes and elections are never easy and home town support means the world to me.

Dawn Sangster.

The Maniototo Bridge Club would like to thank Janice Remnant and the CODC (plus ratepayers!) for the upgrade to the lighting in the Wallace Memorial Rooms. It has made a huge difference to our night time pursuits. Please note, the club is now in recess until late January.

NASEBY BOOK SALE

Naseby Information Centre annual book sale will be held on Sunday December 30th. Held in Naseby Town Hall. Doors open 10am to 2pm.

Donations of books are welcome, leave at Naseby Info Centre or phone 444 9937 or 444 9512 for collection.

TAKE A KID FISHING

The Take a Kid Fishing day will be held on Sunday December 16th at Falls Dam. Weigh in (fish to be un-gutted) is at 2pm.

WAIPIATA BOWLING CLUB

Waipiata Bowling Club Grandmothers Triples Tournament is to be held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 1.00pm. Entries to Kris Carey by Sunday the 6th of January please, phone 444 9107.

MANIOTOTO ELITE RAM FAIR

To be held Friday 7th December, 2018. Inspection from 12:30pm. Sale begins 2:30pm at the A & P Show Grounds. Rams available - Romney, Dorset, Southdown and South Suffolk. Enquiries Janine Smith 021 025 54626.

NEW YEAR'S DAY NASEBY

The annual Naseby Family Fun Day will be held on New Year's Day at the Naseby Domain from 1pm. It is being organised this year by Paul and Craig and they can be contacted on 021 992 865.

BOWLS RESULTS

Results from the Ranfurly Bowling Club Steve McLaren Optional Pairs competition are as follows:

1st were V.McSkimming and G.Rutherford, 2nd were A and B Macdonald and 3rd place went to D.Keenan and R.Brown

POP UP SHOP

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MANIOTOTO LIONS STEPTOE

The Maniototo Lions Steptoe Auction is on Friday the 28th of December at the Naseby Town Hall. For donations, pick ups etc please contact John Hore 444 9089 or Tony O'Neill 027 272 3649.

Two watercolour paintings by the late Ken Holmes of Naseby will be included in the Lions Steptoe Auction. Both are signed but not dated and would be of interest to any collectors of Naseby art, or of Ken's work.



1. Historic miner's cottage on Derwent Street, Naseby (pictured above). Frame measures 400 x 580, painting 330 x 220mm. It is in excellent condition.
2. Lake Hawea scene. Frame measures 750 x 600, painting 550 x 400. It is a lovely, tranquil scene. Pre-auction viewing can be arranged, contact Eric on 444 9996. They are currently in Naseby.

NASEBY CONCERT

There's a concert being held at Naseby Town Hall at 8pm on 23th of February 2019 as a fundraiser for Naseby Fire Brigade. Main performers are the Highland Harmony, Dunedin's only all male Barbershop Chorus.

Guests Phil Corfield who will sing his new song entitled "NASEBY"!! And Jock Scott will also perform. Tickets \$10 available at Books and More, Naseby Store and The Ancient Briton.

NASEBY GOLF CLUB AGM

The Naseby Golf Club AGM is to be held on Sunday the 20th January 2019 at the Naseby Golf Club on Ranfurly-Naseby Rd. It starts at 5.30 pm after the day's golf competition. All welcome.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL 75TH JUBILEE

Save the date: Friday 20th of March - Sunday 22nd of March 2020 for the St John's School Jubilee.

SHOW DAY IS COMING

Maniototo A&P Show will be held on Wednesday 20th February.

Entries are now open at www.showdayonline.com.

All enquiries to the secretary, Janine Smith, email maniototoshow@gmail.com or mobile 021 025 54626.

The 'inside' Horticultural and Industrial Show division schedules are now available from More than Books.

The theme is 'Birds, Bees and Butterflies' and the feature section is to create a birdhouse. There are lots of other new wee additions so pick up a schedule or keep an eye out on the Facebook page Maniototo A&P Association.



Painting by Briar Duncan

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.

CAVALCADE 2020

To all individuals, groups and organizations who may be interested to take part in hosting the 2020 Cavalcade arrival in Patearoa.

In February 2020, 350-400 riders and supporters will need arrangements for accommodation, vehicle parking, vehicle retrieval, a formal dinner and breakfast the following morning, entertainment, a band/music and a dance. Horses will need secure grazing, good water and possibly hay, etc.

A cavalcade committee has been formed, please contact Belinda Hore to register your interest in helping to make it happen. Phone Belinda on 444 7701.

FOR SALE

For Sale - rimu sideboard in very good condition and good rich colour. Modern appearance, four lockable cupboards, one large sliding drawer and two small drawers hidden.

1800mm length x 920mm height x 550mm width. Can inspect at 3 Lua Street, Naseby. Phone 444 9425.

CHRISTMAS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Oturehua Annual Christmas BBQ

Come along on Friday the 14th December from 5pm at the Domain. Ladies bring a salad please. All welcome.

The Kyeburn Xmas party

Kyeburn past and present community will be gathering on Saturday the 15th of December at the Kyeburn Hall. Potluck dinner and BYO drinks. Bring a present from Santa for each child and please bring plates/cutlery etc. Come along for a fun filled evening with a surprise guest. Kick off is at 4pm. For further information please contact Fiona Dowling on 021 525 742.

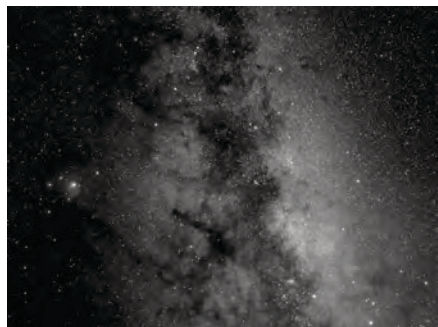
Gimmerburn Christmas Get Together

The Gimmerburn community are getting on down on Sunday the 16th of December from midday onwards at Gimmerburn Hall. It's a potluck lunch and please bring your own drinks and plates etc. Great time to catch up with neighbours and past residents.

Anglican Christmas Service is 10.00 am on Christmas Day at St Georges in Naseby.

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY RESULTS

The overall winner and also the amateur category winner of Naseby Vision's inaugural astrophotography



competition is Neville Jopson with his "mid-milky way" photo (left). The runner-up in the amateur section was Naseby's Jan Mackenzie and the

professional section winner was Matt Sudonic. The 12 - 18 year old category was won by Abby Ward with Logan Bosworth taking out the prize in the 5 - 11 year old section.

Naseby Vision's retiring Chairman John Crawford (see page 8) said that they were delighted by both the number of entries and the overall quality of the photography. The judges, Dr Ian Griffin, Otago Museum's Director and an internationally recognised astronomer and Otago Astronomical Society astronomer Ron Paine, praised the very high standard of the entries across all categories and said that the work demonstrated the pristine and special nature of Naseby's night skies. The competition is one of a number of events that are part of Naseby's Dark Skies project to gain both international Dark Skies accreditation for the town and help capitalise on its potential as an astrotourism destination. The winning photos will be on display in the Naseby Store over the Summer holidays.

HUGE LIONS DONATION

The Maniototo Lions and Ranfurly Pakeke Clubs in conjunction with Lions Club International have chipped in a magnificent \$250,000 to the Maniototo Health Services build. Maniototo Lions president John Mulholland (far left) said the money was 'tagged' for the conversion of the Chalet Rest Home into the new medical centre which will include the Doctors surgery, Plunket rooms, new X-ray facilities and a dental clinic.



"On top of a lot of recent fundraising, Maniototo Lions have always had a 'rainy day' fund that we knew would be used for something 'big'. That day has come. We couldn't think of a better project than helping secure the future of health services for the Maniototo."

A huge amount of fundraising has gone on over the years, the national charitable arm of the Lions (The Lloyd Morgan Trust) has donated \$12,000 and securing funding from Lions International was a real coup. *"Lions Club International is based in Chicago and this fund has been used on similar projects within New Zealand including the Kaikoura Hospital,"* says John.

MANIOTOTO HOSPITAL REUNION

A reminder that the date has been officially set for the Maniototo Health Services reunion. Mark Saturday the 23rd of February from 11am on your calendars.

The organisers are still calling for registrations of interest from ALL past and current employees of the Maniototo Hospital, Ranfurly Medical Centre and Chalet Rest Home. Gardeners, administrators, clerical staff, BOT members, nurses, carers, aides, cleaners, kitchen staff etc. Visit Facebook and 'Like' Maniototos Burn and follow the cues to register your details, email direct to burn729am@scorch.co.nz or contact Denise on 444 9729 or Val on 444 9740.

SITUATION VACANT

A casual "Ice Groomer" is required at Maniototo Curling International in Naseby to work 3-4 days per week. Contact the rink for details on 444 9878.

LEGACY LEFT

A financial legacy by the late Jim Mayne was officiated at a special meeting of the Community Trust of Maniototo last month at Hawkdun Lodge. Jim worked as a Deputy Post Master and lived beside the Wallace Memorial Rooms. He was a figurehead of Ranfurly for many years, documenting many sporting events including supplying results to local community publications. His passion was such that the AJ Mayne Trust was formed to provide financial contributions to Ranfurly sporting groups (Rugby, tennis, cricket and hockey) after his passing. A total of \$9309.37 was gifted to the Community Trust of Maniototo. Friend Robin Moore represented the Trust (as a trustee), working in with Checketts McKay representative Gillian Clarke to look at a way of fulfilling Jim's wishes moving forward. *"Lower interest rates meant smaller amounts set up in Trusts just don't work anymore. The money no longer served the purpose intended so Robin proposed donating it to a larger community fund with the money to be tagged for sporting purposes. The Trust document for the AJ Mayne Trust allowed this so we have pleasure in passing this legacy on."* Community Trust of Maniototo Chair Dawn Sangster thanked Gillian and Robin for thinking of the Trust as the best way to use the funds. *"We are looking at growing the capital of the trust and this is a great start."*



Community Trust of Maniototo: Front – Gillian Clarke (Checketts McKay Law), Dawn Sangster (Chairwoman), Robin Moore (AJ Mayne Trust representative). Rear – Val McSkimming (Secretary), Joan Dobson, Richard Smith, John Morrison and Alistair Watt.

COUNTRY CRICKET

The annual Stewart McKnight Trophy match between Otago Country and Dunedin was played at Otarehuna on Sunday 18th November.

The country team featured Reuben and James Pyle, also Sam Blakely. Dunedin featured several 'Otago Volts' players.

Batting first, Country made 170 all out. Dunedin in reply, were 38 for 1, when after several showers, and covers on and off, the game had to be abandoned due to rain. The rain didn't stop until Wednesday!

Many thanks to all who helped with lunch and to Julie, Tina and Deirdre for serving it. Great job as always. Money raised goes to the swimming pool.

Big thanks to all who help out with domain grounds - especially this year with the extra grass growth. It has been a challenge. The ground looks brilliant.

BLACKSTONE HILL SCHOOL

Blackstone Hill Charitable Trust held their AGM at Judy and Trevor Becks in November. There has been great work done clearing trees from the school grounds and, once the logs are out and the slash has been burnt, they will be holding a working bee to tidy up grounds, do a wee bit of fencing and plant some trees.

Anyone interested in coming along to help or becoming a member to help preserve the old school can contact Kay Dundass, Sharyn McKnight or Judy Beck.



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Since obtaining my degree, my interest in astronomy has mostly been confined to studying books rather than anything practical. It wasn't until my move to New Zealand that my observational astronomy picked up again. With the wonderful southern skies, I had to get out and explore all those new objects and constellations. There's so much more going on in the southern skies - there's never a shortage of interesting objects to look at.

When I read that Naseby was seeking Dark Sky Accreditation, I decided to start a night sky tour business. The result is what you see before you now - Naseby Night Sky Tours. So, I welcome you to join me and marvel at some of the wonders of our universe. I

introduce people to some basic information about objects in our solar system before moving out into our galaxy. We cover identification of some of the more prominent constellations and basic navigation around the night sky. We look at the moon, planets, star clusters and nebulae - the birth place of stars. I try to give as much telescope time as possible and talk mainly about objects that are in the sky at the time.

Dependent upon sky access, tours are held at the Naseby Holiday Park or a dark-sky location nearby where observing equipment will already be set up. Transportation to either location can be provided (\$5 transport fee from Naseby).

The Ritchey-Chrétien telescope (or simply RC) is one of the instruments of choice due to its flat field of view, meaning that objects remain sharp right to the edge of the field of view. The RC design has been incorporated into such instruments as the Hubble Space Telescope.

Dobsonian telescopes and 25 x 100 binoculars (with tripod) are also used.

I look forward to seeing you."

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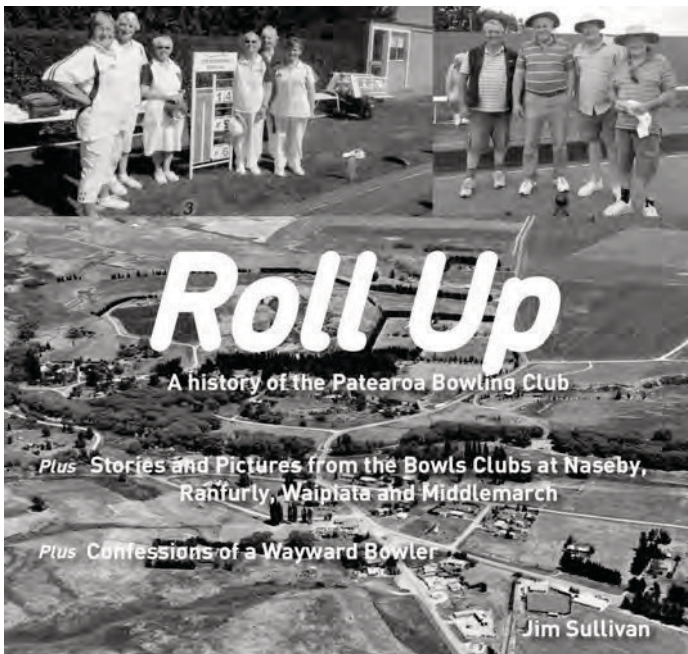
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ROLL UP FOR A NEW LOCAL HISTORY

Maniototo bowlers are about to have their story told in a new book. Roll Up has been written to mark the 70th anniversary of the Patearoa Bowling Club, the "baby" of the five clubs which now make up the Maniototo sub-centre.

While much of the story is about the founding and history of the Patearoa club, other chapters include information and pictures from the clubs at Naseby, Ranfurly, Middlemarch and Waipiata. There's coverage, too, of the Orangapai Bowling Club which flourished when the sanatorium was in existence.

Author Jim Sullivan believes the story of a sports club in any small community is as much social history as sporting history and has come away convinced that the towns of Maniototo have given their bowls clubs overwhelming support while, in turn, the bowlers have become an integral part of the wider community.



Roll Up is in full colour with dozens of historical and contemporary illustrations and is planned to be out by Christmas, priced at \$30 and available from Patearoa Bowling Club members.

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES REVIEW

The Ministry of Education review of School Bus Routes is coming up and Maniototo and St Johns Schools would be grateful for advice on new students starting in the next 18 months.

Could you please let the School-bus controller know if your child will be starting and need bus transport.

Ring Maniototo Area School Office with the child's name, address and intended start date.

Text 027-393-7858 (Kelvin) for any queries.

MAS HEAD STUDENT 2019



Danielle Mapley has been named head student of Maniototo Area School for 2019.

Danielle was born in Nelson but has spent the majority of her life in Dunedin. Her family moved to Waipiata last year in March into the old school house.

Danielle started at Maniototo Area School this year and is enjoying it very much. *"I am the second youngest of seven kids (three brothers and three sisters). My younger sister also goes to Maniototo Area School and is in year 6. I enjoy the outdoors and sports such as Netball and Football,"* says Danielle.

CHANGES TO NASEBY VISION

After thirteen years in the role John Crawford has stepped down as chair of Naseby Vision. *"I've been trying to escape for about 5 years! It's getting a little too busy these days with the tourism business,"* he says.

Jill Wolff - formerly deputy chair (021 316923/jillywolff@gmail.com) is the new Chair and Meg Garner (027 567 5556), the new deputy chair. John is still on the committee as past-Chairman.

Naseby Vision also have three new committee members this year - Beth Connell, Craig Grant and Shirley Goodwin.

They replace Nick Simpson, Christy Ballard and Paul McElhone who left during the past year because of other commitments.

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If the egg count is significant, this is a warning against future use of that specific product and may indicate the need for an exit drench of the remaining resistant worms.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Waipiata Country Hotel has two positions available within their great team:

Kitchen Assistant - experience is preferred but enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn is the main requirement as training will be given. The position has flexible hours within a monthly roster and you must be able to work a variety of shifts.

Bar/front of house - you must either hold or be able to gain, a Duty Manager's certificate and be able to work a variety of shifts over a seven day a week, monthly roster. Honesty, enthusiasm and a readiness to learn are the main requirements, training will be given.

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ARTS CENTRE WORKING BEE

Members and friends of the Maniototo Community Arts Council have started the refurbishment and updating of the arts centre in Reade Street. Working bees have consisted of a small crew but they have achieved a lot.



Art Council member and treasurer Tracey Weir stripping the council workroom walls.

So far the walls in the work room have all been stripped, ready for jib stopping and three quarters of the ceiling have been completed with three coats of ceiling paint. The brown beams are now a clean, bright white. The space looks so much lighter and much bigger. Working

bees will continue as will funding efforts to cover further work and materials.

The focus is on a celebratory 'reveal' at the Arts Centre Open Day on Saturday 23rd of March. The day will consist of a huge variety of local creatives sharing their skill, talent and creations with you.

There will be displays, food and music. A mini arts festival if you will. So, mark it in your diaries and, if you have a creative talent you would like to share, please get in touch with Amie Pont on 027 264 3766.

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle night last November at the Ranfurly Hotel (prize table pictured right).



Another raffle night will be held Friday 7th of December (from 5.30pm). Donations for the raffle can be left at the Maniototo Four Square or brought to the hotel on the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

POETS CORNER

Oturehua by Brian Turner

*is no place to gawp. Celebrities
don't stop here to shop
hence there's no paparazzi,
and tinsel's short-lived
though jazzy in a nor'wester.*

*The glamour's in the land
and skies and what they nourish
within. The real troubadours
are wind and water and sunshine
and the brilliance of the starlight.*

*You'll not find beggars
or buskers here, and if
you're wanting botoxing
you'll be shit out of luck
unless a bit of filler from the garage*

*would do. But they don't do
re-bores anymore, and most
of the servicing is left to Barry's
bulls and rams. As for
'significant venues', think historic store*

*and engineering works, churches,
backpackers, sale yards, cafe and a pub.
And after the final debauch, if you
fancy a long view of Mt Ida
and Rough Ridge, there's still room*

*for another headstone in the graveyard
at Blackstone Hill. It's not
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Marvel at a fully operational turn of the 20th century workshop where millwright and engineer Ernest Hayes invented labour-saving devices for farmers under the slogan 'durability before cheapness, first cost last cost.'



Operating tour guide Ken Gillespie at the helm inside the Hayes workshop, February 2018.

This enduring family business, E. Hayes and Sons, became famous for their perfected chain grab wire strainer design in 1924 but also turned out windmills, fence standards and gates, rabbit smokers, cattle stops, spinning jennies, wheel clamps and more.



Visitors inspect some of the early fence strainers at Hayes Engineering Works and Homestead.

Nine Hayes children were brought up at this site, once known as Echo farm, where a series of fascinating mud brick buildings, gardens and quirky Hayes contraptions are revealed. Ernest's wife

Hannah, initially pedalled her bike through Central Otago's desolate landscape in her long skirts to get orders for the business in 1895 – a tale that stops many of today's visitors to the Heritage New Zealand cared for property in their tracks.

A genuine example of 'Kiwi ingenuity', this historic workplace provides a rare glimpse of early technology suspended in time. Domestic life, too, is hinted at in the family's restored 1920s' homestead – a double mud brick villa with rooms filled with everyday items reflecting the era. Come and absorb the Hayes family spirit. Take a guided tour of the workshop, 'Big house' and gardens, re-wire with a Hayes roast coffee, browse the gift shop and taste some delights from Hannah's Kitchen.

To witness the web of belts and pulleys come to life inside the Hayes workshop, turn up at one of the following operating days over summer: January 6, February 3, March 3, and April 7, 2019. Tour times on the hour from 10.30am -3.30pm.

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The exciting times continue for us with the new building developing rapidly before our eyes. Every week when we tour the build there seems to have been significant advances. For the last couple of weeks it seemed that the painters were chasing the Gib fixers and stoppers down the corridors.

The exterior of the build has had shape for some time, it would seem that the last major exterior fitting will be the schist columns at the main entrance, but now we are seeing the interior taking rapid shape, not only being enclosed with windows and doors but interior walls and colours taking shape – even toilets and showers in place in some en-suites.

The horrendous rain experienced has slowed the external ground preparation but you can see the drives being shaped and close to being sealed.

The large tower adjacent to the existing Chalet is a wood chip bunker for storing our boiler fuel. The wood chip boiler is next to the bunker and will provide very cost effective fuel to heat the building and water. A diesel generator will be installed as a reserve should any difficulties be experienced. I believe the local volunteer fire brigade are keen to utilise the bunker for training at height. The other foundations you may see close by are for the workshop and garage.

We have mentioned the possibility of facilities for dentistry and local Plunket volunteers as part of the conversion of the Chalet rest home into a community facility. These remain firm objectives but at this time these possibilities are some way from being finalised but we believe they would be extremely exciting and valuable services to incorporate.

A lot of effort is going in to the continuation of x-ray facilities. Our existing equipment is not an economic proposition to transfer to the new site so we are looking to ensure the best possible option to incorporate in the new community wing in terms of capability and usability.

The funding from the CODC has been welcome and we have now used the first half of the \$2million grant as payments for the development go past \$3.5million to date.

Also published is the \$250k grant from the Lions Club organisations (*Ed – see story on page 5.*) and a great combination between industry and community with Graymont pegging a donation to their local fertiliser sales realising over \$17 000.

We get continual reminders of the frailty of our old building with the most recent reminder being rain finding its way in through the old x ray chemical fume

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December 2018 is shaping up to be a busy month for many with upcoming events and happenings in and around the Maniototo.

Looking back on last year's update, the weather featured, for the warmer drier conditions, this year for different reasons, rain, rain, rain and more rain. Although they are still talking dry weather heading our way, as the general rule of thumb – the *Cordyline Australis* or Cabbage tree as we know it, is flowering early and prolifically and it has always meant long dry summers ahead. At this stage we are expecting pretty average temperatures leading up to Christmas Day.

Thanks to all those who attended our recent AGM meeting, especially those who came forward to join our team; we have secured a new Board of Trustees with seven members. Also thanks to the two newbies in Ranfurly whom have offered their assistance at our regular events. Welcome to the newcomers, we look forward to working alongside you and moving forward into 2019 and beyond.

The Burn 'Weekly Tailing Shout' kindly sponsored by Linda from Ranfurly Supermarket proved popular again this year. Congratulations to the tailing gangs and farmers who picked up the prize each week.

Pop the date on your calendar, in conjunction with 'Late Night' shopping for the Ranfurly businesses, 'Santa's Grotto' is being held in the St John Ambulance rooms, Northland Street, Ranfurly on Thursday 13th December from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Single, group and family photos with Santa for 2018 will remain at \$10 per family.

Another date to keep in mind is the Burn 'Pool Party' being held Saturday 12th January 2019, 2-4pm at the Ranfurly Pool. Games, races, music & giveaways,

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The great Naseby Christmas decorate your place competition is on again for 2018.

Get your place lit up like a Christmas tree

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Winner will be advised on the 20th of December.

It has been a great effort over the last couple of years and gets better every year so come on Naseby, let's get switched on again. Prize for the winner once again sponsored by Kay and Stephen Dunn - Your local Maniototo Travel Brokers.

A Reminder to everyone to please remove all their outdoor solar lights once Christmas is over for Naseby's Dark Sky policy

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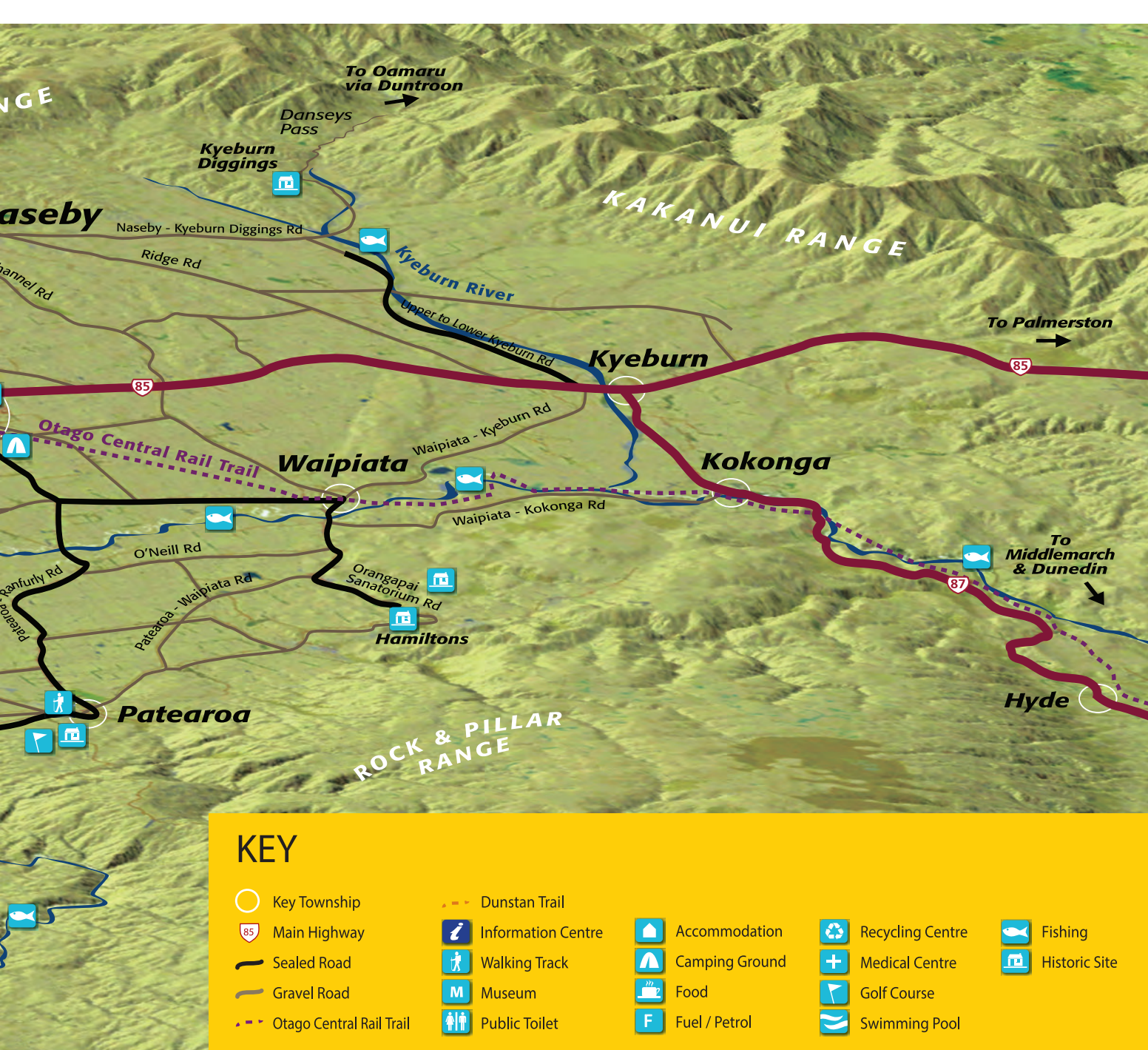
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Also, behind the Ranfurly Railway Station and the Ranfurly Art Deco Gallery is the **Maniototo Lions Vintage Tractor Museum**.

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The Ranfurly Art Deco Gallery welcomes visitors over the Holidays. Open 1am - 3pm, 7 days a week. Donation entry. Large groups or bus tours please contact Karen Munro 03 444 9814 or 027 454 2021.

Naseby Early Settlers Museum is open Wednesday to Sunday 10.30am - 4pm. (See page 30)

There is a **Lilliput Library** at 9 Northland Street, Ranfurly available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is a book exchange system where you can take a book and return to any Lilliput Library in New Zealand (the world even).

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TWO YEARS ON AND GOING STRONG

Janyne Fletcher Photographer



It is hard to believe that our "new" gallery has now been open for over two years. The journey from part-timer framing the odd bit of my photography out of Deane's garage to full time artist with a gallery to show my work has been amazing.

I could not have done it without the help of my partner, family, friends and all of our kids. The gallery and workshop has surpassed my expectations in all aspects and has helped me develop an extensive catalogue of work that builds on many favourite images that helped me get established.

I am looking forward to consolidating for the next couple of years by concentrating on getting my business running well and creating new photography. Since I moved to Ranfurly full time, earlier this year, it has been much easier to focus my energies!

After relocating from Cromwell College, my daughter Zoe has made a great start at the Maniototo Area School and I am very grateful to the caring and very capable team at the school for making this transition go so well.

There has been lots of news in my photography world this year too. Some highlights were being awarded Otago/Southland Professional Photographer the Year, being a finalist for New Zealand Landscape Photographer of the Year and getting some really good results at the Australian Professional Photography Awards. I have also had some good success at big art shows in Dunedin and Christchurch.

I am very proud to have done all these things and bring them back to my new home. I am inspired by the many Maniototo people who prove that national and international achievements and that special community spirit can definitely happen in our special part of the world.

Getting prepared for Christmas (including the late night shopping bonanza on December the 13th!) and the busy rail trail season are main priorities at the moment. Feel free to pop in for a browse, I am open every day except Mondays.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported this new business and best wishes for the holiday season.

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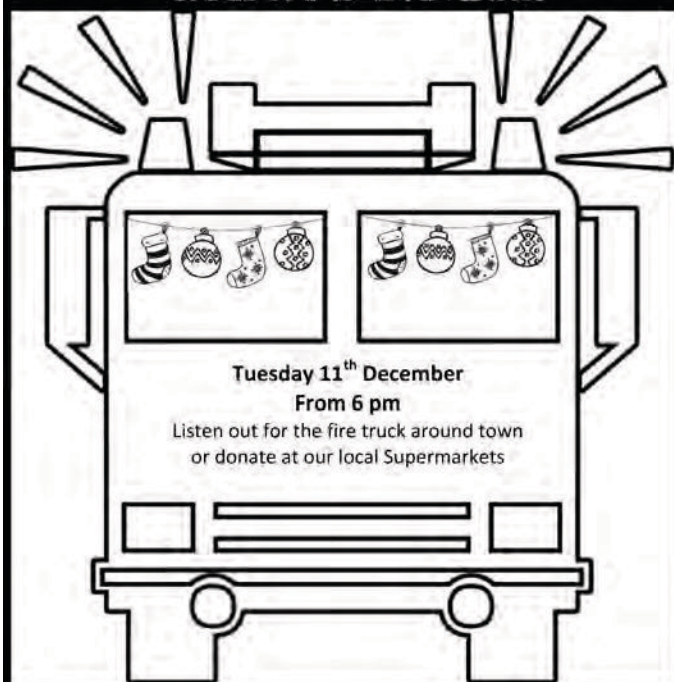
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Kerbside wheelie bin collection days, see forward planning calendar on page 2.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Council Offices and Service Centres

The Ranfurly Service Centre will close at 3.00pm on Friday the 21 of December 2018 and reopen at 8.30am on Thursday the 3 of January 2019. After hours telephone number is Ranfurly 444 9170.


Ranfurly Pool

Ranfurly Pool closes 3.00pm Monday the 24 of December 2018. Christmas Day 2018. Then for the rest of the holidays, usual hours of 1.30pm-8.00pm.

Keep 12 January 2019 free in your calendar for the **Burn729 Pool Party** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Normal admission fees apply. Games, giveaways, music and fun!

Visitor Centres/i-SITES

Central Otago i-SITES will be open every day except Christmas day. Summer hours start on Boxing Day and Ranfurly i-SITE will be open from 9am-5pm



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Libraries

Maniototo Community Public Library at 15 Caulfield Street in Ranfurly is open Monday to Friday 11.00 am - 4.00pm. Central Otago and Central Lakes District cardholders can use their cards at any local district library. Reciprocal membership is available to visitors who will be in the area for one month or less and who are members of another New Zealand library.

Central Otago District Libraries will close early at 3pm on Christmas Eve, Monday the 24 of December and be CLOSED on the following days: 25 and 26 December, and 1 and 2 January. Libraries will be open their usual opening hours outside of those dates listed above.

Our summer reading challenge '**Reading roadtrip Pānuī Pukapuka**' will run from Monday the 17 of December 2018 to 18 January 2019.

We also plan to have a **Christmas Colouring Competition** for the children. Colourings will be available to collect from the library now.

The Christmas Holiday Programme

Central Otago Libraries invite you to come along and have some Christmas Holiday fun with us! Make some colourful Christmas crafts to take home and meet the jolly man himself 'Father Christmas'

The Christmas Holiday Programme is being held on the following days and times at the Maniototo Library:

Christmas Tree Decorations

Tues 18th December 2.00 - 3.00

Santa Visit and Decoration

Thurs 20th December 2.00 - 3.00

Book now with your local librarian to secure your spot as spaces are limited! Ask our librarians for times and dates at other libraries if you are unable to make this one. Under fives to be accompanied by an adult.



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extractors for the first time resulting in a short taking out the x-ray computer through its keyboard. Fortunately Lindsay Canning (Maintenance Man extraordinaire) demonstrated his variety of skills in maintenance and was able to mix and match old equipment to keep the service going until the original was restored.

Shareholders are reminded that the Company AGM will be held in the Art Centre on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30p.m. There were thoughts to hold this in the new facility but this is not possible.

The facility has been very busy in recent times and as ever we acknowledge the great work of our staff who at the end of the day are our most important asset.

Meals on Wheels has been a hot topic for us with the volume putting pressure on our volunteers. We have also been obligated to ensure that meals are delivered hot. This a contractual requirement and also viewed as one of the main requirements of Meals on Wheels.

The objective is to provide a meal with appropriate nutritional value providing a third of a day's nutritional values which is most effective eaten hot. In order to achieve this the meals need to be delivered within thirty minutes. There are set temperatures which must be achieved. We are working to achieve this and we will shortly provide disposable containers which will not need to be returned. We also need the cooperation of those receiving the meals to preferably meet the delivery. If the volunteers are held up at the start of the round then this means those at the end are not getting the service they deserve.


There is always a temptation to make absolutely sure that those receiving the meal are ok but this needs to happen after the delivery round or else a phone call needs to be made.

While the peak numbers have now eased back we will continue to monitor the situation to look at increasing the number of those carrying out the service. In order to ensure that the timeframe was achievable we tested the route ourselves and were able to do so comfortably within the time. We understand that there can be some physical limitations and we are happy to work with those in this status. We are incredibly appreciative of those providing the voluntary service for us and Frances Wood for the co-ordination.


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DAMES AND DANDYS AT DANSEYS

Justin Pont and Marissa Hawkins married during the brief break in the weather on Saturday 17th November at Dansey's Pass Coach Inn. Their special day was officiated by celebrant Val McSkimming



Marissa Pont, Tuari and Justin Pont on their wedding day.



Rorie Paterson-Linea, Danille Phillips, Rachel Hawkins (maid of Honour), Tamara Caccia-Birch (Matron of Honour), Marissa Pont, Tuari, Justin Pont, Brady Cairns, Blair Pont, Damian Quayle, Bobby Saleesa.

'Mark and the team at Dansey's were fantastic to work with and the food was delicious. The ladies' fabulous hair was done by Becky at The Hair Studio. Makeup by Marissa's sister Tamara. The furs were borrowed from Sara O'Neill. The flowers were donated from some beautiful gardens here in Ranfurly and styled by Kristina Wills who also baked an amazing cake! The gorgeous photos were taken by Brogan and Amy of Kiwi Captures Photography.'

Justin and Marissa would like to thank everyone who helped make their dreams come true.



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Well Happy December everyone, where did 2018 go?! We hope everyone affected by the flooding is getting back on their feet now and our thoughts are with everyone who suffered damages with the recent weather events – it really was one out of the bag and if there is one silver lining we can be sure that the dams are full for summer now!

It's been a month of compliance for us here at VetEnt, tidying up RVM paperwork, deer velvetting supervisory visits, stocktakes and health and safety paperwork.

We hope you all have a safe and happy festive season; remember to take time out to spend with your loved ones, enjoy the summer sun and be good or Santa won't bring you any pressies!! One of our Vets, Amy Watts, was sent this wee gem of a poem so we thought it was a nice light-hearted way to end the year!

*The sun was hot already - it was only 8 o'clock
The cocky took off in his ute, to go and check his stock.
He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs,
The float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams.
He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a watertank
And saw a ewe down in the dam, a few yards from the bank.
"Typical bloody sheep," he thought, "they've got no common sense,
"They won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bloody fence."
The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt
She'd stay there 'til she carked it if he didn't get her out.
But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free
And in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.
He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down
If he didn't rescue her, the stupid sod would drown.
Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim
He saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.
He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks
And as he couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.*

*He jumped into the water and away that cocky swam
He caught up with her, somewhere near the middle of the dam.
The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip
He tried to grab her sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.
At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath
She showed him little gratitude for saving her from death.
She took off like a Bondi tram around the other side
He swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bloody hide.
Then round and round the dam they ran, although he felt quite puffed
He still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed.
The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day.
He knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away
He didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea
But nor was he prepared for what he was about to see.
He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view
For running down the catchment came this frantic-looking ewe.
And on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch
The farmer yelling wildly "Come back here, you lousy b***h!"
The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car
The cocky's reputation has been damaged near and far
So bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks;
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FROM CHRISTMAS TO THE COKE ROOM

Pip LaBonte, Ranfurly

Positively Maniototo editor Amie Pont uncovered a unique collection here in Ranfurly and wanted to share the 'Coke Room' story with our readers. It has also lead to the question, 'Do you have a unique collection story that you'd like to share?' If so, get in touch and we'll get it in print. Ranfurly resident Pip LaBonte shares her story of the creation of her 'Coke Room'.



So, when I was a kid, myself and my older siblings (Lance and Belinda "the twins" and Jamie) used to get a bottle of Coca-Cola in our Christmas stocking from Santa.

Jamie, the oldest was ALWAYS up first, much to my consternation (how did he always beat us all???) Jamie had always drunk all his Coke before the rest of us and he had also checked all of our stockings before the rest of us woke up (Grrrrrr). Belinda and Lance would look out for me and make sure Jamie did not talk me into letting him have my Coke as all of his was gone.

A Coke was always such a treat, as Mum and Dad could not afford a heap of sweets and treats with four kids (more siblings came later but not till I was about 14) but I really did enjoy those bottles of Coke from Santa. I think that early on I actually believed Santa had the Elves make coke at the North Pole. Fast forward a few years and what do ya know? You can buy Coca-Cola at shops!! Amazing!!

Dad's friend, Olly owned the Night & Day Shop in Winton and I discovered Frozen Coke. I was hooked. From there I can't remember exactly what piece of memorabilia came first but sometimes Belinda and Lance (being six years older than me) would find something 'Coke' related and bring it home for me.

Sometimes it was Dad bringing home something Olly had given him or it was a friend of the family saying "oh you like Coca-Cola, you should have this"

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OUT AND ABOUT



VetEnt vet nurse Barb Kearney takes Jasper to The Chalet on Melbourne Cup day much to the delight of the residents.



New Zealand (Maniototo) Men's curling team Warren Dobson, Anton Hood, Simon Neilson and Scott Becker (coached by Peter Becker) at the Pacific-Asia Curling Championships in Korea last month. The men played in the bronze medal match to come home in 5th place which is a great effort. NZ skip Scott Becker was very happy with the result. *"I was surprised we were so competitive,"* he says. *"Not due to lack of ability, but by how quickly as a team we rebounded from our first bad defeat to Japan, to change our approach and win five on the trot thereafter. I am proud of the guys, and they should be proud of themselves."*



Ryan Dowling doing his thing at the Steptoe auction in Ranfurly in November.



Waipiata Bowls them over. Waipiata played Middlemarch in Naseby Okey Dokey Trophy. And took away a good win. Pictured are Tony Andrews, Steve Pike, Andy MacDonald and Ron Andrews.



Jae MacDonald and his Guinea Pig 'Cinnamon' at the Maniototo Area School Pet Day held in November.

ST JOHN UPDATE



St John

Ranfurly St John Youth have had a very busy term completing badge work and having fun! We have 35 Youth and 5 leaders which makes a grand number of 40 members.

We have had Youth and leaders attend a fun water safety camp at Glendhu Bay (below) which we hope will become an annual event. We also headed off to Orokonui Bird Sanctuary as part of our Environmental Badge and as our end of year trip.



Lucy Neilson, Jessica Becker, Amelia Lyndsay, Mahaliya Pike and Elliot Greer at Glendhu Bay.

Our 'craft' this term was to make Christmas stockings which each member stitched and decorated beautifully. They already have some Christmas treats in them (below).

As part of our community work, we entered the 'Cans For Cause Challenge' with other St John groups from Central Otago. We filled a huge tub which will go to our local Food Bank and sent a fun photo to the organiser.



A small plea, is there anyone who have basic ICT skills who would be interested in becoming a member of St John as our secretary? Leaders find the paper work time consuming and we felt if we had a dedicated secretary this would really support our group and help us to run efficiently.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who help run St John Youth in the Maniototo.

Jayne Hazlett, Divisional Manager

WATER FIELD DAY

A Field Day of the Upper Taieri Water Resource Management Group and invited guests was held in Kyeburn last month. Ironically, a day to discuss water conservation was met with full to brimming dams and fast flowing, flooded rivers.



John Hore explains the process of building his dam at Kyeburn.

Around 40 people attended with representatives from Department of Conservation, Fish and Game, Otago Regional Council (and some councilors), Irrigators from the wider community and representatives from local irrigation companies and the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.


A tour of the Catchment included John Hore's new dam, Fraser and Lynley McDonald's dam, the take on Davey Greers and the 'main' take via water race alongside the Kyeburn which has five combined users.

Focused discussions for the day centered around lessons which could be learnt from the Kyeburn Catchment Limited consent application process and how it could be done better in the future.

The day was seen as a first step to rebuild and build on relationships between irrigators and stakeholder groups that would see a quicker and less costly consenting process in the future not only for Kyeburn but the wider catchment.



Hamish MacKenzie explains to the group the workings of a Rubicon Gate which had been built to control water flow at the race water take from the Kyeburn River. Five farms rely on sharing this.



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Also, what is needed as well as how other areas could model on the water share arrangement in Kyeburn that has been implemented by irrigators though the consent has not yet been granted. Fish screening (and the technology required to do so efficiently) was hot topic as it would be a consent restriction, KCL are finding this very challenging to meet.

The day was followed by a lunch and meeting at the Ancient Briton Hotel where presentations were made on water quality and the work that is being done by the Otago Regional Council and community members in our catchment. This water testing program is set up to help landowners understand the environmental effect of water that leaves their property so they can find a solution to any issues ahead of the strict environmental water quality limits that will be imposed in 2020 under Plan Change 6A.

Kelly Heckler from the Manuherikia catchment presented some facts about climate change and what effect it is likely to have in Central Otago in the future which could have major implications for access to water resources. Highlighting the need for more water storage in our catchment.

Also, Bruce Monahan from the Otago Regional Council talked about deemed permits left in the catchment initiating some discussion on how to get these renewed before the 2021 deadline.

INTERNATIONAL CURLING RETURNS

International curling will return to New Zealand next month with the first ever World Qualification Event.

Jointly hosted by the New Zealand Curling Association and the Australian Curling Federation, it will run at Naseby's Maniototo Curling International rink from 18th to 23rd January. Eight Men's and eight Women's national teams will take part. The top two in each competition will qualify for the remaining two places in their respective 2019 World Championship.

"We're delighted with the chance to host a range of teams from around the world," said NZ Curling Chairman Sam Inder. "It's the first time we've seen teams from South America here, and also a first for Denmark and Hong Kong," he continued.

"And of course it's a wonderful opportunity for our local teams to have a real shot at qualifying for the Worlds."

Eleven sides have already qualified for each of the World events. The best finishers from the regional qualifiers who have not already qualified for the World Championships will be at the WQE in Naseby – 2 nations from Pacific-Asia, 4 from Europe, 1 from the Americas and the hosts.

The NZ Men last reached a World Championship in 2012, when they finished 5th. It would be a first for the Kiwi Women if they qualify from Naseby.

The eight Women's teams to compete in the WQE are Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hong Kong, Norway, and hosts New Zealand.

The Men's sides are Denmark, England, Finland, Guyana, Korea, Netherlands, New Zealand (after their 4th placing at the Pacific-Asia Championships), and joint hosts Australia.



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In March 1999 my little brother Christopher Jay (I picked "Jay" because it means happy) was born. My Dad and I went to the hospital to see Mum who was still on bed rest and to see the baby. Mum and Dad pulled out this Coke backpack and handed it to me. They were full of smiles and I'm thinking wow life is so fantastic! I get a baby brother, finally making me not the youngest, and he's so cute and I get Coke stuff as well Mum laughs and says "uhhh happy birthday", turns out it was my birthday and I just forgot with all of the excitement over Chris. Healthy siblings are even better than Coke stuff, but Coke stuff is still pretty cool.

Belinda got into quilt making and made me a quilt, Lance had a lawn mowing business and found an old bottle in some long grass. Dad found an aeroplane made out of Coke cans at a gypsy fair and Mum found an old Coke advertising page in one of Grandma's old cook books. Olly sent dad home with Coke signs and a t-shirt and hat. Every item from everyone made me smile.

I shifted to the USA for a few years picking up more and more items, though it was always in the back of my mind, 'don't get too much that you can't bring it back to NZ with you, don't get big stuff'.

There was the polar bear toy from the nice pizza shop lady, the garage sale with Heidi and finding the Coke cart, the estate sale with the Emmett Kelly Jr. Clowns, and my wedding day when I needed a vase for my flowers, walking in to a salvation army shop and finding a Coke pitcher that was perfect. I never did get to the Coca-Cola museum in Atlanta, Georgia, but I'd love to go one day.

It was always the dream to one day have it all set up in a room, the Coke room. A name that really does need explaining lest people get the wrong idea.

Now, it's 2018 and after so many years of collecting and some difficult times a separation and so on, I finally have my Coke Room!!!

I'm still sometimes given Coke stuff, I sometimes see that flash of red or a telltale sign of a flowing script logo in a second hand shop or a garage sale and it still makes me smile.

I have modified my consumption habits from when I was a teenager with pocket money to enjoying maybe 1-2 cans of Coke a week, but I really do enjoy it when I have it. Now when I need a Coke fix I can go stand in my Coke room and smile.

The Coke room is not finished, I will still add to it rearrange it as time goes by; I'll stop doing it when it no longer makes me smile but honestly there are so many happy memories attached I can't see that ever happening. Coca-Cola forever.



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CLACHANBURN COMMENT

The Otago Daily Times wrote that the Maniototo has recorded more rain in November this year than since 1897. For gardeners the constant rain has made it very difficult to keep up with the mowing, weeding and spraying of weeds. The saturated ground and wind have combined to cause many trees to blow over, because their roots have been loosened.

It is heart wrenching because as we know it is hard enough to get trees to grow to maturity in our hard climate. If your garden has been flooded and small plants flattened try to get them to stand up again, and then wash off any silt, as plants need photosynthesis to thrive. One border here will need to have more mulch applied.

One bonus is that I believe rabbits especially young ones don't like wet and cold and can succumb to disease and even death, and I for one, won't mind that.

Now on a brighter side (or a funnier one) I recently had a garden visitor from Auckland who was drooling over the tree paeonies, the flowers were the size of dinner plates. She proceeded to tell me that they lived on the top of a small hill and she thought they would get a few frosts, so she planted some. I asked if they had bloomed and she replied "No", but she was trying and at night she used to go out in winter with a few ice cubes and place them around the roots! It reminded me of right plant for the right place. Visitors have also admired our irises this year, they are particularly tall and lovely, and the heritage roses too. What our gardens need now is warmth and sun, and us too!

The vegetable gardens will benefit from sun; ours has been slow to come away. I was told of tomatoes in a glasshouse that had grown well and tomatoes had formed, were still green but fallen to the ground. I enquired about this and was told that tomatoes like constant heat, water and sun. They certainly haven't had that, and that the fruit had dropped because of it. It would be good if the weather settles down and we can all enjoy our summer gardening.

Wishing all readers a Happy Christmas.

Jane

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Ranfurly Karate Club:	Maniototo Arts Centre, 6-7pm. All new and graded members welcome. Contact 444 9831
Pilates:	6-7pm, MAS Maniototo Learning Centre. 6 - 7pm. Contact 021 165 4872
Ceramics Group:	10.30am at the Reade Street Art Centre. Contact Colleen on 444 9443
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TUESDAYS

Twilight Golf:	6pm, Enquiries to Bruno on 027 224 02242. 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 & 80s Music:	Burn729am / 87.9fm. 6 - 8pm

WEDNESDAYS

Thai Chi:	Classes 10.30 - 11.30am. Maniototo Arts Centre. Inquiries 444 9985
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
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THURSDAYS

Pilates:	MAS Adult Learning Centre. 6 - 7pm. Contact 021 165 4875
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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
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SUNDAYS

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