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February 2016

BRING ON THE SHOW

The 117th Maniototo A&P Show will be held this month on Wednesday 17th of February with Secretary Neville Wahrlich promising another goodie. A new category is the 'Supreme Exhibit' sponsored by chartered accountants and business specialists, ICL. *"Supreme exhibit could be from a photo to a fleece, a turned out hack to a knitted hat. This will be very interesting,"* says Neville. Horse judging will begin at 8.15am and, as happens every year, local schools will close at lunch time to encourage a family day out. There are great trade entries, lots of sweets and chocolate treats, food stalls and a variety of children's entertainment including the bungy tramp. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will again be provided by the En Hakkore community in the rugby club rooms. The ever popular Pet Parade will be judged at 1.30pm. New show President Mark Paterson is proud to announce the special guest this year is Highlanders Chairman Doug Harvie (right). As past Otago Rugby Football Union Chairman, Doug was charged with bringing the Otago team back from the brink of liquidation in 2012 and now continues his role of Chairman of the Highlanders franchise and as partner at Harvie Green Wyatt Chartered Accountants. Doug will officially open the Maniototo A&P Show following the Grand Parade at 2pm.



Amie Pont, President/Secretary of the Horticultural and Industrial Division (inside the stadium) is encouraging entries from one and all. The theme this year is 'Think Pink' and the committee are looking forward to seeing how the community translate and reflect this. *"There are many newcomers to the community and we'd love to see them enter the show. If you're unsure how to enter or would like to know the criteria of a category please don't hesitate to call the steward of the section."* Schedules

are available online (www.maniototo.co.nz under the Events tab), at More Than Books and Maniototo Supermarket. The 'feature' section this year is a garden sculpture - so plenty of scope to get creative. Local photographers are also encouraged to get clicking as entries were down last year. There's also the rather unique Men's baking category! *"The Horticultural and Industrial Division will open in the stadium at 11am on the day and the prize giving will be at 4pm. Thank you in advance to all the stewards, judges, teachers and helpers who make it all happen."*

A raffle in Maniototo Supermarket and More Than Books helps contribute to Horticultural and Industrial prizes and gives you the chance to win vouchers redeemable at Maniototo Supermarket and The Practice, Ranfurly. Head to Maniototo A&P Show Facebook page for live updates.

NEW EVENT FOR DUATHLON

Since February 2000, the annual 150km Otago Central Rail Trail Duathlon has been held on the last weekend of February.

This year, a new category has been added to the weekend. A one day event from Clyde to Ranfurly will run at the same time as the two day event on the same course on the Saturday.

On Sunday the 28th of February a race briefing will be given at Ranfurly Station start point at 9am and a spot prize of a new mountain bike will also be drawn from those entering the two day event.

Entries on the official form accompanied by the entry fee must be received by the Maniototo Lions Club by 3pm Wednesday the 24th of February 2016. Entries received after that date will not be accepted.

Race Controller and organiser Graham Duncan invites one and all to join together on the green between the Centennial Gallery and the Railway Station for local performances from 1-3.30pm which will be followed by the Duathlon prize giving.

The OCRT Duathlon is a non-profit event with all officials working in a voluntary capacity. Any surplus from each year's event is committed through the Combined Central Otago Lions Clubs to projects associated with the Otago Central Rail Trail, to maintain, develop and promote this unique recreational facility.

FORWARD PLANNING 2016

FEB Sat 6th	Oturehua historic walk (page 7)
Sun 7th	Hayes Engineering Works Operating Day (pg 12)
Wed 17th	Maniototo A&P Show (front page)
Fri 19th	Submissions into draft Reserves Plan close (page 6)
27th, 28th	Rail Trail Duathlon (front page)
MAR Sat 5th	Waipiata Husband & Wife and Mixed Pairs Tournament. Entries to Kris Carey 444 9107 or Dickson Andrews 444 9953 by 28th February 2016 please.
Sun 6th	Hayes Engineering Works Operating Day (page 12)
7th, 8th	Patearoa Collie Club Trials (below)
Sun 27th	Mini book sale Naseby (page 8)
APR Sun 3rd	Hayes Engineering Works Operating Day (page 12)
Wed 13th	Michele A'Court Show (page 7)

Volunteers wanted

Marissa Hawkins is the new Activities Co-ordinator for Maniototo Health Services Ltd at the Chalet and Hospital in Ranfurly and is looking to expand the programme. Marissa is looking for volunteers, young and young at heart, who can play a musical instrument or sing or who may be willing even to just sit and talk with our Residents once (or more) a week. "It is so very important to keep the residents connected with the community (many of whom have lived here most of their lives) and so a few minutes of your time would mean the world," she says. Please call Marissa on 034449420 ext 9, 022 033 2439 or email marissa.hawkins27@gmail.com.

Friends of the Hospital would be grateful to have some more volunteers to clean the flat used by the Prime Nurse and students. Your turn would come around about once every two months and takes approximately 1 hour to do. You can do it in pairs should you prefer. Please ring if you can help. Coleen on 444 9321.

PATEAROA COLLIE CLUB

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March. Great prizes including a Stihl chainsaw kindly donated by The Veterinary Centre for the local winner with the most points. Entries to Lynley on 444 9047. All most welcome.

FOR SALE

Range hood (600cm), laundry tub, 25 inch Sony TV, hot water cylinder (180 litres), Kelvinator dryer, tandem dish drawer and a Simpson Apollo ceramic oven. Phone Sue on 444 9726

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself, my wife Bridget, my daughters Courtney and Kate, my son Bob and, of course, my fantastic late son Jack, I would like to convey my deepest gratitude to our friends and neighbours and our wider family who have been the rocks on which we have leant on since this difficult time of our dear son Jack's death. As a family we cannot hope to put into words just how much your support has meant to us.

Thanks to the Otago rugby community and the Otago Rugby Football Union. You have been fantastic and the gift of Jack's no.9 Otago U-48kg weight grade jersey was a fantastic gesture which our family will always treasure. To Jack's team mates, coaches, manager and parents from the Otago U-48kg teams for the last two years. Thank you to those of you who made it to the after match and also to those of you who sent condolences via mail. It means a lot to us that Jack was so highly regarded by all of you.

To Mr Sharp (Principal) and the staff of the East Otago High School - many thanks for your genuine kind words. To Jack's many friends both at E.O.H.S. and at other schools around Otago thank for being there and signing his casket. You are all so brave and we know Jack would have been both pleased and humbled by it all.

To the North Otago year 7/8 rep cricket team coaches Stefan and Roly and the team parents - thank you so much for your support and the way you kept Jack in the team if only in spirit. Jack would have been proud of how the boy's played finishing 3rd equal in the South Island tournament. To the Otago Volts the black arm band gesture for your game following Jack's accident was very much appreciated by our family - thank you. A special thank you to the Eastern senior and junior rugby clubs and the netball club for your generosity and support for Jack's final after match. It would have been difficult to manage it and get it all done without your help before and after. It's a credit to our community that such a thing can be put together so quickly and so well. To the three key ladies who sorted the kitchen catering - you are outstanding people and our community is so fortunate to have you living amongst us. Thank you so much.

To Oceana Gold (my employer) - I owe you an enormous debt of gratitude for what you have done for my family. Again, thank you so much. There are so many people I need to thank - too many to mention in this column. We are still receiving cards in the mail every day from well-wishers (hundreds so far). Thanks to you all. Finally, to the Maniototo and Eastern Otago communities. It is truly a privilege to live and work among you. What an outstanding part of the world we live in. Regards the Martin family

SINCERE THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to the many people who contacted us when we lost our special Jack in a tragic accident recently. The loss of our dearly loved grandson is a heavy burden to carry forever and your prayers, expressions of sympathy and kind words have been deeply appreciated.

Joan and Mike Dowling

King, Josephine Mavis (Josie) 1926-2015

Derek and Lyn, Norman and Diane, Paul and Christine, Doug and families wish to thank everyone for the cards and condolences for the recent loss of Josie. Thank you to the day and night shift at the Chalet and Dr. Smith and staff at the hospital. Josie will be missed.

Jamie, Nicole, Jake and family would like to thank everyone in the community for the cards, flowers, food and support after the passing of Carter.

The Patearoa Bowling Club wishes to thank all those who supported Crockery Bobs recent sale so very well. We appreciate those locals and visitors who helped on the day so very willingly. The load of firewood kindly donated by Dave and Diane Barton went to No 71, Barclay Hall. The multi draw winners were Don Naylis, Eris Paterson, Bryce Thomson, Bob Paterson, Kevin Helm and John Gibson.

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LIBRARY GETS A MAKEOVER

During the school holidays the Central Otago District Council closed the Maniototo Library to give it a fresh new makeover.

The library team looks forward to welcoming everyone back to check out the improvements from Tuesday the 9th of February when it will be back to normal operating hours of Monday to Friday 11.30am-3.30pm.

GREETINGS FROM LEVIN

New entrant pupil of the old Patearoa School Allen Little (now of Levin) is searching for copies of old photographs from 1952-1953 era before the old school was destroyed. Allen wants to improve the school photograph he has on his personal web site www.kiwilittle.net. Allen who is an Albino is retired from a long career in the Health & Disability sector and enjoys a number of interests from radio to astronomy and family history. He is married to Margaret, has two daughters and four grandchildren. Allen is the second son of the late Joe Little who played local rugby in the Maniototo and worked for Mr Falconer of Patearoa.

Allen can be contacted by email on vision@inspire.net.nz or phone (06) 367 5900



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MANIOTOTO RODEO

Jan and Ian McKenzie

The first annual Maniototo Rodeo was held on the 27th of December near Waipiata, just a few kilometres from the door of our main sponsor, The Waipiata Country Hotel. The rodeo grounds were only a paddock in June and there was minimal money in the club bank account. Since then we've all got stuck in with fundraising, working bees and planning every detail.

Our club is a mixture of current and past contestants, rodeo supporters and a number of people who have only seen a couple rodeos. After six months of hard work and dedication we were very pleased with how the day developed, happy to know all the hard work had paid off and our first rodeo was a success. It was all a big unknown before the rodeo and we've now got ideas about how to make next year's rodeo even better.

Contestants seemed pleased to have lots of room to camp, have a paddock for their horses and warm up their horses. It was a blazing hot day and those lucky enough to enjoy spectating under a gazebo had it sussed. Cool drinks and treats were in demand.

Club members from Matura, Outram, Lawrence, Waikouaiti, Southland, Wanaka and Omarama helped on the day. The Maniototo Lions worked the gate and several other volunteers helped too. Gate takings were on par to other established clubs. Over 1200 people went through the gate on the day with approximately \$13, 500 in gate takings. We are grateful for the enormous support from the community. The local police were also pleased with the way the day went.

Three members of the McMillan family who started the first local rodeo over 50 years ago were honored at the end of the day. They were brothers Ross and Bill and their brother Grant McMillan's widow Eunice (pictured below). Grant was a former Bull Rider who competed up to the age of 54.



Bill, Eunice and Ross McMillan

Thank you everyone who was part of our very first Maniototo Rodeo. A special thanks to the contestants, the other clubs' secretaries and club members and NZRCA who provided us with help and information. Thanks too to the Wakatipu club (in recess) for lending us their set up. We are looking forward to seeing everyone next time.

PIPERS PARTY

Pipers Ewan Mason (Ranfurly), Jock Scott (Kyeburn), Lee Hart (Dunedin) and Mark Smith (Wedderburn) continued on from past year's form and again celebrated the New Year by visiting all of the local hotels in the Maniototo. Accompanied by their supporters, they entertained audiences with an assortment of pipe tunes.

Best wishes for the New Year and a brief speech at each hotel outlined the purpose of the evening, following which donations were warmly received. At the request of the Martin family (Waikouaiti), this year's proceeds were donated to the local division of St John Ambulance.



Lee Hart, Ewan Mason, Mark Smith and Jock Scott.

The support this year was tremendous and a donation in the amount of \$1,430.00 has been forwarded to St John Ambulance. *"As a community, you're awesome",* says Ewan. *"Well done Maniototo and a happy New Year from the Mk4 Pipers."*

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THE SILLY SEASON

Although Christmas seems so very long ago we must make mention of the very successful late night shopping event run by the Maniototo Business Group. There was wine and port tastings, festive nibbles, a sausage sizzle, delicious desserts, Christmas music and just a lovely festive atmosphere throughout the town. The feedback was positive with over 250 entries into the draw for the \$500 product and voucher hamper. A huge thank you to all who participated and went the extra mile and, of course, the wonderful customers who shopped local. It will be held on the first Thursday of December again this year and will work in with Santa coming to town too! A massive congratulations to Thomas Howell who won the hamper. Overall it was great to sense an increased effort to buy locally. One local 'bloke' said, *"It's great. I've done all my Christmas shopping in 1 ½ hours right here in Ranfurly. I've never been able to do that."*

A Christmas 'decorate your place' competition run by Stephen and Kaye Dunn in Naseby saw the Thompson family of Ness Street take away the hamper. *"Well done to the whole village. Businesses, residents and cribbies all got behind the competition. Picking a winner was a very hard choice,"* says Stephen. Many Ranfurly homes and business also got into the spirit.

The area was extremely busy over the holiday period with the fantastic weather and Maniototo Rodeo bringing good crowds in between Christmas and the New Year. Members of the Maniototo Business Group reported more 'walk in' visitors looking for cheaper accommodation options, where people are coming from seems dependent on where in the world operators are promoting the rail trail, foot traffic into local shops was up on last year, the Centennial Gallery reported great numbers through and more people are choosing to drive through the Maniototo on their way to Central Lakes District. Maniototo Supermarket had a record day on Christmas Eve then broke that record on New Year's Eve. Ranfurly i-site enjoyed seeing many visitors picnicing on the Railway Station lawn enjoying the tables and seating.

Bek from Ranfurly Bike Hire reported that the holiday period was a busy one with lots of people staying or passing through the area, wanting bikes. *"Some are kiwis and a lot are overseas tourists. This year was a bit quieter than last year over the Christmas / New Year period, but still many around. Most will want to hire bikes and ride down to Hyde where we then pick them up and bring them back. Some do a longer ride out to Lauder, or we drop them at Lauder and they ride back, and some just bike out a way and then bike back. It is great to see so many people passing through our wee town and the energy it brings with the buzz of people,"* she said.

PATEAROA PLAYS UP

On the 28th of December Patearoa held its annual doubles tennis tournament with local and out of town players participating. The matches were played in extremely hot conditions and the tournament was followed by a prize giving and barbecue. Special thanks to Peter Becker for filling in at the last moment. The winners were Peter Dick and Russell Drew of Dunedin.



The new Petanque piste, situated at the tennis courts, was opened on the 3rd of January. French music, freshly baked baguettes, pate, croissants, bubbly and a lively speech by Jim Sullivan (pictured) to open the facility made for an entertaining couple of hours. Several matches were played. We very much appreciated the advice and playing tips of our Alexandra experts who visited the week before. Several social matches have taken place since and there is enthusiasm for future events.



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VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED

Members of the Maniototo Garden Club and the Maniototo Lions Club received certificates of recognition from the Maniototo Community Board in December for their ongoing support and volunteering efforts. In particular, the Lions and Garden Clubs have been instrumental in the development and ongoing maintenance of the gardens around the Ranfurly i-SITE for many years, which provide a nice colourful display welcoming visitors to town.

Jenice Crossan received a certificate on behalf of the Maniototo Garden Club and Sheryl Edwards (President of the Maniototo Gardening Club) received a certificate on behalf of fellow club member Eris Paterson.

Maniototo Community Board Chair Mark Harris presented Maniototo Lions Club Members Eric Swinbourn and Wilson Wahrlich (pictured below) with the certificates.



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MANIOTOTO FEEDBACK INVITED Advertorial

The Maniototo Community Board wishes to remind the community that submissions on the draft Maniototo Ward Reserves Management Plan close on Friday the 19th of February.

Last year the call went out for the community to give input into the draft. Twenty-five submissions were received and Council parks staff also spent three days meeting with park user groups. The Board hopes high levels of community engagement in those early stages of developing the plan for Maniototo reserves will continue.

The purpose of the plan, which is required under the Reserves Act 1977, is to provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation of the recreational spaces, as well as appropriate development of the reserves.

The plan sets out policies and objectives for the management of the parks and reserves and includes ideas for how these spaces might be used and improved in the future.

A key feature of the plan is to formalise a number of existing agreements for use of reserve land, such as adjoining farmers using the land for grazing.

Some particular areas the Board is keen to have community feedback on include:

- A proposal to demolish the old gun club building at the Ranfurly Gun Club Reserve and options for suitable use of the reserve – for recreation or cropping/grazing purposes.
- Proposed changes to field usage at Ranfurly's Maniototo Park – which include moving the dog exercise area and turning the current dog exercise area and motocross/BMX track area into additional fenced cropping areas; as well as closing the gravel road through to Alexandra Street.
- Whether there is a need for public toilet facilities to service John Street Playground in Ranfurly.
- Plans to remove and replant sections of the aging pine tree shelter belt at Wedderburn Reserve, in stages.

A copy of the full draft plan, an information sheet and a submission form are available from Council service centres, on Council's website www.codc.govt.nz/ consultation and at the following locations: Ranfurly i-SITE, Ranfurly Library, Gilchrist's Store, Oturehua, Waipiata Country Hotel and Naseby Store.

Submissions can also be made online and by email to submissions@codc.govt.nz.

MICHELE A'COURT COMING SOON!

The Maniototo Community Arts Council is delighted to host winner of 'Female Comedian of the Decade' and fulltime professional stand-up comedian and freelance writer, Michele A'Court and her show 'Stuff I Forgot to Tell My Daughter' in April.

Michele's work turns up everywhere - on stage, television, radio, in newspapers and magazines and she is in demand as a comic, an event MC and also as a social commentator across all media.

When Michele's daughter got a job and went flatting, Michele spent the following months remembering all the things she forgot to tell Holly before she left - from the right way to store ginger, to explaining what feminism is.

'Stuff I Forgot to Tell My Daughter' is the result of these musings and it's full of hilarious lessons for us all.

For people who have had children, those who might have children and those who have been children, it is a must see.

Ranfurly Town Hall, Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm.

Tickets (\$25 pp) go on sale mid February and will be available at Ranfurly i-site (including on-line sales) and The Practice, Ranfurly. Call Kim Gibson on 444 9652 or Amie Pont on 027 264 3766 for more information.

Show is restricted to ages 16 and above.

HISTORIC OLD SCHOOL WALK

Saturday 6th Feb, Otarehua.

Come and join us as we follow the "Historic Old School Walk" from Reefs Road over Rough Ridge to the site of the Maruimato School in the White Sow Valley, the end of Nursery Rd, Wedderburn.

This was the track followed by the Rough Ridge children every school day from 1886 until 1895 - 8 km there and 8 km back.

The run holders have kindly consented for us to walk through their properties on Saturday 6th February 2016. We will assemble on Reefs Rd at the sign-posted gate at 4.15pm. Barry Becker will talk to us about hazards and safety before starting the walk at 4.30pm sharp. Barry will accompany the walkers in a back-up vehicle.

Estimating that the walk may take 1½ - 2 hours, it is planned to have a BBQ at the finish, on the site of the old Maruimato School about 6.30-ish. A toilet will be available in Duncan's woolshed near the site.

Chilly bins etc with your dinner supplies can also be left at the assembly point and these will be transported to the Maruimato School site. We're looking for some helpers to assist with getting the BBQ underway, so if you wish to be part of the day, but don't want to walk, please let Tina Becker know.

Those participating will need reasonable fitness, sturdy footwear, water, sunscreen and hats. A walking pole or similar could be helpful. Return transport to Reefs Rd is available if necessary.

EVERYONE is welcome and it is hoped as many school-age children as possible will participate in this great family activity - however, children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please have entries in by Thursday 4 February to:

Trevor Beck 444-5822

Tina Becker 444-9432

mt.ida@farmside.co.nz



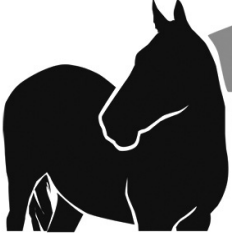
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CRICKET

In January, Ken McKnight (who now lives in Australia) brought a cricket team over from Yandina, Queensland to tour Otago. A game in Otarehua was organised against local team, the Maniototo Cavaliers (put together by Geoff Blakely). A great day was had by all and what made the day especially unique was the acknowledgement of three generations of three local cricketing families. From the Smith family were Ian, John and Harry. The Johnston family remembered the late Colin with both Peter and George playing and (pictured) were the McKnights – Stewart, Ken and Daniel.

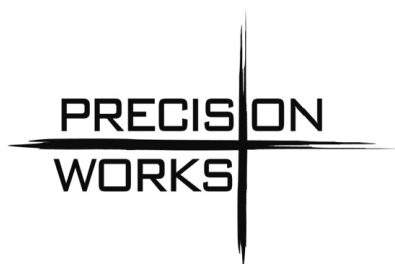


The match was close but the Aussies did come out on top. The next day the visiting team enjoyed a curl in Naseby which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

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NASEBY INFORMATION CENTRE BOOK SALE

Hazel Harrison

Once again the annual Book Sale was held in Naseby at the end of December with funds going towards operating the Naseby Information Centre. There was a fantastic selection of books on many and varied subjects. Thank you one and all who donated them with special mention to Cheryl and Keith of Maniototo Paint and Hardware for being the drop off point. A wet day reduced the long queue as the previous year but increased numbers seeking something to read for inclement weather days. Jigsaw puzzles were very much in demand (approximately fifty on offer), with the large majority sold. Another popular subject was the New Zealand selection this time. Left over books are on sale at the centre throughout the year and continue to be in demand by visitors.

A most successful day was held with two thousand dollars raised. This is sufficient for the Naseby Information Centre to operate for another year. All that is needed now are some volunteers to keep the doors open. If you can spare three hours per month please contact Raeleen Brown on 444 9922 or myself on 444 9937.

Thank you very much to all those who donated books and attended the sale. Due to some books being a bit late a mini-sale is being held Sunday 27th March 10am – 1pm in the Naseby Fire Brigade Rooms, Ness Street. Books can be left at the Maniototo Paint and Hardware prior to that.

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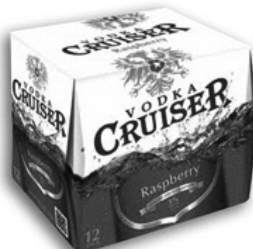
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Denise Baddock

The festive season has gone by in a whirl of activity in and around the Maniototo. Hard to believe it is already February with the last two months proving busy for everyone.

Our 'Twelve days of Christmas' montage promotion saw over a hundred people enter the draw for the three Christmas hampers of goodies kindly donated by local businesses. Congratulations to the winners, Peter Whitcomb, Bill Rutherford and Julie Paterson. Thank you too to Marion McAtamney for the wonderful homemade Christmas cake.

Thanks to Santa for visiting Ranfurly for our Burn Santa's Grotto. Twenty one families came for a visit. The wish list of the youngsters sometimes proved tricky for Santa to arrange his packing of the sleigh. Ruby Albert took up the challenge as our photographer this year. Thank you Ruby and also thanks to Dean for his IT skills.

The inaugural Maniototo Rodeo proved very popular with young and old alike, was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone who attended or participated. Congratulations must go to the organisers and sponsors of this awesome event - well done to you all.

The Burn 'Pool Party' rocked out the music, fun and activities at the Ranfurly Pool on the January 9th. Twenty six degrees on the day saw a large number of locals and visitors attending with twenty one children participating in a wide variety of games, races and time trials. To top off the awesome afternoon, everyone at the pool joined in the lolly scramble and seventy six ice blocks were issued. Thank you for joining us on the day. Thank you too to the pool staff - Megan, Rina and Bridget, the Burn volunteers - Carol and Dean, Ewan (sound technician), Ewan's helper Heather and the Naseby 'Fun Day' committee for the huge bucket of lollies kindly donated to us.

It's back to business for 2016 here at Burn. For all your advertising requirements, competitive prices and schedules are available. Information about upcoming events, activities, sporting events and results here on the Maniototo welcomed.

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TOWER UPDATE

After reporting on progress for many years, Naseby Vision are delighted to confirm Naseby now has cell phone cover in Naseby. In spite of policy changes, corporate changes, financial constrictions, red tape and reports, more red tape and more reports, more policy changes, design changes, liaison with stakeholders (and then the weather), the tower is in place and can be seen on the skyline just beyond the curling rink. There was even a segment on TVNZ back in 2011 campaigning for better coverage in the Maniototo.

Naseby Vision Secretary Hilary Allison would like to say, *"Thank you to all who persisted in progressing this project, it opens a number of opportunities for local businesses and will be welcomed by the many visitors who come to Naseby and wondered how we survive without cell cover."*

Visitors over the holiday period reports were positive. One visitor from Auckland said, *"There was no coverage last year, the occasional text would come through but then this year, Vodafone and 2degrees coverage was great. We had full service and no problems at all. Our stay was very different with the frequent 'bing' of texts coming through. Just great!"*

Fast internet has reached The Maniototo

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If you live in the Gimmerburn, Naseby, Patearoa, Pukeloi and Waipata areas you now have access to the new Rural Broadband Initiative system. Give us a call on (03) 418-2292 to find out how easy it is to connect to the latest broadband technology.

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At Maniototo Kindergarten we believe education is a partnership between the child and their family – with the teacher and the kindergarten community.

If your family is new to kindergarten, here are some ways to help make your child's transition from home smooth and happy ...

Our kindergarten day starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. Being on time helps your child develop lifelong habits and expectations – and creates less interruptions to your child's play.

In your child's kindergarten bag – lunch box, morning tea snack and lunch (avoid high sugar items), water bottle, sun hat or warm hat and layers, change of clothes.

Greeting other children and parents as you arrive helps your child to feel as though they belong. We acknowledge that saying goodbye can be hard, so make your goodbyes short to demonstrate to your child that you trust the teachers you are leaving them with.

We encourage all children to come to kindergarten ready to have fun and learn!

Early childhood learning develops important social, personal and learning skills for your child.

Kindergarten is a great start to your child's learning. Feel free to call in and visit and pick up an enrolment form for your child.

Maniototo Kindergarten, 28 Welles Street, Ranfurly ph. 444 9310

KEEPING COOL THIS SUMMER

While we've enjoyed a warm summer (but still rather chilly at times), local athletes have continued their ice pursuits around the world ...

Sean and Scott Becker headed to the Pacific-Asia Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan in November placing fourth overall in the eight team competition – the largest field in the competition's history. After a successful fundraising campaign which included a sell out Mrs Brown's Boys, eight Maniototo folk headed to the freezing temperatures (-28 degrees) of Lohja, Finland for the World Junior B curling championships last month. Accompanied by Coach Nelson Ede were Jessica Smith, Holly Thompson, Josh Whyte, Simon Neilson, Ben Smith, Matthew Neilson and Hamish Walker.

There were 28 men's teams and 21 women's teams at the tournament. The New Zealand women finished well with a 4-3 win-loss record.

Men's skip, Simon Neilson says, "We did have a slow start to the competition, playing the harder teams of the pool first which resulted in a couple of losses. We then found our form and adjusted our strategy to gain two wins among some very close games. As a team we learned a lot about how the Europeans curl. We also quickly loved the country and the nice people living there that treated us as one of their own. Overall we are happy with our performance and look forward to building our young team in the years to come. We all enjoyed our trip away and thank the community for all of the support we have been given and are grateful for the experience we have gained."



Back Row: Josh Whyte, Simon Neilson, Ben Smith, Matthew Neilson and Hamish Walker

Front Row: Coach Liz Matthews, NZ skip Eleanor Adviento, Emily Sutherland, Waverly Taylor, Jessica Smith, Holly Thompson and Coach Nelson Ede.

Another ice related achievement is also being boasted by the Naseby community. And deservedly so! Christchurch teenager Jack Leslie trained on the Naseby luge for the last few seasons and is now the Natural Track Luge Junior World Cup overall champion for 2016. Leslie's win at Seiseralp in Italy on 6 January was the first ever podium finish for a New Zealander in an international luge race.

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HAYES OPERATING DAY DRAWS CROWDS

People came from far and wide on the 3rd of January to the first of four summer special operating days at Hayes Engineering Works where the workshop comes to life. A fascinated crowd of cyclists, locals, tourists and families turned out at the Heritage New Zealand cared-for property to see the fantastic belt and pulley system roll into action inside the authentic early 20th century workshop.



Long-time Hayes advocate and local farmer Ken Gillespie impressed the crowds by putting the drills, lathes and automated hacksaw into action. The punch and shear machine showed the ease holes can be put through cast iron standards used for fencing. Long work benches lined with vices and a huge array of tools, shelves made from packing cases and beautifully crafted wooden patterns, barrels of grease and windmill hoops gave visitors a first-hand experience on what it was like for the eight workers who crafted tools for the Hayes & Sons business.

Visitors also had the opportunity to see the creative genius of Ernest Hayes in the family home - a 1920s double mud brick villa with quirky bathroom facilities, evidence of piped radio and an early example of an indoor laundry.

"The operating days are becoming really popular," says Property Manager Rebecca Reid.

"The creativity of Ernest and Hannah Hayes in the workshop and homestead is something we should all celebrate. From the conversations in the café over coffee and cake the comments were fantastic."

The next operating day is the 7th of February. A five-piece bluegrass band, visiting artists and the opportunity to grab a bite to eat will make for an upbeat atmosphere set amongst this well preserved slice of New Zealand's rural heritage.

Upcoming live operating days at Hayes Engineering Works: 7 February, 6 March and 3 April 2016. Guided Tours from 10.30am on the hour to 3.30pm. Cost \$20 per person, children under 15 free.

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RANFURLY Advertorial

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to 2016! What a start to the year we have had already. Horribly dry, windy and hot and now a good weeks worth of drizzle and I must say today is rather chilly! Although we have seen a good bit of moisture fall from the skies in the last two weeks, there are still many more challenges ahead and with the warm, wet weather comes an increase in fly challenge, pasture worm burden and foot rot. However, the team down at VetEnt Ranfurly can help you out with all of the above so please feel free to pop on in or ring up for a chat about any issues you are facing - or looking to prevent!

Speaking of the team in the Ranfurly clinic, you may see some fresh new faces alongside your friendly favourites. Amy Watts and Tash Kane have just started with us. Here is a little info about them both ...

Amy hails from a farming background in Central Hawkes Bay, having worked as a shepherd, milking dairy cows and goats and working on a horse stud before entering vet school. She is an experienced large animal vet focused on sheep, beef and deer. Amy finds the best part of being a vet is working with farmers, helping them to improve productivity, working through challenges together and becoming part of the rural community. Prior to becoming a member of the VetEnt Ranfurly team, Amy spent the winter cattle mustering in the Australian outback then worked in South Canterbury for the deer velvet season.

"Hello, my name is Tash Kane. I grew up in Central Hawkes Bay in a small town called Norsewood. From there I moved to Australia with Reon where we spent 8 years working in different rural and farming positions. We moved home to start our family and ended up in the Maniototo seven years ago after purchasing a local business. I am looking forward to filling in for Sara on reception while she and Tim start their new family."

We look forward to having both Amy and Tash with us and know you will all make them feel really welcome in their new positions.

CENTENNIAL GALLERY

The Centennial Gallery has been enjoying a busy holiday season - over 1300 visitors in two months! Thanks to our volunteers who keep the doors open and greet the curious. The gallery on the corner of Pery and Charlemont Streets in Ranfurly welcomes locals and visitors alike to pop in!

Hours are: Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm

PAKEKE LIONS CLUB

Another successful bowls tournament was held on Friday January 8th in fine but rather windy conditions with 56 players competing. About \$600 was raised for the local branch of the St John Ambulance. The Pakeke Club wishes to acknowledge the wonderful support given by local businesses to this yearly event.

Results

- 1st** M.O'Malley, N.O'Malley, I.O'Malley and T.Nixon
2nd A.Wilson, G.Geoffrey, D.Geoffrey and F.Wood
3rd K.Weir, S.McKnight, G.Rutherford and E.McLellan

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Trustee (voluntary position)

A vacancy exists for a Trustee to sit on the Community Trust of Maniototo

Do you have a strong interest in the many sporting, cultural and charitable aspects of community life within the Maniototo?

Have the ability to fairly assess without prejudice or predetermination applications for funding against prescribed criteria that must bring benefit to the community?

Have experience to work as part of a team to manage and grow an investment portfolio?

If so please make an application in writing detailing your relevant community experience and why you would like to be considered for this position in the first instance to:

Expressions of Interest - Trustee Position
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CLACHANBURN COMMENT

Recent rains (although at our end of the valley more like showers), lower temperatures and fewer winds have all helped green up our pastures and gardens. More rain is required to put water back into hill creeks and give autumn growth a kick start. Frosts in January, newcomers are astounded, but yes in the Maniototo not unheard of and recently some gardeners' experienced frosted potatoes, which is disheartening, but I believe they are coming away again. This is what is known as a delayed season, and examples include – the glasshouse tomatoes are now just beginning to ripen, the fruit on the orchard trees is only now showing signs of developing, and the lovely small tree *Cornus kousa satomi* is flowering now, which is usually all finished in December.

The open garden day held between Xmas and New Year was definitely successful and in the middle of a very difficult season the gardeners' involved had presented their properties extremely well. A wide variety of different garden styles, showing new and mature gardens gave all visitors something to enjoy. I loved seeing Lucy's Rose flourishing in several gardens. May I tell you all 600 were sold before Xmas! Well done Maniototo. Glad McArthur used to say, *"it is not the size of the garden, it is what is growing in it which makes the work an overall impression"*. I particularly loved the treasures found in the town gardens. It is a great day to talk to fellow gardener's, swap notes and share experiences.

Summer flowering shrubs which are looking good at the moment include Cistus, Spirea golden flame, Buddleia's both white and blue and the lovely salmon flowering Cornus mentioned above, and the *Cotinus coggygia grace* which has rich green purple oval leaves, with pinkish purple plumes and on masse have a wispy smoke-like appearance, hence the common name, Smoke bush.

Summer flowering plants include lavenders, hollyhocks, perennial phlox, valerians, alstroemerias, asiatic lilies, lavatera, and daisies like plants including Shasta, Aster and Noela. Your lovely white daisy with silver foliage is called *Anthemis punctate cupaniana* and another taller variety, *Anthemis tinctoria* has lemon/yellow flowers with fine green leaves.

In a season like this just keep on keeping on, watering if you can, mulching, deadheading the roses and feeding them to get another flowering, and enjoying your summer produce as it comes on.

Cut back perennials like catmint to tidy them up and stop smothering other plants as well as get more flowers.

Stick with it!
Jane

MANIOTOTO EARLY SETTLERS MUSEUM

These boots are on display in one of the cabinets in the museum. As you may notice, compared with a present day ballpoint pen, they are rather small. They belonged to Victor McNeilly who was ten years of age when he started at Naseby School having transferred from Blue Spur, Lawrence, with his brothers and sisters. His father, John, was a miner. Victor left school three years later with his brother of three years senior, aged thirteen years and as of that time most likely started work.



Victor's father and mother, Emily Agnes nee Wilson, are buried in the Naseby cemetery as are his older brother, John, who died aged twenty years and younger brother, Edward, aged thirty-two years.

Museum open Feb - 30th April

Tuesday 10.30 - 1.30

Wednesday through Sunday – 10.30 – 4.30

Closed Mondays

For enquiries outside these hours please contact the Chairman on 444 9884

ONLINE WRITING COURSE

Local writer Jillian Sullivan from Otarehua teaches writing in courses around New Zealand and in America.

Now she has created an online writing course to share her top writing tips and exercises easily and affordably to anyone who wishes to write. *"In a few minutes you can learn something that will make your writing stronger but sometimes that knowledge can take years to work out for yourself,"* says Jillian. *"That's where a teacher can be useful."* The online course is video based with some of it filmed with a backdrop of the Hawkdun mountains.

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WHAT'S ON BURN AND WHEN

Becker's Transport Road Reports, Cancellations & Water Notices - Top of the hour 6am - 10am	
Helina's Kitchen Birthday calls	7.50am weekdays/ 9.20am weekends
McLarens Machinery Buy, Sell and Swap	9.30am , 11.30am and 3.30pm weekdays
Vet Centre Community Notices	10.30am, 2.30pm and 5.30pm weekdays
Farming Show	12noon - 1pm weekdays
Monday Night Memories	7pm - 9pm Mondays
Groundworks Ltd Country Show	6pm - 8pm Wednesdays & 9am - 12 noon Sundays
Entire Plumbing Rock Show	6pm - 8pm Thursdays
Combined Churches Choices	8am - 9am Sundays
McLarens Sports Round Up	9.30am Sundays
The Hits Weekends	6pm Friday nights and after midday Saturday and Sunday

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

MONDAYS

Ceramics Club: 10am at the Art Centre. Contact Eileen 444 9880, Julia 444 9971 or Lyn 444 8229
Ranfurly Karate Club: 6-8pm for beginners & lower grades, Maniototo Arts Centre. \$1pp – call 444 9831
Monday Night Memories: Burn 729am 7-9pm, 444 9729

TUESDAYS

Pottery Group: Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Denise 444 9985
Uruuruwhenua: Smoking cessation 10.30am—2.30pm and from 6.30pm - Ranfurly Plunket Rooms.
Maniototo Golf: Twilight Gold, tee off 6pm, teams of four. Contact Eric 444 9093

WEDNESDAYS

Catholic Women's League: Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. Contact Francie on 444 9243
Artists Group: 1pm, Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Norma 444 7076
Line Dancing: 4pm, Arts Centre. Contact Joan 444 9612
Ranfurly Karate: Graded Members, Arts Centre 6-8pm. \$1pp. Call 444 9831
Pilates: 6-7pm, \$3 per session at Maniototo Community Library
Maniototo Bridge: 7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members very welcome. Call Ang on 444 9231
Country Show: Burn 729am 6-8pm. 444 9729

THURSDAYS

Steady As You Go Classes: 10-10.30am at Ranfurly St John Ambulance Rooms. Call Joan 444 9164, Karen 444 9814 or Maureen 444 9493
Rock Show: Burn 729am. 6pm - 8pm. 444 9729

FRIDAYS

Catholic Women's League: Op Shop. Open 10.30am– 4.30pm. All welcome. Contact Francie on 444 9243
Indoor Bowls: 1.30pm at Ranfurly Bowling Club. All welcome.
Ranfurly Playcentre: 9.30am-12noon. Call Jenny on 021 158 4698

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

Presbyterian Church: 10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly
Rainbow Kids: Presbyterian Church. Starts 14th Feb. Call Ro on 444 4700
Naseby Golf: Club Competition. Tee off 1pm. Contact Carol 444 9949 or Syd 444 9604
Catholic Church: 5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly

Maniototo Spinners	2nd and 4th Monday	10am – 3pm	Tracey 027 654 1977 or Karen 444 9814
Patearoa Playgroup	3rd Monday	10am	Debbie on 444 9280
Plunket Playgroup	1st Monday	10am-12noon	Heather 444 8353
Business Breakfast	3rd Wednesday	8am - 9am	Amie 444 9993
Garden Club	1st Thursday	7.30pm	Sheryl 444 9776
StHilda's Anglican Church	1st Sunday	10.30am	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly

