



# Positively MANIOTOTO!



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July 2019

## WINNING FAIR AND 4 SQUARE

The 1<sup>st</sup> of July was the day single use plastic shopping bags were officially phased out for good, it was International Joke Day and was the day ceiling and underfloor insulation must be installed in social housing where it is reasonably practicable. In the Maniototo, however, it was also the day Maniototo 4 Square and our awesome community featured on TV1's Breakfast Show to celebrate 95 years of 4 Squares in New Zealand.



This was well-deserved recognition of the extensive amount of work Martin, Michelle, daughter Morgan (pictured above) and team have put into developing our local 4 Square. To be chosen out of all the 4 Squares in New Zealand to host the birthday celebrations was a significant acknowledgement of not only how great the 4 Square is but also the café too. It has turned into a much needed, quality hub for our community. Martin and Michelle moved from Auckland eight years ago to take over the shop from Gavin and Eleanor A'Court. Improvements were quickly seen with repairs and painting and eventually the big days when the conveyor counter and automatic doors went in! Then the postal area and post office boxes were moved and a glorious new café put in. Maniototo Café is run by Morgan (who went on to win the Central Otago Young Professional Award in 2017) and has provided the Maniototo community with a place which could look at home in any city in the country.

Martin and Michelle were approached by FoodStuffs last month asking them to be the feature Four Square and planning started immediately. *"We wanted it to be*

*not only about the shop and café but the wider Maniototo Community,"* says Michelle. So, the sports clubs, the emergency services, the entire community were invited to come along and showcase what a busy, vibrant and diverse place we live in.



Maniototo Junior Hockey Club featured and coach Geraldine Duncan was interviewed (above), highlighting the support Foodstuffs provide in terms of funding for travel since many in the Maniototo have to travel up to an hour just for practices. Tyrell and Marley Hore were asked to tell a joke each in celebration of International Joke Day ... *"What do you call an exploding monkey ... a baboom!"* was Tyrell's hilarious joke.

Fellow 'nonagenarian' (someone aged between 90-99) Donella Hore was also interviewed and gave some background on her life and, of course, her well-known grandson and former All Black was mentioned.

Martin and Michelle were thrilled with the support and turnout from the local community. The weather played its part by being unseasonably mild. A spectacular sunrise along with the enthusiastic crowd showed Ranfurly and the Maniototo in a great light.



Behind the scenes.



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## FORWARD PLANNING - JULY 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 ●	5	6 Maggots Game, Cromwell (pg 4)
7	8	9 Holiday programme (pg 18)	10	11 ■ Holiday programme (pg 18)	12 Naseby Cup 1 Luge race	13 NZ Luge Championship 10am Maggots Game, Ranfurly (pg 4) Car boot sale (pg 13) Costume Ice Dance, 6pm (pg 4)
14	15	16 Holiday programme (pg 18)	17 ► Business breakfast ► Travel Talk Luge Camp (pg 4)	18 ● Holiday programme (pg 18)	19 Naseby Cup 2 Luge race	20 Garage Sale (pg 3)
21 Drama social afternoon (pg 4)	22	23	24	25 ■	26 Playcentre (pg 5)	27
28	29	30	31			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ●	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 ■	9	10
11	12 Oturehua Community Meeting (pg 4)	13	14	15 ●	16	17
18	19	20	21 ► Business breakfast ► Travel Talk (pg 15)	22 ■	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 ●	30	31

## **POSITIVELY MANIOTOTO** **Community Notice Board**

### **THANK YOU**

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Kind Regards Paul, Chris, Tony and John.

#### **Jopp Robert McLennan (Bob)**

Ida, Clare and Andrew, David and Maree and their families would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness and support following Bob's passing. Many thanks to all who visited and for all the cards, baking, food and flowers. Thankyou to everyone who attended Bob's farewell at Kyeburn.

Our thanks to Dr Verne Smith and staff at Maniototo Health Services Ltd for their wonderful care of Bob for the past year. Please accept this as a personal thank you to you all.

### **BALLET ON THURSDAYS**

Ballet classes are available for children aged 2½ through to eighteen years old every Thursday during School term dates. Ph Jemma Robertson 027 314 6595. Between 3pm - 7.30pm depending on age group. Held in the Maniototo Community Arts Centre.

### **TUESDAY CLUB RUNNING**

The Tuesday Club is all go at the Presbyterian Church every Tuesday at 1.30pm Come along and enjoy a game of Euchre or Scrabble plus other games. Contact Glenda or Murray on 444 9618.

### **OP SHOP HOURS**

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

### **WANTED**

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### **BABY SITTER AVAILABLE**

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### **TROPHIES SOUGHT**

**Leonard Smith**

On behalf of the Moa Creek Clay Target club, I'm looking for any old Maniototo Trophies that maybe sitting in cupboards or on mantels. It would be great to have these back in circulation, so if anyone knows of any or their whereabouts please contact me on 444 9125 and leave a message.

### **GARAGE SALE**

MHS Ltd have surplus equipment and furniture which includes chairs, beds, tables, cabinets, trolley's dressers, tables and smaller miscellaneous bits and pieces. Everything must go!!!. Garage Sale on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 1pm at the front of the old Chalet Rest Home, in and by the new garages. Come and grab a bargain or two. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the old Chalet refurbishment fund.

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## MANIOTOTO RUGBY CLUB

Rugby draw

DATE	HOME TEAM	V	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
6 JULY	CROMWELL	V	MANIOTOTO	CROMWELL
15 JULY	MANIOTOTO	V	ALEXANDRA	RANFURLY

## SPORT REPS NAMED

Another busy Central Otago Representative hockey season is set to kick off with the Maniototo featuring well yet again.



Two Mighty Maniototo teams met in a big game at Cromwell last month. *"Fast, physical and fun summed up the match which resulted in a nil all draw,"* says Maniototo Stingers coach Geraldine Duncan. *"Thanks to the parents for your fab sideline support and to our super refs."* The 'opposition' team, the Maniototo Falcons is coached by Dave Hutton-Atkins. The U15

Maniototo players are Kassidy Pont and Hope Devitt (non-travelling reserve). The Collier girls' team (U13) includes Maggie Dowling, Peta Smith, Annie Dowling and Ella Gibson. Maniototo players named in the Development girls' team are Alivia Steele and Ruby Hore. The Hatch (U13) boys from the Maniototo are Jock Duncan and Billy Hutton-Atkins (GK) with Geraldine Duncan as coach, Dev Boys are Toby Duncan and Ryan Crossan and the Goal Keeper Coach is David Hutton-Atkins.

Congratulations as well, to Jasmine Ballock for selection into the CO U14 netball team.

## DOWN FOR SOME DRAMA?

The Ranfurly Musical and Dramatic Society would love to get more people involved in the Drama group (especially in support roles) - this will allow our cast/crew members to be able to concentrate their energy onstage. There will also be a social afternoon on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July at the Maniototo Area School Senior Learning Centre from 2pm for potential cast members. Roles will be finalised soon after this. Apologies or Enquiries to Anne Kirk 021 0240 0378, Melissa Inder 027 444 9305 or Lucia Dowling 021 179 9333.

Remember to like their Facebook page to stay updated with what's happening!

## OTUREHUA COMMUNITY MEETING

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

## UNDER ROUGH RIDGE WRITERS' RETREAT

This is going to be a biggie! The Retreat is happening from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> September this year. Numbers have been capped at 50 attendees - which has already been met.

A group of clever local bards and authors have instigated the inaugural Retreat which promises to be a doozie (= "great event", Southland origin!). So around that time, keep an eye out for strangers in the village who may be found talking to themselves - or anyone they can collar. Animals should be kept indoors. If a seemingly normal stranger asks how your iambic pentameter is coming along - RUN!

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This five-day holiday camp from Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July (10am to 3pm) is suitable for those aged 8 years and older. It will include a luge race on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July at 1pm.

The camp takes place at the Naseby Adventure Park. Each day participants receive three instructed sessions, one each for figure skating, ice hockey and luge, and there are also opportunities to try Bavarian curling.

Single day attendance is permitted. The camp is a day camp and there is accommodation available in Naseby.

**Cost (incl. GST) - \$150 (or \$35/day)**

If you are interested in attending the 2019 Ice Camp or would like to find out more information, please contact Geoff Balme at gbalme@extra.co.nz or phone/txt 0274 958 92.

## THANK YOU

The Maniototo Golf Club would like to thank all the local businesses and contractors who sponsored our annual Cockies Classic Tournament held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

Thanks to Claas Harvest Centre Otago who have become our major sponsor of this tournament for the next five years.

The weather was perfect, a great time was had by the field of 92 golfers and non-golfers with everyone receiving a prize due to the generosity of our 150 amazing sponsors. Your continued support of our club is very much appreciated and valued and make this day such a success.

Special thanks to PGG Wrightson/Silver Fern Farms, Farmlands, JJ Ltd, Westpac Agribusiness, Polson Higgs Wealth Management and Claas Harvest Centre Otago who ran the incentive holes keeping everyone fed and watered. Chip in the bucket raised \$290 for Maniototo Junior Sport – thanks to everyone who donated towards this. The winner of the day taking home the Weir Contracting Trophy was Conner Barnett with a great score of 49 Stablefords.

Other good scores were Dean Sinnamon 46, Tom Paterson, Tim O'Neill and Wayne Weir all with 41.



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## MANIOTOTO PAKEKE LIONS CLUB

The annual Potato growing Competition was once again very well supported and our club was able to present a cheque for \$3000 dollars to the Otago Helicopter Trust which provides a wonderful service to our reasonably remote part of Otago.

We thank all those who participated and others who made substantial donations.

The results for those who planted the potatoes were a little bit disappointing this year considering that we had a very good growing season and the foliage of the potatoes was tremendous and yet there was not much underground.

Actually we were 357lbs (162kg) less than 2017/18.

You may wonder why we still weigh the spuds in Pounds and Ounces. For this we have to thank our retired Butcher who donated us a very good set of older type tested scales and these are great to work with.

Some Results were as follows:

**Heaviest Shaw:** 1<sup>st</sup> G.Lindsay. 14lb 11oz. (6.66 kg). 2<sup>nd</sup> R.McSkimming 14lb 8oz. (6.57 kg). 3<sup>rd</sup> J.Dundass 12lb 8oz. (5.66 kg). 4<sup>th</sup> D.Smith 11lb 3oz. (5.07 kg). 5<sup>th</sup> K.Clarke 10lb 1oz. (4.56 kg).

**Heaviest Potato:** 1<sup>st</sup> J.Dundass 2lb 3oz. (0.99 kg) 2<sup>nd</sup> R.McSkimming 1lb 7oz. (0.65 kg). 2<sup>nd</sup> = A.Gould 1lb 7oz. (0.65 kg). 3<sup>rd</sup> D.Smith 1lb 3oz. 3<sup>rd</sup> = Patearoa Hotel 1lb 3oz. (0.54 kg).

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# LETTUCE IS FOR DINNER

Locals Emily Kernot (Patearoa) and Rina Watt (Ranfurly) have written and illustrated a new children's book titled 'Lettuce is for Dinner' and took the time to read it to pupils from two local schools at Maniototo Community Library last month.



Rina Watt (Illustrator) and Emily Kernot (Author).

Emily came up with the idea four years ago and, upon a suggestion by a friend, approached the Maniototo Area School's art department to see if a student could assist with the illustrations. *"I had the idea from an actual conversation that happened between my friend Liz and her daughter Eva in Whangarei. Eva was waking up and having a yawn and her Mum (Liz) asked what she wanted for breakfast. Eva replied she wanted weetbix but when Liz offered her lettuce for breakfast, Eva exclaimed, 'but lettuce is for dinner'."* Emily ran the idea past them and so the journey began.

Emily read through the book to the Year 1 & 2 St Johns and Year 1, 2 & 3 Maniototo Area School students 'on the mat' and it was enjoyed by both the children and 'older' community members in attendance. Question time followed with Emily being asked what led her to write the book. *"My Dad was a big reader and we were always at the library as children. I have a background in journalism and editing and have always loved reading."*

Rina was asked if she enjoyed the process of illustrating the book. *"Well, I'd never used computers to draw before so I drew everything by hand then traced it using the computer, so that was a unique experience."*

Maniototo Community Library Team Leader, Aimee Pieterse said, *"It's very exciting to have a new locally written book. We have a great selection of locally written history books but nothing like this – a children's book written and illustrated by two local people."*

Emily and her partner Liga moved to the Maniototo five years ago from the Bay of Plenty after being based overseas in Latvia. They have since had their son Oto and purchased some land and a home in Patearoa.

Rina has lived in the Maniototo her whole life and is now studying first year engineering in Dunedin at the University of Otago.

The first print of the book has already sold out and Emily is deciding if there's enough demand for a second run. If you'd like a copy and want to put your name down for one (should a second print occur), please email her at [emily.kernot@gmail.com](mailto:emily.kernot@gmail.com)

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The production crew set up on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, filmed all day on the Friday and set down again on Saturday. What a great way to immortalise both our old and new hospitals in a movie! An old borrowed ambulance and period cars were at the Medical Centre (still located in the old hospital building) ready for an afternoon of filming.

The stars are well-known actors Huang Xuan and Oraphan Saithong from China and emerging New Zealand actress Lydia Peckham (a recent graduate from Toi Whakaari New Zealand Drama School in Wellington). Local 'extras' were also used.



Filming at the new Maniototo Hospital.

Both Geoff and Matt made specific mention of how great it has been to work with each other. *"Geoff and the team have been awesome. We are very grateful for the chance to film two unique parts of the film in two locations so close together"*, says Matt. *"We've really enjoyed engaging with the local community, using local services etc when we can and, hopefully, contributing positively to the local economy."* The movie involves a total of 8 ½ weeks of filming in Auckland, Clyde and Maniototo and will be released in China.



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## THIS LITTLE PIGGY ...

went "oink, oink, oink" all the way home. As trophies go, it is quite unique. No precious metals or semi-precious stones. Just a humble pink plaster pig befitting an event called the Pigroot Challenge.



The Maniototo and East Otago bridge clubs get together at irregular intervals for a teams challenge. The latest encounter took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June in Ranfurly and saw the hosts wrest the title from the visitors.

The event began 3 years ago as a way to give new players a chance to test their skills by playing against people they were not familiar with. After stuttering last year, it is hoped a change to a Sunday afternoon timeslot (previously Thursday evening) will reinvigorate the challenge.

Maniototo was gracious in victory after vanquishing the East Otago contingent and plied their friends with a delicious afternoon tea before banishing them back to the coastal fringes.

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Councillor Stu Duncan is a Wedderburn farmer and is in his second term as Maniototo representative on the Central Otago District Council. Stu has served six terms on the Maniototo Community Board and meets every six weeks in Alexandra for Council meetings and, just as frequently, for Maniototo Community Board meetings. When workshops

and additional commitments are included, there ends up something on every ten days or so.

Every couple of months Stu will be catching up with Positively Maniototo to keep you up to date on Council issues and communications. Each Councillor and Board member on the CODC have individual 'portfolios' or, in other words, are on sub-committees of council. Stu is the deputy Chair of the 'Roding' sub-committee which entails making sure the roads are safely functional and that the contract work is being done. *"We deal a lot with Transit. One topic we've just been addressing lately is the open speed limit which has been discussed nationwide."*

Stu was also in Wellington recently discussing the Wallaby issue with the Ministry of Primary Industries

(MPI). *"It tied in with a trip up for family sport commitments, so worked in well. It's great to take the opportunity to meet at national level as it gives you access to the Ministers a bit more and gets the area on the radar."*

When asked what it is about working for local and regional government that Stu is especially passionate about, Stu says, *"It's the process involved in keeping the services in the area (such as the library and hospital) and making sure we do have the facilities needed by our community. Having the support of other rural communities helps too. I try to simplify things, take the complication out of it all. I look for simple solutions to the problems and enjoy negotiating through the issues."*

Stu is more than happy to be approached by anyone in the community to discuss any queries or ideas you may have. You can do this by either calling in to the Ranfurly Services Centre and passing a message on or calling Stu direct on 021 224 2320. Public can also attend any of the public sessions of the community board meetings by calling the Ranfurly Service Centre for dates and times or check the website for more information ([www.codc.govt.nz](http://www.codc.govt.nz)).

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## NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



Central Otago District Council is excited to welcome Nikki Aaron to the team, who brings a wealth of experience to her new role as Community Development Officer.

Nikki spent the past three years until December 2018 working as a community development coordinator with South Alive, an urban

rejuvenation project led by the community in South Invercargill. One of the big projects she was involved with was helping establish the Night Food Markets.

In February this year she settled in Cromwell with her partner and has been enjoying getting to know the community there, which included managing the Cromwell Resource Centre and doing some work for Connect Cromwell.

The Canadian community champion has just celebrated her 10th anniversary living in New Zealand and said it was a curious twist of fate that led her to settle in Aotearoa. Her mother, who has been living on a sail boat and sailing around the world for the past 12 years, invited Nikki to visit her in French Polynesia in 2008. The boat's next destination was New Zealand so Nikki took the opportunity to get a working holiday visa, and the rest as they say is history.

Nikki gained her PhD in Geography and Religion from the University of Otago, with a focus on development studies. She says she has always had an interest in community work and had experience working with communities in many countries.

Nikki has a variety of experiences, ranging from working alongside vulnerable war torn communities in Northern Uganda, where she was involved in helping connect stakeholders to communities in need; to working with sex workers in rural India, where she was researching the impact of government and non-government development initiatives on the community.

She is excited by the new challenge of working with Council in the community space.

*"I'm looking forward to getting to know the district and all the different communities within it. Central Otago is a magical place, and it's a pleasure to be able to call this place home."*

Nikki takes over the position from Paula Penno, who is now Community and Engagement Manager – overseeing the communications and engagement, regional identity and community development activities of Council.

Nikki will be spending the first months in the new role getting out and about to meet with community groups and build relationships.

She can be reached on: 022 014 1886 or [Nikki.Aaron@codc.govt.nz](mailto:Nikki.Aaron@codc.govt.nz)

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## BURN UPDATE

Denise Baddock

We are now past the shortest day, and have had a relatively mild first month of winter, even with some day time temperatures only reaching single figures. The heaviest frost here at the station to date was minus 6.5 degrees. Lingering fog, and some snow thrown into the mix has kept us on our toes.

The Burn team are holding a Car Boot Sale and open Mic session here at Burn Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July from 10am to 12noon. We would love your support, so get your goodies for sale, load them in the boot and pop along to the station in Pery Street, Ranfurly. To book your spot - \$10 per boot load, contact us here at Burn on 444 9729. A sausage sizzle available, and if you fancy 'giving it a go' on air here on Burn rock on up and join the fun.

Thanks to Ewan Mason and Vaughan Dowling for their assistance in getting our AM frequency up and running after a recent outage, your technical expertise and help was very much appreciated by the team here at Burn, and thanks to all the listeners who contacted us regarding this issue.

If heading out of town, check the road reports before leaving, if you have a time to be somewhere, an appointment, plane to catch or the like, extra time needs to be allocated for the wintry road conditions, in case of delays. Daily updates from Fulton Hogan and Transit NZ regarding the roading networks throughout Central Otago and Otago are received each morning here at Burn and broadcast half hourly from 6 - 9am, then hourly till 12 noon, unless we experience a

weather bomb then we keep you advised hourly throughout the day. Check out our Facebook page at Burn as these reports are posted and updated throughout the day with relevant information. If you have any issues regarding road conditions you are travelling on, don't hesitate to contact us to inform other road users.

Check out the dates and upcoming activities on the July calendar especially with term two school holidays pending. With some recent frosts and colder temperatures the ice is in pristine order, why not take the kids for a day of skating, luge or curling. For the really keen, there is a five day camp, kicking off on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July to learn all three disciplines. For details or to register your interest in the camp contact Geoff Balme 027495892

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# MANIOTOTO ST JOHN UPDATE

On Sunday 9th June the local St John Committee and crew had a lovely luncheon in honour of all the Catholic Women's Fellowship members, to thank them for their wonderful support and donations given to the

local Ambulance service over many, many years. A magnificent total of \$35,000 has been donated to date! The award was a 'Priory Vote Of Thanks' presented in appreciation for their ongoing involvement with St John. Imagine how many voluntary hours these ladies have given and the money they have raised and donated to

all the various groups throughout the Maniototo over the years, it must be truly amazing. Awards were also presented to Valerie McSkimming and Denise Baddock for their years of service to St John. It was a lovely get together with the CWF ladies, along with the McSkimming and Baddock families in attendance. Our Central Otago Trust Board Representative Robert Millar, and Commanders of the Order of St John, Pauline Beattie and John Hanrahan, and our Chaplain Christine Cleugh officiated at the gathering.



Team Manager Glenis Crutchley presents Denise Baddock with her service award.



Catholic Womens Fellowship members are Bev Wheeler, Sylvia Carson, Trish Hore, Noeline O'Neill, Lyn Murray, Francie Morrow, Commander of the Order of St John - John Hanrahan, Noeline O'Malley, Betty Foley, Carol Clark, Joan Dowling, Pattie O'Malley, Shona McCoy.

Christine Cleugh, our Maniototo St John Chaplin recently went to Wellington to attend an official St John Investiture function held at St Pauls Cathedral and was presented with a 'Member of the Order of St John'

award. Local members, Val McSkimming, Glenis Crutchley and Jan Duffy along with family members and friends of Christine's attended the ceremony, it was followed by a luncheon at Government House. Now residing in Dunedin now, Christine remains a keen member on our local committee, and

given any opportunity, loves coming back to the Maniototo, attending meetings, or visiting and assisting with the Youth and Penguin group, catching up with crew members and still officiates at our functions in her Chaplancy role. Congratulations to you Christine, your award is well deserved.



Valerie McSkimming addresses the room after receiving her service award.



Christine Cleugh, Jan Duffy, Glenis Crutchley, Val McSkimming, at St Pauls Cathedral in Wellington at the St John Investiture Ceremony.

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**Herd A** - Spread out calving. Weaning weight calculated as: 1st period average age = 190 days (mid way 180–200 days) liveweight = (190 x 1.0) + birthweight (=35 kg) = 225 kg. However, actual calf weaning weights for each 21 day spread were: 1–21 = 225 kg, 22–42 = 203 kg, 43–63 = 183 kg, 64–84 = 161 kg, 85–105 = 140 kg. The average weaning weight for this cow herd with a spread out calving was 187 kg.

**Herd B** Condensed calving: 63 days calving period 15 August to 18 October – Bulls out 20 November and in 20 January (three cycles). The average calf weaning weight for Herd B would be 215 kg—using the same assumptions as for Herd A.

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## CLACHANBURN COMMENT

Recent days have given us cold sharp frosts but lovely sunny days, typical Central Otago winter weather, which we like, including gardeners. The frosts kill bugs allowing us to grow healthy hostas with lovely leaves which have not been pitted with holes by slugs. Paeonies need and love a cold winter chill ensuring their buds will open to grow healthy stems and flowers in late Spring. Visitors from the northern regions can't grow these plants the same, just as we can't grow semi tropical plants – right plant, right place. It is one of the joys of visiting gardens in different areas and appreciating plants which are new to us.

### Winter Bloomers

Lovely classic cool season bloomers such as azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons and daphne, all acid loving plants are happy to grow together as they thrive in similar conditions – soil that is rich in humus, cool and moist soil but well drained and lime free.

In our garden, and many in the Maniototo, our soil is clay based and if built up with good compost, leaves and mulch in time will become ideal for these plants. They all like dappled sunlight especially in summer and not be allowed to dry out. It is a good time to give them a mulch of pine needles which are acidic and will be beneficial when they come into flower in late winter/spring.

Hellebores or winter roses prefer a slightly alkaline soil, but in truth they will grow alongside the above mentioned plants as well. The daphnes have the additional advantage of a beautiful perfume so grow them in front of the border so you can get a whiff of that too. Another plant which is happy growing in these conditions is the lily of the valley, which will also need to be in front as they are low growing.

Berries which are still giving a good red colour here at the moment, include *Pyracantha brilliant* and *Cotoneaster harrobianus*, and a *Malus snowbright* with lovely little crab apples. The birds obviously dislike them so that is a wonderful bonus. I have noticed recently quite a few *Malus Jack Humm* trees in Ranfurly, one near the Catholic church. It is a hardy strong growing tree with large red crab apples which also hang on well. I used to have one, and remember it became crowded and misshaped and was removed. Having admired them now in town, I think I might have to think where I could plant one in spring.

Are other gardeners thinking of new plants too, its fun isn't it. Hope you have found a good garden book to enjoy by the fire too.

Jane

## PHOTO ALBUM

Naseby Museum

Recently a handsome leather photo album was donated to the museum with the inscription of 'To Mr and Mrs Byrne with kindest regards, R. Church. Naseby



Hospital May 2nd 1903' on the first page. Joseph Christopher Byrne was a wardsman at the hospital in Naseby and he married Ellen Graham Greaves (pictured) the first registered nurse to hold the position of matron there, Dr. Church being Medical Superintendent then.

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Maniototo Bridge:	7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members welcome. Call Ang on 444 9231
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Country Show:	Burn729am / 87.9fm. 444 9729 from 6pm

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Ballet:	3pm - 7.30pm depending on age group. Ph Jemma Robertson 027 314 6595.
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Art group:	10.30am at the Reade Street Art Centre. Contact Colin on 020 4118 8971
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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
Presbyterian Church:	10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly
Sunday School:	Presbyterian Church. For details - Call Ro on 444 4700
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<b>Te Kakano</b>	2nd Wednesday	From 10am	Maniototo Hospital 444 9420
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