



# Positively MANIOTOTO!



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JUNE 2019

## WHO COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING MOA?

May two thousand and nineteen. The month of the Maniototo Moa.

Local resident, Michael Johnston and mate Deano (Chalmers) were out walking Deano's dogs just down from Kyeburn Bridge when Michael spotted the prints.



The Moa foot prints as they were discovered.

Thus began the whirlwind of painstaking removal led by Otago Museum to their new home in Dunedin and into the care of Otago Museum Conservation Management. Michael says, *"The process was quite cool to watch. The museum took care of it all really."*

The discovery of moa prints is the only one of its kind in the South Island and pre-date the last ice age. Moa footprints have been found in at least ten places in the North Island with approximately 25 excavated footprints in existence as originals or casts. Last years' floods in the Maniototo had exposed the series of seven 30cm x 30cm prints (of what is thought to be a new species of Moa) enough to be discovered.

How does the Maniototo make the most of such a significant discovery? This has been the topic of conversation as community members have approached Positively Maniototo with the same question ... 'what is being done'?

Maniototo Councillor Stuart Duncan acknowledges the discussion within the community and plans to take it to Council level.



The Moa foot prints emerge as the Kyeburn river was diverted to facilitate their recovery.

## MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Verne Smith

### Opening hours

We welcome with great enthusiasm the new hospital building which is a credit to all the selfless hours of work and fund-raising that have led to it.

The Ranfurly Medical Centre however is still operating from the old premises (pictured) until the refurbishment of the old Chalet building is completed. Our phone number and hours of operation remain the same - 444 1073. Hours of opening 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday except Wednesday 9am to 1pm.



### After hours arrangements

Again the arrangements remain the same despite the changes in premises. If you need after hours care or advice there are several choices.

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3. If you ring the Medical Centre after hours, the answer phone will give you the after hours cellphone to ring. This phone - barring flat batteries or misplacement - is always on and held by the on-call GP or PRIME nurse, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You may ring for advice although we'd prefer you to try HealthLine first. You may also ring to organise an after hours consultation if it is necessary but be aware that after hours consultations incur extra charges.

### PRIME nursing

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## FORWARD PLANNING - JUNE 2019

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## JULY 2019

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# **POSITIVELY MANIOTOTO**

## **Community Notice Board**

### **THANK YOU**

THOMPSON June

Barry, Sharon and Holly, Vicki, Geoff, Lisa and Rebecca would like to sincerely thank you for the kindness, support, cards, flowers, messages and baking/food we received after June's passing. We would like to once again thank the staff at Maniototo Hospital for the wonderful care of June over the past three years and thank you to Val McSkimming for officiating June's graveside service. June was a very special lady and will be missed greatly by us all.

Please accept this as a personal thank you to you all. We are so blessed to live in such a caring community.

Alan Reid and family would like to thank you all - for your support of us with flowers, cards, baking and people who dropped in and those who attended the funeral service. Thanks to Kay Hodge for organising the Guard of Honour from members of the Waipiata Dart Club. It was very much appreciated after the recent sad loss of a dear lady, mother and mother in law, Barbara Reid.

### **ARTS AGM**

The Maniototo Community Arts Council AGM will be held at the Maniototo Community Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. 7pm, Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. All very welcome. Contact Ro 027 259 2320

### **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.

### **BABY SITTER AVAILABLE**

Kassidy Pont has been eagerly awaiting turning 14 so that she can finally start babysitting. Kass has a wonderful way with children of all ages (especially babies) and is fine to stay overnight when/if needed. Kass can also help with meals and homework. Please call or text 027 264 3766 or PM for further information/availability.

### **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.

### **FOR SALE**

Various Breeds of Heritage Poultry including Bantams and laying hens. Fish tanks and one turtle. Phone 444 9618

### **CURLING EVENTS IN NASEBY**

- Australian Champs (Mixed doubles/Fours): June 6-12
- NZ Champs (Mixed doubles): June 13-16
- Winter 4's Leagues (Contractors cup) Tue and Wed nights 7pm - now underway
- Friday coaching (for all ages) 5.30-6.30pm - Starts June 21<sup>st</sup>



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# MANIOTOTO RUGBY CLUB

Rugby draw

DATE	HOME TEAM	V	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
8 JUNE	UPPER CLUTHA	V	MANIOTOTO	WANAKA
15 JUNE	MANIOTOTO	V	CROMWELL	RANFURLY



Scott Sharpin and Sam Pringle with the coveted Whitehorse Cup. It was brought home in a nailbiting last few moments against Wakatipu at the end of May.

The Central Region Premier Rugby Team captained by Willie Miller and included locals Matt Sullivan, Dean Sinnamon and Adam Chamberlain won the Topp Cup competition against the Southern Region at the start of this month. Sam Pringle is also part of the Central Regional Development Team.

## DOWN FOR SOME DRAMA?

Ranfurly Musical & Dramatic Society invite you to their AGM on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June at 7.30pm at the Ranfurly Hotel (dining room).

Following the AGM, the 2019 production 'Treasure Island' by Ben Crocker will be introduced. This is the night to sign up for a part in this years show!

We 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 our Facebook page to stay updated with what's happening!

## WRITERS' RETREAT

The Rough Ridge Writers' Retreat. Will be held from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2019. The inaugural offering of the Under Rough Ridge Writers' Retreat is a unique gathering for novice and experienced writers.

It is to be hosted in the village of Oturehua (formerly known as Rough Ridge) in the Maniototo.

Although having a population of only 30, the village boasts a surprising number of literary figures, (all live on the same road), who will be leading the retreat.

Already nearly half of the registrations have been filled, so be in quick.

To find out more or register visit [www.roughridge.nz](http://www.roughridge.nz)

An advertisement for Maniototo Four Square Supermarket and Café. The top half shows a photograph of the building, a two-story structure with 'FOUR SQUARE SUPERMARKET' signs. Text to the right of the photo says 'Maniototo Four Square Open 7 Days 03 444 9021' and includes a cartoon character. The bottom half has a dark background with the 'MANIOTOTO CAFE' logo (EST. 2015) and the text 'Café - Coffee - Food 03 444 9023 1 Pery St, Ranfurly'.

An advertisement for RayWhite Real Estate. It features a black and white photograph of a smiling woman, Bev Helm, standing in front of a brick wall. The RayWhite logo is in the top right corner. A large white box on the left contains the text 'Local People, Selling Local Property'.

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## PONY CLUB PASSES

Lisa Fridd, Coach

Maniototo Pony Club riders Sophie Small, Ben Tucker and Charlie Falconer have recently passed their New Zealand Pony Club Association Inc. pony club examination D Certificate.

Also on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, six Maniototo Pony Club riders travelled to Clyde Pony club to sit their C Certificate examination. All successfully passed. We believe they may have been the first riders ever to have sat this exam from the Maniototo Pony Club, so a real achievement for the club and these young aspiring riders. The exam took around three hours to complete and involved arena work, show jumping, cross country, games and a sound knowledge of horse management with a strong emphasis on horse and rider safety which also involved road riding safety.



From left to right Maggie Dowling, Peta Smith Ashleigh Cameron, Lisa Fridd (Coach) Olivia Small, Annabelle McKnight and Anna Duncan

## JUNIOR HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

The Maniototo Junior Hockey main fundraiser for this year is selling a variety of products for the kitchen! They have catering roll sizes of Gladwrap, Tin Foil and Baking Paper for sale plus have Mini Grip Bags (Zip Lock Bags) in three sizes and Kitchen Tidy Liners (Bin Liners) in three sizes.

This year we are also selling Lily Bee Wraps (which are a reusable beeswax wrap which shapes around your food and dishes. It's a guilt free alternative to plastic wrap) and available in four different sizes.

Our money this year is going towards new uniforms and we are hoping to purchase a goal for the Maniototo Area School Turf which badly needs replacing.

For further information please contact Geraldine Dowling (geraldinekreft@yahoo.co.nz) or Geraldine Duncan (craigneuk.jd@xtra.co.nz).

**Orders need to be in by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Thank you in advance for your support.

## LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Advertorial

Do you want to see and be a part of how your child develops and learns through play? See children delight in their surroundings and play alongside them, encourage them to interact with others while you meet other parents and educators?

Join us at Ranfurly Playcentre every Friday morning from 9:30am - 12pm. Our village becomes your village at Playcentre. There's fun and friendship for you and your children in endless experiences that last a lifetime. Ranfurly playcentre is a great environment for pre-schoolers, babies and caregivers are equipped with amazing resources to enhance and enrich learning.



A focus on child-led learning means that each session Playcentre offers a variety of learning and play experiences such as building, baking, painting, dressing up, singing and sand and water play. There is no cost to attend Playcentre. Just come along explore and join in the fun.

We are also currently looking for an enthusiastic qualified Early childhood educator who would like to join our Playcentre on a Friday morning. If this sounds like you, please get in touch with Melissa Woodhead on 027 277 8082.

## CHEF / COOK POSITION AVAILABLE

We have a job vacancy at the Waipiata Country Hotel. The position is a full time, permanent position.

A full time Chef / Cook position is available at the Waipiata Country Hotel. Experience is required and the ability to run a kitchen will be an advantage.

Working to a monthly roster over 7 days.

Applications close on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 and the position may be filled prior to this.

To apply: email Mark Button: enquiries@waipiatahotel.co.nz or phone 027 431 0698

## LEGEND ACKNOWLEDGED

Maniototo curling legend Peter Becker has been awarded the 2019 Otago Polytechnic Services to Sport Award at a gala dinner at the Dunedin Town Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

The Otago Sports Awards are organised by Sport Otago to recognise and celebrate excellence in sporting achievement in the province.



Maniototo Curling International Manager, Ewan Kirk was part of the ruse to get Peter there. *"Sport Otago came and did some curling filming and interviews including with myself and Sam Inder. Peter, as New Zealand Curling Association Secretary was supposed to be attending at the NZCA AGM in Oturehua on the same night! Peter must have arrived at the awards and saw Sam and I on the big screen and thought something's up here!"*

*"It's just great to see recognition of time, knowledge, travel etc given by Peter to the sport - especially the youth and the outstanding results being achieved."*

**Q: Congratulations Peter. A well deserved recognition. We hear the award was a surprise for you! How did the family get you there?**

**A:** It was a surprise. Although I had been involved in getting Stewart McKnight to the same event in 2000, so possibly knew something was up? The family said it was an early birthday present but my birthday is not until September? It was a great evening. The Dunedin Town hall was packed, with our family having a table to themselves. All my children and their partners were there.

**Curling was obviously a huge part of the recognition, and deservedly so. When did you start curling and how has the sport influenced your life?**

I started curling outside on dams and ponds on leaving school in 1967. For me the indoor style didn't start until 1988, when I went to Australia on Wilson Mawhinney's tour. Since 1991, when I was selected for the NZ Men's Team to Tokyo, curling has become a dominant factor, not only in my life, but my family's as well. There is a saying, 'The family that plays together, stays together.' That has been very much the case with our family, and still is!

**What other curling recognition have you gained?**

Life Member of my Club, Ranfurly and also the NZ Curling Association. I have been lucky enough to attend an Olympic Games and two Youth Olympic Games, as well as countless Worlds and Pacific events.

**You have continued to help so many others curl, including the young. What do you think curling does for young people?**

Curling is the ultimate team game! It teaches the young how to 'get-along' with others, teaches them the skills and balances needed, teaches them the value of teammates and how to lose and win! If they manage to play at the highest level, they will make lifelong friends with people all over the World.

**What has been the commitment as a parent to your family's sporting lives?**

I was extremely lucky to marry someone who loved sport as much as I did! Wendy had a tremendous influence on her children's sporting abilities and loves. We worked as a team, never pushing too much, but encouraging verbally and by playing a lot of sport ourselves. We were there when they failed and applauding their successes. The commitment is large but the rewards are huge! Your sporting life spills over into your working life to make you a more complete person.



**What do you say to anyone who might want to want to get into curling?**

Do it! It is a fun game that the whole family from 5-100 in age can play together! It is a sport which has very little gender advantage, in fact in my experience the girls just starting off, pick up the nuances of the game faster than the boys.

**Who helped you on your curling journey and what are some of the ups and downs of it all?**

I'd like to thank my late father, Jim, for introducing me to the sport. He lead a NZ tour to Scotland in 1973, and came back with some ideas, which I was lucky enough to embrace and learn from. I'd like to thank my late wife, Wendy, for without her none of this would have happened. She took up the sport herself, once the children were old enough, and excelled, representing her Country and Skipping her Senior Women's Team through to 4<sup>th</sup> in the World in 2012. **Continued next page**

A highlight, was being one of the people who instigated the building of the curling rink in Naseby. It has been a tremendous asset to Naseby, and the Maniototo and will continue to be so. There are interim plans afoot to maybe extend its size, which will be very beneficial! The rink has helped put Maniototo on the map!

There are numerous and unbelievable playing highlights. To win my first International game against Japan in 1993 in Adelaide. To be part of the team that walked and followed our oldest son Sean, as an Olympic flagbearer, into the Olympic stadium, has to be the ultimate parental experience. To sit and watch Sean and Bridget, with (Coach) son Scott, lose the Gold Medal at the Mixed Doubles world champs in Russia, by the faintest rub on a guard, and then be honoured, by being asked by the World Curling Federation to present all three with their Silver Medals, is another unforgettable experience!

To watch the Junior NZ Curling Team I coach win Gold at the World junior B Champs this year, ranks up there. The skill, mental fortitude and general toughness, and never-say-die attitude of these boys, mainly from the Maniototo, will remain with me. They have much to contribute to this sport in future years! To watch a young player, at his/her first coaching session, suddenly realise what we are trying to achieve and see the excitement in their eyes.

Over 30 years of playing, coaching and administering the indoor version of the sport, there have been many other highlights, one or two low points, but overall I wouldn't change a thing!

## BOLD CALL FOR BRASS MONKEY

The annual motorbike rally to the Maniototo was held in Oturehua over Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Brass Monkey organiser John Willems can report another successful long weekend but *'numbers were down significantly, less than 1000. However, those who were on site seemed to enjoy themselves. There were no incidents on site and the bonfire was great'*

Next year will celebrate 40 years of the Brass Monkey. John says, *'There's a chance next year will be the last. There's no new blood coming through and there's so much bureaucracy. It's harder and harder every year.'*

*For next years big event though we will have fire works and some other things to be organised as well."*



### MANIOTOTO CURLING INTERNATIONAL & MANIOTOTO ICE RINK **2019 ICE FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY - 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
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## More Than Books

Richard and Janet wish to advise they will be changing to winter hours from

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Opening hours will be**

**Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm**

**Saturday 10am to 6pm.**

We are so grateful for the local community's ongoing support over the summer and look forward to your visits over the winter months.

Stationery section is well stocked and if we have not got what you require we can get it quickly.

We also have a good stock of Fiction, Non Fiction and Children's books for your winter reading.

Good luck to all the Sports Clubs and hope you have a successful Season.

**SAFE DRIVING IN OUR WINTER CONDITIONS**

## ANNIVERSARY WELL CELEBRATED Gemma Smith

Gemma Smith is a committee member of the Central Otago Hunt (Chairing the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sub-committee) and has given us a run down of what sounds like an entertaining and busy week!



Jock Scott of Kyeburn pipes the 30th Central Otago Hunt.

The Central Otago Hunt celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a week of celebrations from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. The Hunt week attracted people from all over the country (Northland to Southland), the biggest hunt on the Saturday had 211 riders, which is a record number in the field for the Central Otago Hunt. The smallest day in the field was 158 (well above our biggest day prior to). Most of the visitors were based at Stu and Lorraine Duncan's property where 120 horses were accommodated for five days. The week consisted of four days of hunting in the Maniototo (Moa Creek, Gimmerburn and Kyeburn).

One night, a semi-formal evening was held at the Stadium with a band and fundraising auction. The hunt also hosted the South Island Hound Show at the

Wedderburn Cottages. It was a beautiful, autumn day. Sunny, no wind and a great event all round. There was also a fashion in the field event which was a hit (generously sponsored by Jamies Jewellers). The contestants found themselves in an hilarious impromptu dressage test.

A whisky tasting evening at Lauderdale was an evening to remember. A selection of regional whiskeys (Lammermore and Cardrona Distillery), roaring brazier's, Muddy Creek Pies and donated produce (crayfish and paua) were on the menu. The hunt is very grateful for the generosity of Karen and Jean Michel Jefferson, for hosting the evening. During the celebrations the significant contribution that Glynne and Lynley Smith have made to the hunt over the 30 years was acknowledged. Glynne was a founding member of the hunt and has been Master for the entire 30 years. Quite a feat. Lynley rode in the field for a number of years and continues to be a valued supporter and contributor to the fabric of the hunt behind the scenes. Glynne continues to ride in his 82nd year. He is setting the bar high for our younger members!

The Central Otago Hunt greatly appreciated the support of the Wedderburn Hotel, Wedderburn Cottages, Omakau Junior Hockey and a number of locals who had no association with the hunt that helped make the week a roaring success. A huge amount of effort went in by the committee and members and resulted in a profitable and successful week. People are even asking us to do this annually!

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*"I've been hearing it myself too. I've already had casual chats with Mayor Tim Cadogan, CE Sanchia Jacobs and Paula Penno (Community Development) at Council. There's a real opportunity for the Maniototo here. Ideas so far have been a replica of the prints, a life size Moa sculpture and an information kiosk near the discovery site."*

Michael sees a definite benefit for the area. *"I have no idea on how this will affect the Maniototo in the long term future but it has already made the area more known."*

Aside from the experience as a whole, Michael was quickly catapulted into his fifteen minutes of fame with extensive international media coverage and even starring in a segment on a popular New Zealand comedy show, 7 Days. *"Being on 7 days was a blast and something a bit different. I wasn't expecting a trip like that from it all."*

## THE FANTASTIC FOSSILS OF FOULDEN MAAR



### PUBLIC TALK

WITH HONORARY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,  
GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO,

**DAPHNE LEE**

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## ITALIAN ON ICE

Geoff Balme

When we developed the luge track in Naseby, we knew that other than my experience in Canada, pretty much no one else in New Zealand knew anything about luge. I spoke with the International Luge Federation and, because Naseby is the only ice luge track in the Southern Hemisphere, it is very important to the sport globally so they agreed to pay the airfare to bring a qualified coach from the Northern Hemisphere to Naseby.

They have continued to do this each year so since 2008. We have had coaches from Austria (x2), Canada, Germany, Italy (x2), Latvia (x3) and Poland (x4). As well as providing coaching in Naseby this has also enabled us to develop relationships with the other countries who have then been prepared to help support our athletes when they go to Europe. Those using the track also enjoy hearing the foreign accents and many friendships have developed. Longer term, I would hope that some of our own athletes who have been going to Europe will become Naseby coaches after they finish their athlete careers.



Our next qualified coach is Greta Pinggera (left). Greta is 24 years old and comes from Laas in the South Tyrol region of Italy. She is a natural track luge athlete and started competing internationally in the winter of 2009/2010. In the 2011/2012 season she won a silver medal in

the Junior World Cup series and competed for the first time in a senior World Cup race. In 2012 she won silver at the Junior World Championships.

Since then she has won many races with the highlights being:

- World Championships (held every second year) – 1<sup>st</sup> in 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2019 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2015.
- Overall World Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> in 2016/17, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2015/16, 2017/18 and 2018/19 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2014/15.



Greta is a pastry chef by trade and works in the family business. Her hobbies are jogging and shopping. Her boyfriend is Patrick Pigneter, multi-World Champion in singles, doubles and the team's race, who coached in Naseby in 2012.

On another note, like the ice rink, we are always looking for volunteers and we'd be happy to train volunteers up to do some instructing at the track, especially for tourist/public sessions. Of course we'd teach them to luge and then they could become an instructor.

Please contact Susie Farrell on 021 250 2506 if you'd like to help.

## NASEBY ICE CAMP 2019

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.

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# I DREAM OF DISNEY

Ranfurly resident Mikaela Woodhead (19) chose to do a diploma in travel and tourism at New Zealand School of Tourism after attending Maniototo Area School. Positively Maniototo caught up with Mikaela via Facebook Messenger for a Q & A while she was still living the dream in America. It is her first time being overseas since she was 'little'.



Mikaela at Disneyland

## Q. What made you look at Tourism industry as a career and how did it lead to the USA?

**A.** I choose this industry as it's such a fun, exciting workplace to be involved in. I am currently working a six-month internship through my course at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. I have always been a big Disney fan! I got the opportunity to do this through my course, which got me the interview. My role is in merchandise at one of the resorts. I live at a big Disney College Programme housing complex and share an apartment with five girls from all over including Spain and Columbia. My role in merchandise is not only stocking and selling Disney products but to help guests with anything they need in helping create an unforgettable experience for them in many different ways.

## What are some of the highlights or hurdles you've experienced during your time there?



Miki with Mickey and Mini Mouse as she graduates the Disney College programme.

Highs include how much I have learnt and grown while being over here, all the friends I have made and, of course, getting to play in the park and explore! A low would be all the homesickness and often the stress of being in a different country but that is far outweighed by the positives.

## What else have you been able to experience other than work while you're there?

In my spare time I mainly play at the Disney parks however I could be doing anything from going bowling and ice skating to playing in Harry Potter World at Universal Studios. I have not done too much travelling. Although I did do a day excursion with roommates up to Miami for the day which is a beautiful place.

## So, what's next when you return home this month Mikaela?

I'm not a hundred percent certain yet but the plan at the moment is to come back, work at home in Ranfurly for a little bit then head over to England.

Mikaela would like to acknowledge the New Zealand School of Tourism for giving her the opportunity and her friends and family for all their love and support through the experience

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2. There is generally a charge for phoned prescriptions. We encourage everyone to consider when they ring, every item they will need and not ring tomorrow for the next thing and the day after for another thing. So it makes sense for you to list everything on one request and only be charged once.
3. We endeavor to respond the same day but we cannot guarantee to do so, so please help us to help you by ringing in plenty of time. If you have not had a recent consultation your request may be declined and you may be required to attend for a face-to-face consultation.
4. We have had a couple of recent instances of verbal and behavioural abuse to our staff. This will not be tolerated and may result in services being declined to those patients, with the consequence being that they will have to register with another medical practice elsewhere.

## ALL ABOUT ACCESS

Public are invited to have their say on access to the outdoors. New Zealanders with an interest in the outdoors are being invited to have their say on legislation that helps them access nature throughout the country. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is reviewing the Walking Access Act 2008 and has begun calling for public feedback. Charlotte Denny, director environment and communities policy, says the Act provides New Zealanders and our international visitors with access to many outdoor spaces. This includes public access over land, bush, rivers, coasts, mountains and areas of cultural significance – in cities, towns and further afield.

*"The Act aims to provide free, certain, enduring and practical access to the outdoors for all sorts of activities, not just walking," Ms Denny says. "The review is looking at whether the Act is fit for the future, and what improvements are needed. We're keen to hear from individuals, organisations and groups with an interest in enjoying the outdoors. This includes everything from walking and bike riding to swimming and fishing, connecting with Māori sites, outdoor education, hunting or even four-wheel driving."* Under the Act, a review must be undertaken after 10 years. *"The Act and the New Zealand Walking Access Commission have played a key role in many of the tracks, trails and areas that have been developed over the last decade."*

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## BURN UPDATE

Denise Baddock

Winter is upon us and it is time to tune in or stay tuned to Burn for all the updates and information regarding the roading networks / highways throughout the Maniototo and beyond to plan your trips and stay safe on the roads when the weather turns nasty.

We receive regular daily updates from Fulton Hogan and Transit NZ to keep you well informed and out of mischief with road closures and dicey conditions. Half hourly updates from 6am – 9am Mon – Fri then hourly till noon and if the weather and road conditions are causing issues, hourly throughout the day. Weekend updates are hourly from 8am – 12 noon.

Kelvin Robertson from Maniototo Area School keeps us well informed on the school bus runs and cancellations of bus routes if and when necessary.

Don't forget our Burn 'Facebook' page is also a vital tool of communication for road reports, cancellations and any information relevant to you, and our community. If you're a facebook user, like 'Maniototos Burn' and be kept up to date daily.

We like hearing from listeners especially if out and about in the community and you spot something that needs a mention on air, ie road conditions, wandering stock, lost and found animals, flooding, snow etc. You're our 'eyes' in and around the Maniototo, so keep us in mind over the coming months.

We are planning a few upcoming events here on Burn. In the pipeline, with dates to be confirmed, is an open day and an open mic day. We are also planning on having a 'Car Boot Sale', and will have the BBQ and music cranking. Keep an eye out for these dates.

Are you new to the Maniototo or an already established business in the area and need to advertise what your business has to offer or special deals and offers available? Don't hesitate to contact us here at Burn to discuss your advertising requirements. We can tailor an advertising package to suit your needs, basic, sponsorship and rural packages are available. Being a community based and owned 'Radio Charity', we rely solely on advertising, grants and donations and your support would be very much appreciated.

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# St John

Recruitment of volunteers in small rural communities has always been an ongoing issue and to keep the promise in recent years of NO ambulance leaving the station single crewed becomes a thing of the past. Thankfully we have a very dedicated volunteer crew who assure that two are on call per shift, and the ambulance is manned 24/7.

Although, in saying that, on the very odd occasion it has had to go off line recently as volunteers have had work or personal commitments beyond their control to offer to fill a shift.

Mentioned at our last meeting was the donations and bequests received from local individuals and community groups in the Maniototo. To keep your donation from being included in the national pool, you must ensure it is specified to stay local, i.e. cheques made out to Maniototo St John.

Our three new recruits are coming to the end of their training and will soon become fully trained crew members. Well done team.

Thanks to all those who attended the recent First Aid and Refreshers courses made available here on the Maniototo and thanks to the Maniototo Café for providing the food for the recent CCE training programmes.

If you'd like to become a volunteer crew member here on the Maniototo and want to know what is involved in joining the service, contact the Team Leader for a chat on 027 437 5247.

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## VIEWS ON COMMUNITY PLAN

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The Patearoa and Upper Taieri communities are being asked to provide feedback on a new community plan.

This is the second community plan for the Patearoa and Upper Taieri communities. The first plan was developed in 2007 and most actions within this plan have now been achieved.

The draft 2019 Patearoa and Upper Taieri Community Plan has been developed with input from the local community. Feedback was gathered through a postal and online survey, community workshop, and numerous conversations with members of the community plus service providers to the region.

The draft Plan identifies the things that the community noted are important to them, and provides direction for projects that they would like to achieve in their community over the next three to five years.

Some of the recommendations within the 2019 draft Community Plan include:

- Encourage community participation and involvement in community-led events
- Work together to develop a cycle trail between Hamiltons and Daisybank
- Explore ways to maximize the opportunities for community fundraising through the 2020 Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust Cavalcade
- Determine the future of the Patearoa Hall
- Develop ways to tell and record the area's history and raise awareness of its rich heritage
- Advocate for good infrastructure that supports economic, social and safety needs

A sub-committee of the Patearoa Ratepayers Association, dedicated to the development of a new community plan, has worked alongside the Central Otago District Council's Community and Engagement team to develop the plan. They now want to check with the community that they have got it right.

*"We want to make sure this community plan represents and relates to all of our residents, whether they are permanent dwellers or cribbies, residential or rural," said Gaylene Flamank, spokesperson for the Patearoa Ratepayers Association sub-committee. "We therefore want to ensure that everyone in the community has the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft plan before it's finalised."*

*"The more feedback we get, the better we will be able to reflect the community's views and values for the region," said Mrs Flamank. "We really want everyone to read the plan and let us know their thoughts."*

Copies of the draft plan and feedback form are available at the Patearoa Hotel, or the Ranfurly Service

Centre, Library or i-SITE. Online copies are available on the Central Otago District Council ([www.codc.govt.nz](http://www.codc.govt.nz)) and Central Otago NZ ([www.centralotagonz.com](http://www.centralotagonz.com)) websites.

Public feedback will be received until Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. The Patearoa Ratepayers Association and Council staff will then incorporate people's comments and finalise the community plan for community use.

Contact for further information:

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those with adult children) was so kind. Spare rooms were filled and homes buzzed that little louder for those few days. Extra meals were made, baking done and lunches ready. Drop off and pick-ups ... even a rather 'late' one after the successful 'social' at the Ranfurly Town Hall.

Every facility possible was used to give the Year 9 and above students the opportunity to play a wide selection of sports and activities. It was fantastic to see the basketball court in the Maniototo stadium cranking



Maniototo Area Schools Girls Tournament team.

with full noise and spectators upstairs and down. There was curling at Maniototo Curling International complex, golf on Maniototo Golf Course, squash at the squash courts, hockey, petanque and table tennis at MAS. Maniototo stadium and park also provided great facilities for Ki O Rahi (traditional Maori game), netball, touch rugby, rugby, frisbee, chess, quiz and indoor games.



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## CLACHANBURN COMMENT

We have had a good run up to winter, to get our gardens ready to bed them down before the weather turns. It has been a good season to be able to mow up a lot of the leaves, before a few showery days recently.

While mowing beside the Walnut tree, an alarm bell rang! I can remember at home, while growing up the walnuts trees grew along a lane, and I remember learning a few things about them. The first one is walnut leaves are poisonous, and need to be well composted. I was telling Lucy this and she quickly said with a smile, *"poisonous to whom? We don't eat compost!"* I mean composted before spreading around in my shrubberies. Walnut trees the genus *Juglans*, the leaves contain the juglone toxin which does not make them good neighbours, as plants don't like growing under them, particularly under the drip line, which is where most of the leaves drop. Because of this they are not a good tree in a horse paddock and I can remember that too from a youngster. They are definitely not a town tree as when fully grown are huge, when established are drought resistant, but here can some years be affected by frost and have a poor crop if not reasonably sheltered. Gather the nuts in May, as the nursery rhyme goes, pick them and put on a large metal garden sieve or an old wire bed stretcher. If the husks are still on, wear gloves to remove as the yellow/brown pigment will stain your hands. Put in a sunny sunporch to dry, not in an open shed where the possums will love them! and all your good work will be wasted.

Herbs grow well in the Maniototo and like our light and well drained soils, and are not demanding of fertilisers. Most like a sunny position, the exception being the mint family, which prefer semi shade and moisture. I have just cut them back, some quite significantly. Mine grow in a border, divided by timber to keep them in their plot as some can be invasive. The herbs which grow well here include parsley in various varieties, chives, thyme, lemon balm, marjoram/oregano, garlic, sage and rosemary, which all behave quite well. The ones which tend to become invasive are lemon balm, fennel, horseradish and the mint family. You might like to consider growing them in old concrete tubs or pots. Bay trees grow here too. Ornamental herbs include lavender, borage and bergamot.

Talking of pots – how many of us have had terracotta pots damaged by frost? You can now buy fibreglass pots which are light to handle but don't look flimsy and are not damaged by frost. Other pots to consider are ones which have been fired twice, so check when purchasing.

Keep warm and take a break.

Jane



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## WHAT'S ON BURN AND WHEN - 729am / 87.9fm

<b>OFS Insurance Brokers Ltd Road Reports, Cancellations &amp; Water Notices</b>	<b>Top of the hour 6am - 10am</b>
<b>Waipiata Country Hotel Weather Updates</b>	<b>Top of the hour 6am - 6pm</b>
<b>Tussock Networks Ltd News Updates</b>	<b>Top of the hour 6am - 6pm</b>
<b>McNeill Drilling Distribution Daily Calendar</b>	<b>8.45am, 11.15am and 3.15pm weekdays</b>
<b>Central Otago Sheep Handling Buy, Sell and Swap</b>	<b>9.30am, 11.30am and 3.30pm weekdays</b>
<b>Vet Centre Community Notices</b>	<b>10.30am, 2.30pm and 5.30pm weekdays</b>
<b>The Country with Jamie Mackay</b>	<b>12noon - 1pm weekdays</b>
<b>Monday Night Memories</b>	<b>7pm - 9pm Mondays</b>
<b>Vincent George Travel 70s &amp; 80s Music:</b>	<b>6pm - 8pm Tuesdays</b>
<b>Country Show</b>	<b>6pm - 8pm Wednesdays and 9am - 12 noon Sundays</b>
<b>Rock Show</b>	<b>6pm - 8pm Thursdays</b>
<b>Combined Churches Choices</b>	<b>8am - 9am Sundays</b>
<b>McLaren Ranfurly Transport Ltd Sports Round Up</b>	<b>9.30am Sundays</b>

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). Thanks

<b>MONDAYS</b>			
Ranfurly Karate Club:	Maniototo Arts Centre, 6-7.30pm. All new and graded members welcome. 444 9831		
Pilates:	6-7pm, MAS Maniototo Learning Centre. 6 - 7pm. Contact 021 165 4872		
Scrap booking & card making	10.30am at the Reade Street Art Centre. Contact Sandra on 027 847 5643		
Monday Night Memories:	Burn 729am / 87.9fm 7-9pm, 444 9729		
<b>TUESDAYS</b>			
Maniototo Golf Club:	Ladies golf, Competition of the Day. Tee off 11am. All welcome		
Steady As You Go Classes:	10.30am, Maniototo Stadium Rugby Club Rooms. Call Joan 444 9629, Karen 444 9814 or Maureen 444 9493		
70s and 80s Music:	Burn 729am / 87.9fm. 6 - 8pm		
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>			
Thai Chi:	Classes 10 - 11am. Maniototo Arts Centre. Inquiries 444 9831		
Catholic Women's Fellowship:	Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. Contact Francie on 444 9243		
Line Dancing:	Arts Centre @ 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Contact 444 9612		
Maniototo Bridge:	7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members welcome. Call Ang on 444 9231		
Pilates:	6-7pm, MAS Maniototo Learning Centre. 6 - 7pm. Contact 021 165 4872		
Country Show:	Burn 729am / 87.9fm. 444 9729 from 6pm		
<b>THURSDAYS</b>			
Ballet:	3pm - 7.30pm depending on age group. Ph Jemma Robertson 027 314 6595.		
Rock Show:	Burn 729am. 6pm - 8pm. 444 9729		
<b>FRIDAYS</b>			
Art group:	10.30am at the Reade Street Art Centre. Contact Colin on 020 4118 8971		
Catholic Women's Fellowship:	Op Shop. Open 10.30am- 4.30pm. All welcome. Contact Francie on 444 9243		
Ranfurly Playcentre:	9.30am-12noon. Call Jenny on 021 158 4698		
<b>SATURDAYS</b>			
Maniototo Golf:	Tee off 12.45pm. Contact Club Captain - Alan 444 9129		
<b>SUNDAYS</b>			
Maniototo Toy Library :	1.30 - 2.30pm - Pipe Band Rooms, Ranfurly. Contact Jamee Howell 027 473 6941		
Presbyterian Church:	10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly		
Sunday School:	Presbyterian Church. For details - Call Ro on 444 4700		
Naseby Golf:	Club Competition. 12.30 Tee off. Contact Carol 444 9949		
Catholic Church:	5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly		
Choices:	8am - 9am. Burn 729am/87.9fm		
Country Show:	9am - 12 Noon. Burn 729am/87.9fm		
<b>Maniototo Spinners</b>	2nd and 4th Monday	10am - 3pm	Tracey 027 654 1977 or Karen 444 9814
<b>Plunket Playgroup</b>	1st Monday	10am-12noon	Sarah 444 8284
<b>Te Kakano</b>	2nd Wednesday	From 10am	Maniototo Hospital 444 9420
<b>Business Breakfast</b>	3rd Wednesday	8am - 9am	Morgan on 444 9023
<b>Garden Club</b>	1st Thursday	7.30pm	Mary Wright 444 9435
<b>St Hilda's Anglican Church</b>	1st Sunday	10.30am	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly