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YOU'VE GOT THE COWBOY

Positively Maniototo and Burn radio were sent an email from NZ producer Murray 'MUZZA' Francis a couple of weeks ago, Amie and Denise had to read it twice. Really? Is he serious? Well, seems he was. Within three days Murray, script writer Norelle Scott and Co-producer Susan Parker (pictured below) were in the Maniototo researching a film to be set in Ranfurly. One of the stars of the show is a, yet to be signed, internationally recognised country singer. *"We're keeping it on the down-low for now but we're very confident,"* says Murray.

Murray, who has produced NZ films such as *World's Fastest Indian*, *10,000 BC* and *Z for Zachariah*, is aiming at the international film market. *"We're creating a movie which we hope will be a box office hit,"* says Murray.



Murray Francis, Susan Parker and Norelle Scott outside Burn 729am

In the following synopsis said country star will be referred to as 'C-star'. Murray highlights, *"The film is basically about Cowboy and Laura finding each other finally and will concentrate on good country values."*

SYNOPSIS: *"You've Got The Cowboy"* is the catchphrase of Cowboy, a country music DJ in Ranfurly (a large farming community in the beautiful South Island of New Zealand). While the whole area is in the throes of a drought that is now seriously affecting farmers and local traders, Cowboy does his best to keep everyone's spirits up – but his tiny hometown is going to need a miracle to survive.

Enter JANE, a high-flying city woman from a big energy company, who wants to build a wind farm on the beautiful rolling landscape. Many in the town embrace the idea. Cowboy is opposed to it but he knows that the town needs something. Every time Cowboy plays songs by 'C-star' people respond positively and ring

with more requests so Cowboy develops a harebrained idea to fly 'C-star' over for a concert to draw attention to the area. He's certain that others will only have to see the landscape to love it like he does. Everyone in town is sceptical of the idea except for LAURA, Cowboy's childhood friend – a teacher at the local school who has feelings for Cowboy that he is oblivious to. As the rest of the town sides with Cowboy's fierce rival DJ WAYNE (a competing country radio host who supports the wind farm project and tries to sabotage Cowboy's radio station) Laura helps Cowboy get in touch with 'C-star's' agent. Cowboy soon finds out he will need serious money to pull off his dream, so he and Laura embark on some hilarious and ultimately unsuccessful fund-raising schemes.

Cowboy maxes out his credit card and flies to Los Angeles, naively thinking that he can simply knock on C-stars door. The closest Cowboy gets is to see the back of her head as she climbs into a town car outside her agent's offices.

Cowboy returns home, overcome with guilt for failing the town. But he plans a benefit concert anyway, using his radio contacts to book local talent. Inspired by how much the town means to Cowboy, Laura makes a last ditch effort to contact 'C-star' by sending her a message on her Twitter account. She is intrigued and touched by the sincerity of her story, and calls Cowboy to tell him she'll be coming down for one concert.

The town comes alive at the idea of such a musical icon actually coming to RANFURLY of all places. She arrives and sets up the small stage at the Ranfurly Town Hall, quietly ringing the Australian promoter of her last tour to get him to send down and set up large video monitors outside which she insists on paying for herself. When she reveals that Laura contacted her, Cowboy is amazed by everything Laura has done for him. However just as he's discovering his romantic feelings for her, Jane returns to town for the concert, determined to win Cowboy back and make things right with the town. She admits that she started dating Cowboy as a ploy to sabotage him, but that she later developed genuine feelings for him and the town.

Who will Cowboy choose and will his plan to uplift the mood of the town work?

We will have to wait until filming starts early 2018 to find out!

FORWARD PLANNING 2016

AUG Sat 6 th	Premier Rugby Final (pg 10)
Tues 9 th	Weddings in the Maniototo (pg 11)
Thurs 11 th	CO District Arts AGM, 6pm at Alexandra Community House
Mon 15 th	Creative Communities Funding (pg 10)
Wed 17 th	Business Breakfast 8am Local Govt Nominations close (pg 4)
Mon 24 th	Vincent George on Burn 729am (pg 15)
Fri 26 th	Daffodil day (pg 3) Waipiata raffle night (pg 5)
Sun 28 th	Pateroa Spring Golf Tournament (below) Tim Cadogan in Ranfurly (pg 15)
SEPT Thurs 1 st	Garden Club meeting (below)
3 rd , 4 th	Dark Sky guide training (pg 5)
Sat 10 th	Omakau Stars in Their Eyes
OCT Sat 15 th	District Dance Gimmerburn Hall. (pg 3)
Sat 22 nd	Burn 729 am Maniototo Markets
Sun 30 th	Maniototo Community Cup in Kyeburn

Maniototo Garden Club

(First Thursday of the month, 7.30 in the Arts Centre)

Thursday 1st September Meeting

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The George and Olivia Hall hockey wood raffle was won by Mike Robertson. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Doug Adam won the ceramics \$100 raffle. Thanks to all who bought a ticket.

Maniototo St John thanks Mary and John Falconer who gave us a very generous donation following their January Elk Bull sale. We are very grateful for local support and all money given stays here to support the Ambulance Service and Youth.



Mary Falconer, Jan Duffy and Graham Kinsman (Stud Deer Rep for South Island)

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Many local volunteers will help pre-sell our daffodils and man our stalls.

The stall will be outside of More Than Books starting at 9am. There will be beautiful daffodils, raffles, baking and various other bits and pieces for you to look over. You are all very welcome to come and have a chat and a browse over our tables.

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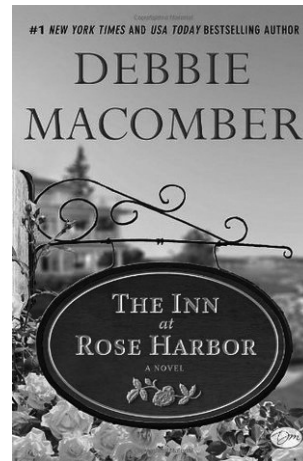
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LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW Kaye Dunn (local librarian)

"The Inn at Rose Harbor" by Debbie Macomber



If you have followed the residents of Cedar Cove in Debbie Macomber's first Cedar Cove series then you will enjoy meeting Jo Marie and her guests in Cedar Cove at her new Bed & Breakfast, the Rose Harbor Inn.

This first book in the new series introduces Jo Marie, who has recently been widowed, to Cedar Cove and follows the opening of her Inn and the stays of her guests who visit Cedar Cove for various reasons. Some of the familiar Cedar Cove residents that we grew to know and love in the Cedar Cove series also make an appearance in this new Rose Harbor series. If you didn't want the original Cedar Cove series to end, I strongly recommend this book.

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Over the years, various attempts have been made to start up regular produce markets in the Maniototo but with little success. So, let's give it another go on every odd Saturday from 11am-1pm during October, November, December, January and February.

Amie Pont is offering The Practice as a site for anyone to set up a table with produce such as eggs, seedlings, seed potatoes, chutneys and, later in the season, veges and fruit. This way, it's only every second week, there's no commitment to turn up every time, there will always be someone on site (via staff at The Practice) and it will only cost \$5 per stall. In return The Practice, will communicate the markets via Facebook, Positively Maniototo, Burn radio and posters around town.

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Nominations for candidates wishing to stand in this year's local authority elections have now opened.

Central Otago Electoral Officer Kara Leckie says anyone wishing to stand as a candidate for Central Otago District Council, for their local community board or for Otago Regional Council or Central Otago Health Inc. should get their nominations in now.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 12th August.

"We are encouraging anyone who wants to make a difference in the local community to stand. We need a range of elected members of different ages, ethnicities and backgrounds to ensure our council represents the diversity of our community. Anyone over the age of 18 can stand for election as long as they are a New Zealand citizen and enrolled on the electoral roll."

Voting papers will be sent out from 16th September and must reach the council by midday on Election Day, Saturday 8th October 2016.

For further information on standing as a candidate visit www.codc.govt.nz/elections or contact Kara Leckie at kara.leckie@codc.govt.nz or phone (03) 440 0611.



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FIRST FOR THIRD

Naseby has become the first community in Central Otago to release its third community plan. The plan is the result of business, community and visitor surveys, a community workshop and community feedback on the draft plan.

A focus for the development of the third-phase plan was to identify a clear vision and set of values to base the plan on. The vision is articulated as: 'A safe, family-friendly community that people love to visit; and where steady, careful economic and population growth strengthens our heritage and respects the beauty of our natural environment'.

Naseby Vision will be driving the action points within the Plan. Naseby Vision Incorporated is a community development group formed in 2005. Membership has grown steadily since its inception and it now represents 355 Naseby residents, holiday-home owners, farmers and business people.

Key action points recommended within the Plan include exploring opportunities for greater coordination in marketing Naseby as a tourism destination, and raising the profile of the town's heritage value; promoting the improvement of Naseby's cell phone and broadband services to help attract new businesses to Naseby, plus help existing businesses make the most of improved services.

Ideas for future tourism development in the town include specialist events such as history tours, adventure and sporting group activities, and the night sky viewing platform initiative.

Naseby Vision Chairperson John Crawford said *"all householders and people with a specific interest in Naseby are welcome to become members of Naseby Vision"*.

"All it takes is to pick up a form at the Naseby Store or one off the Naseby Vision website - www.nasebyvision.org.nz - then you can hear about activities or issues for the town and maybe volunteer your skills now and again."

The Naseby Community Plan is available on both the Central Otago District Council and centralotagoz.com websites.

WAIPIATA RAFFLE NIGHT

Madi Pont will be holding a raffle night at the Waipiata Country Hotel to help fundraise for her selection into the Central Otago Under 15's hockey.

There will be great prizes including her Nana's cheese rolls!

Friday 26th August from 5.30pm

STARGAZING GUIDES

A training workshop will be held in Naseby as part of the Dark Sky Project on the 3rd and 4th of September.

If you have an interest in astronomy and wish to be a certified Naseby "guide" for when the proposed viewing platform is in use, please send a note to nasebyvision@gmail.com

The course has a maximum of 20 participants and there will be a small fee to cover course costs.

Naseby Vision Secretary, Hilary Allison says, *"We have received some funding to progress our research towards international accreditation and hopefully a sustainable economic boost for the Maniototo! We'd like to encourage anyone interested from the Maniototo to this trainers course. Plus, one of the necessary and hopefully fun, research 'bits' is to mobilise as many children as we can across the Maniototo to do a synchronised star count as children see more stars than adults!"*

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JANYNE FLETCHER FINALIST

Professional photographer and part time Ranfurly resident, Janyne Fletcher was a finalist in the Creative Photography category at the national Iris Awards held in Wellington last month. The Epson/New Zealand Institute of Professional Photography (NZIPP) Iris Awards attract thousands of top quality entries from around the country and overseas each year.



Devil's Elbow. Silver Award, Finalist CHCH Art Show Awards

To cap off a busy month one of her recent works, a composite landscape titled Devil's Elbow was also a Top 10 Finalist at the Christchurch Art Show Awards. This composite landscape photo attracted the attention of competition judge David Woodings and was selected out of hundreds of artworks to be displayed in the Top 10 entries at the Art Show.



Maniototo Windmills. Silver Award

Her Iris Award winning portfolio, which included one gold and two silver awards was made up of creative interpretations of Central Otagos landscape where she showed an alternative view of regularly photographed scenes. She says *"I always strive to present a different view of Central Otago. I enjoy using photographic and editing techniques to tell my story of our region and its geography."* Her other prints which also prominently featured Central Otago landscapes achieved a further

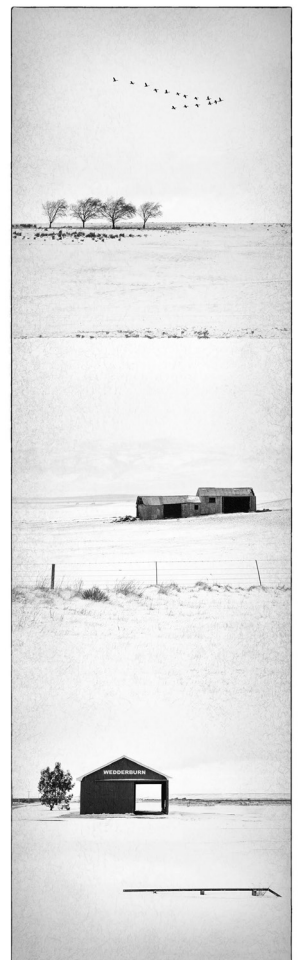
five silver and two bronze awards making it her most successful year yet at these awards. Janyne has been photographing professionally for ten years and being a finalist at the Iris Awards and Christchurch Art Show Awards is a high point in her photographic career. *"Being recognised at these awards has come at a pivotal point as I turn my attention to the fine art side of my business. Being able to provide high quality prints and framing for my images is the icing on the cake"*, says Janyne.

The support of people close to her is high on Janyne's list of reasons for her ongoing success.

She says *"I really want to thank all of the people who have helped give me the confidence to pursue my dreams, including my partner, my kids and my parents."*

Janyne's award winning photography is available to view and purchase at The Practice, Ranfurly and in her online gallery www.janynefletcher.com

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Winter at Wedderburn. Silver Award

IAN SMITH

The New Zealand Romney Sheep Breeders Association held their A.G.M in Dunedin last week and Ian Smith became the recipient of an Honorary Life Membership for his years of service to the breed and the association itself.

As a 2nd generation Wedderburn farmer, Ian started breeding half breeds when his father bought some merinos in the mid 1950's. Ian became a member of the association in 1964 when, with his brother Jim, they started their Romney Stud flock. He was elected onto the Romney Association Council in 1996 and served a term as President from 2001-2003.



Ian was taken completely by surprise when John Jackson (who presented him with a silver tray) started to talk about him. Ian says, *"I was left wondering what he was on about but it was a real honour and I felt very humble accepting it. I hope that Ruth and the family share in it with me. I say a huge thanks to Ruth, who fielded some quite nasty phone calls during the turbulent years of my term as President when council allowed unregistered Romneys to be used as sires. Thanks also to our daughters Janine (for her support in the farm) and Margot (Hall) who has always been my right hand man and shares the same love of breeding and working with sheep as I do. I guess I have always had a passion for breeding sheep – going back to my very first pet lamb. It is something I have loved. Being involved with the many good people I have met. The challenge to do better never goes away. We've had our share of success and have some very long time, loyal clients. The progress that has been made in the Romney sheep since 1964 has been phenomenal. Going from animals that were very dependent and doing 100% to sheep doing 165% with no assistance at all."* Ian retired from the Council as one of only five remaining life members after 20 years of service as a councillor.

Ian (more known as I.D.) attended Wedderburn school and Timaru Boys High and enjoyed playing rugby for the 1st eleven and 1st fifteen as well as for the South Island team in 1961. He played cricket for Central Otago from 1955-1972 as well as Naseby and Gimmerburn teams.

Marrying Ruth in 1963 resulted in the birth of son John (Ranfurlly Contracting), the late Tracey, Janine (lives in Greece), Margot (local farmer) and Mandy (ex-Black

Stick). During an 18 year tenure with (then) Maniototo Hospital Board, Ian also served 6 years from 1974 as Deputy Chairman of the Otago Area Health Board. *"This was not an easy time. We were closing hospitals including Cherry Farm. They were hard times. Ruth again had to put up with many irate phone calls"* he says.

To top off the 70's Ian was also an elected member of the Meat & Wool Board electoral college – a position he held for nine years. There was also a stint with Federated Farmers.

Back home Ian was Chair of the Maniototo A&P Association for the 75th and 100th Shows and, as he slows down the pace a little, is current Patron of the Maniototo Show.

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MANIOTOTO REPRESENTS

What started as a small piece to highlight who from the Maniototo had made it into representative teams for their sport has grown into a rather long one! As always, as soon as one attempts to create a list, there is a risk of missing someone out. Apologies if we have!

HOCKEY

Central Otago: Stacey Weir, Kelly Smith, Rebecca McAuley and Brooke Elliot (Senior Women's), Madi Pont (U15's), Briar Duncan and Bridget Malcolm (U13 Development), Chris Webber (U13 Hatch), Hayden Becker, Hayden Clark, William Helm (U13 Development) Hannah Cormack, Kass Pont, Charlotte Paterson, Peta Smith and Ella Gibson (Year 5 & 6 girls), Jock Duncan (Year 5 & 6 boys).

Paris Anderson & Tash Whyte will also be playing for East Otago in the South Island Secondary Schools mixed tournament in Gore this month.

Southern: Tessa Jopp and Emma Spratt (Southern Storm), Annabel Girvan (U21's), Taylor Duffy and Ellie Duncan (U18's), George and Olivia Hall (U18 Development),

Otago: Ryan Becker (U15's boys), Eden Carson, Teea Francis, Lucy Girvan (GK), Olivia Hall and Stephanie Smith (U15's girls), Tia Dougherty and Andrea Smith (U15's Development).

RUGBY

Central Otago: Chris Webber and Tom Weir (Under 65kgs), Josh Smith, Hayden Becker and Billy Dougherty (U38)

Otago Country: Doug Smith, Johtan Crowell and Teariki Tapatu (U14's), Dante Devitt and Damian Carson (U13), Chris Webber (U65), Josh Smith and Billy Dougherty (U38)

ATHLETICS

Ellie Duncan (right) is working towards the Nationals in Auckland in December after breaking four records in two weeks in the Otago/Southland Champs. She is currently ranked 3rd for NZ for U18 300m hurdles and in NZ top 10 for U18 400 metre sprints.



CURLING

The Naseby Curling Champs were held last month with six men's and three women's teams competing. In the men's, a young Maniototo team of Matthew and Simon Neilson, Josh Fogo and Dylan Boulton-Voice did very well to come up against a very experienced Auckland-based team (which includes local Phil Dowling) in the final but

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YOUTH COMPETE

the win went to the more 'seasoned' competitors.

Then, as expected, the Maniototo was dominant at the New Zealand U21 Curling Champs held in Dunedin. The Women's Team (consisting of Jessica Smith, Holly Thompson, Courtney Smith and Eloise Pointon) won gold.

In the Men's gold went to Simon Neilson and Matthew Neilson, Ben Smith and Josh Whyte, silver to Hamish and Hunter Walker, Bailey Dowling and Luke Holden and bronze medals were taken home by Anton Hood, Josh Fogo, Jonah Tan and Emmet Dowling.

AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

The 2016 New Zealand Area Schools Tournament was also held in Dunedin last month. Anton Hood and Matthew Neilson were named in the NZ Area School volleyball team and Matthew also made the NZ Area School basketball team. Damian Carson secured a 4th placing in the golf.

A huge congratulations to all of our sportspeople out there who have shown a high level commitment and skill. A big 'thumbs up' too to the wider community, parents, friends, coaches and managers who help get you there. We look forward to printing some images in Positively Maniototo of you all out there 'doing it'!

Early last Sunday, members of Maniototo St John Youth headed off to Alexandra for the Central Otago Youth competitions. Teams from Queenstown, Wanaka, Alexandra, Roxburgh and the Maniototo enter each year. A range of scenarios were created at the Alexandra Holiday Park to assess and judge both practical and theoretical knowledge.

The Maniototo Juniors Team members were Maia McDonald, Zoe Simpson, Kass Pont and Amy Simpson (unable to attend due to illness). The girls placed very well with 1st's in First Aid, Communication and Pairs First Aid. They also came 3rd in Drill and Overall.

The Intermediate Team of Lucy Neilson, Nathan Feron, Madi Pont and Johtan Crowell also did well with a 2nd in Drill and a 3rd in the Pairs First Aid and Communication.



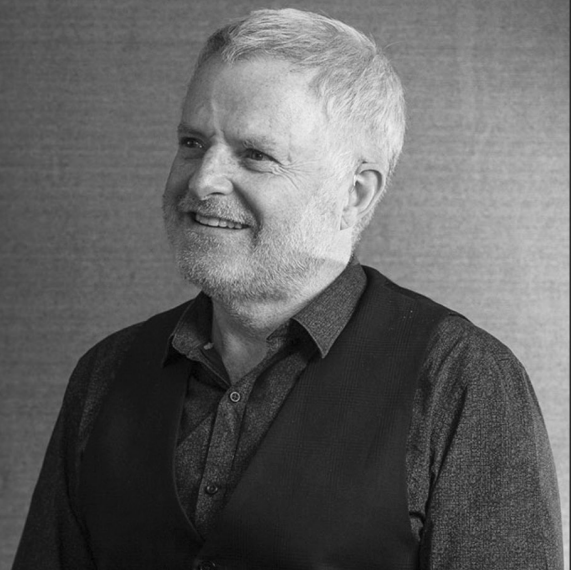
Maia McDonald, Zoe Simpson, Lucy Neilson, Nathan Feron, Madi Pont and Johtan Crowell (Absent: Kass Pont and Amy Simpson).

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Last weekend saw the Dunstan/Maniototo v's Clyde school boys game called off as a snow storm swept through the valley. The weather didn't deter the Premier grade who fought a hard won battle against Clyde Earnsleugh to secure a spot in the final against the Cromwell Goats in Alexandra on Saturday (6th August, 2pm kickoff).



The Maniototo Magettes suffered another loss to Cromwell in the weekend but they will still face the Matakau Mudflaps next weekend in the semi finals. Good luck girls!

CHORUS WIRELESS

Chorus and the supplier of the cabinet cooling and power system upgrade have completed the installation of the kit (they had been waiting on some special fans to complete the job) for the roadside cabinet in Naseby. Chorus has a cut over to the new switch booked for the day of 12th August. Let's hope there's no more snow!! So better broadband is now only a couple of weeks away!!

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Applications close on the 15 August 2016.

Applications are open for this funding round, so if you have an Arts project in mind that can benefit our community then it's a great chance for some financial help to get it up and running. For application forms and further information.

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ALL THINGS ICE

The Naseby Ice Festival and Luge Camps were on again throughout July and were again touted a success. Around 100 people attended the ice dance and many took advantage of experiencing all three ice sports available at the 'park' - the 360m luge track, the outdoor ice rink and the indoor curling rink.



Attendees of the 2016 Naseby Luge Camp with New Zealand Olympic Luge Association president Geoff Balme.



Winners of the mixed mini curling match are (from left) Bill Dixon Ken Gillespie, Ricky Ward and Fred Newman.

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MANIOTOTO HEALTH UPDATE

It has turned out to be an extremely busy time lately with high occupancy peaking recently with all 31 beds occupied. Winter ills are prevalent with colds and influenza and some facilities in the province reporting Gastroenteritis outbreaks. When visiting us please use the hand sanitiser available at the entrances and please don't visit if you have cold symptoms.

We continue to benefit from community contributions and acknowledge the Lions Club, Friends of the Hospital, Otago Masonic Trust, Fulton Hogan, Jim Smith and families of Pat Shea and Ron Hore for donations and services provided.

The combination of staff illness and annual leave has put us under some pressure and we are looking to strengthen our roster of casual Aides and Carers. Please contact Geoff or Jocelyn if interested.

The SDHB has released a Strategic Services Plan. This plan includes recognition that the health system needs to be clear about what it needs from rural hospitals with individual plans for the best use of rural hospitals to be developed. Use of local ward capacity to step patients down from the base hospital is also acknowledged. We look forward to working with the SDHB in its implementation as we see our operation as a good fit.

This plan also identified three significant SDHB buildings dating between 1935 and 1945 estimated to have less than 1.3 years remaining service life. This is of interest as our hospital building dates back to 1929. The shortcomings of our building have been well documented and while plans for redevelopment were stalled for a time work has continued with Baker Garden Architects engaged. Our Board expects to be in a position to provide detailed information in the near future.

Pets provide great therapeutic value and we are encouraged to enable residents holding and touching access. We see a variety of animals fulfilling this role in rest homes. Barb Kearney brings us a variety of pets to visit on a weekly basis and we are fortunate to have Austin the cat visit the Chalet regularly and Jill the dog at the hospital. Jill is friendly but if you ignore her she will stay away from you.

WEDDINGS IN THE MANIOTOTO

A group of people are looking to actively promote the Maniototo as a wedding destination.

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OTUREHUA'S GRASS WICKET

Alastair McKnight

The Otarehua Cricket Club was established in 1929. The original cricket pitch was made of concrete and was part of the rugby field. At the end of the cricket season it would be covered up with turf or sod rolled in strips. At the end of winter the grass would be scraped off and taken away again.

In 1964, Stewart McKnight travelled with a New Zealand Districts team to play cricket matches in England, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Canada. Having played on many different types of pitches, he felt the grass wicket produced the best and most enjoyable cricket.

Stewart had an idea that a grass wicket in Otarehua would benefit many cricketers in Central Otago. He approached the club members for support. Not all members were completely in favour. In particular, Bill Becker, a huge man and a fine sportsman and cricketer, was not impressed with the idea. Apparently he was not at all amused to find Stewart and Owen Becker filling in a very deep trench at 'his' end of the existing concrete pitch – this trench having been made by him bowling with his very long strides each Saturday. It was probably not very easy for anybody else to bowl at that end!

The original soil for the pitch came from the Becks area; however the grass didn't grow well on it. Kakanui Tar from North Otago has been used ever since. It produces a hard non-crumbly surface for play. The same soil is used throughout New Zealand, even at Eden Park in Auckland.

Early pitches were prepared by a puddling method with water applied by hoses and rolling at the same time until a smooth, muddy surface was achieved and then baked hard in the sun. Later it was realized that it was better to keep the grass growing on the block. This meant rolling the wicket in a drier state and using the roller to bring moisture up from underneath. This is the method used today and Stewart McKnight has gone on to provide advice to ground staff all over the South Island on pitch development and preparation.

With a grass wicket block established, it wasn't long before there was recognition that perhaps 'Maniototo A' fixtures should be held on it. Again, this would benefit those representing Central Otago at 'Hawke Cup' level. At a sub-association meeting this was proposed. One Patearoa cricketer delivered an expletive-ridden sentence about the idea of playing Maniototo matches at Otarehua! He was asked to withdraw the comment, as it was inappropriate! The proposal stood and the ground became a firm base for representative cricket.

So, back to Bill Becker. Even though he was further

upset when they dared to uplift his old concrete pitch, once the grass pitch had established itself, he did come to realize the benefit of the grass wicket and got in behind the idea. Stewart McKnight states that Bill was a real mentor for him as a young rugby player and cricketer and it was Bill who set him on his own path as an administrator in many sports. Stewart also credits Ray Gilchrist as one who did a tremendous amount of work on the ground. Ray was a keen umpire too.

The Otarehua Club went into recess in 2001/02. But such was the reputation of the pitch, we were asked to somehow keep it going. Stewart, Barry Becker and Al McKnight in particular have managed to keep the ground in use. Local primary school children play their home games there and the new Maniototo men's club do also. They are the one-and-only senior Maniototo team left now and compete in the Vincent/Lakes competition. This is sad when in the late 1990's we had a six-team competition within the Maniototo.

A match is hosted annually between Otago County and a Dunedin selection. At stake is the 'Stewart McKnight Trophy'. This is a fitting tribute to Stewart's legacy in Otago cricket as a player, and administrator, to the highest levels in New Zealand cricket. Another annual match is the 'Ducks and Drakes' game each Easter between Otarehua and an invitational team from Timaru. The first game was played in 1950 and has been played every year since. Stewart McKnight played in that first game.

The visiting players are often staggered to find a pitch of such quality ready before Christmas, and in a little village called Otarehua. They also appreciate the hospitality that a rural village supplies as well. The lunches our ladies supply are legendary!

Many fine cricketers have played on our pitch here over the years, and thanks to an idea from Stewart all those years ago, along with some helpers with a passion for cricket and some attention to detail, a beautiful cricket ground remains just that.



Otarehua Cricket pitch in action during the 2015 Ducks and Drakes (Oamaru/Timaru team) Easter Cricket Tour of Central Otago.



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As a non-profit organisation we are looking for financial assistance and it would be wonderful if the wider community could provide donations of time and/or money when required.

The Maniototo Support Network provides funds for food through vouchers or credit at the local Four Square Supermarkets and also the local butcher. Clients are able to purchase exactly what they need for their family (with the exception of alcohol and cigarettes).

At times the clients are better served by other uses of the funds such as purchasing firewood, paying power bills or buying petrol. This is where the flexibility of a bank account, rather than a food store, provides its worth.

As a small organisation, we only see ourselves as a stop-gap measure and all recipients are referred on for further help if necessary from WINZ, Budget Advice, Strengthening Families etc.

If you feel that you are able to help contribute to this worthwhile local initiative and, if you require any further information, please contact the following:

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Committee member Sarah Paterson says, "We felt that the community has given us so much these last years in establishing the kindergarten and we wanted the chance to give back. We hope it's going to be a great night out!"

Saturday the 15th October in the Gimmerburn Hall

Tickets \$40 (ages 18 and over). Available from The Practice, Ranfurly, Sarah on 444 9716 or Erin Elworthy on 444 9497

The next edition of Positively Maniototo will be September (cut off 20th August).
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An advertisement for McLaren's fuel discount. The background is a black and white photograph of a rural landscape with rolling hills and a field of sheep. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'McLaren AG & AUTO FARM MACHINERY'. In the top right corner, there is a circular graphic with '5¢ off per litre'. The main text reads 'Get served your fuel and save 5 cents per litre on all cash sales!'. Below this, it says 'Now available at McLaren's'. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: 'To be eligible for the discount the purchase of fuel must be made in-store, during shop hours'. In the bottom right corner, there is the 'RD petroleum' logo. At the bottom left, the website 'www.rdp.co.nz' is listed.

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Denise Baddock

The winter months are rolling by with minor roading network issues due to fewer frosts and snow and reasonably mild weather conditions. It's hard to believe some are mowing lawns in July! The countdown is on now with spring in our sights. Great to see everyone enjoying all the winter activities on offer over recent weeks, the Ice Festival proving ever popular along with the luge and curling. There has also been some very hard fought battles with great results on the sports ground, with semi- finals and finals looming.

If you enjoy a challenge and a laugh, don't hesitate to get a group together and join in the audio friendly formatted quiz at the Ranfurly Hotel on Wednesday evenings. This will run through until mid September so why not give it a go? The Burn team are enjoying the friendly atmosphere and spirited team rivalry of all the teams. Its proved a great team building exercise, loads of fun and with some really random knowledge obtained but not necessarily retained!

Don't forget to send your phone or text requests in for some of your favourite music to be played. You can also enter your name in the weekly draw for a locally sponsored grocery, meal or afternoon tea voucher with the daily quiz questions or Birthday calls on offer. We enjoy your calls and if we have it, we will play it.

Upcoming events to keep in mind in coming months, the Burn Labour Day Markets on Saturday 22nd October and the 'Community Cup' challenge to be held on Sunday 30th October. These dates will roll around soon enough.

Thank you for the donations of computer monitors for Burn729am/87.9fm, it was gratefully appreciated.

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LICE ON CATTLE AND SHEEP. The biting and sucking louse is often an unconsidered pest to sheep and cattle which can damage fleece and hide and, in severe infestations, can become a welfare issue. Biting lice are by far the most common type of lice causing issues on sheep and beef farms. The entire lice lifecycle is completed on stock, in as little as three weeks. Lice infestations tend to be most severe in winter when skin temperatures are low. Signs include agitation, itching and areas of wool or hair loss, especially around the neck, shoulders and rump.

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viburnums, some conifers, a new one I have is *Cupressus glabra* Gray Lodge and as the name suggests is a blue grey, and looks very good with the *Euphorbia characias wulfenii*.

Also, in this colour range, an old fashioned shrub *Garrya Elliptica* with lovely hanging tassels. Another evergreen I love is *Ilex aquifolium angustifolium*, a small round holly with interesting leaf form, which I began growing several years ago, slow to establish but the first ones are now lovely, about ½ m tall and naturally ball shaped.

In sheltered shady areas which do not dry out, rhododendrons grow well. Smaller evergreens include ericas in shades of pink and white and *Euphorbia amygdaloides robbiae*. For a splash of colour *Nandina domestica* with its crimson and scarlet leaves is quite striking. Now flowering are some deciduous shrubs which include Witch hazel, Winter sweet, *Daphne mezereum* and *Viburnum bodnantense* which all have a lovely fragrance. Don't forget the red and yellow stemmed Dogwoods, the bark of *Prunus serrula*, *Acer griseum* and the Alder tree catkins are attractive too.

We pruned the fruit trees last month and now is the time to give them a good spray of copper oxychloride and Conqueror spraying oil. The grape in the glasshouse can be pruned. Don't get excited about pruning roses yet, you may well be disappointed with die back later.

Flowers which are coming through are the snowdrops, the winter roses, and many bulbs who I tell to go back to sleep, because I think a big winter blast is coming this week.



WASHING MACHINE

This is a washing machine, dating back to the late 1890's and on display in the museum. The earliest known models were developed in the late 1840's and made of wood. This one is mainly copper. It has four round agitators, is filled by hand but has a drainage tap underneath and operated by a lever. Advertising of the time show a well-dressed lady sitting gracefully on a chair, holding the lever. One would suspect, reality was, it took quite a bit of effort to continually operate that lever.



As there is no manufacturing stamp on the machine, one assumes it was constructed locally, most likely by a tinsmith. These were necessary tradesmen of the time who made and repaired the smaller household items, including spouting, which the blacksmiths did not normally provide. John Reighles McGregor was a tinsmith, situated close to the Ancient Briton, Leven Street, for almost twenty years and highly likely the maker of the machine on display. He married a local lady and they brought their family up in the town.



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Monday Night Memories	7pm - 9pm Mondays
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McLarens Sports Round Up	9.30am Sundays
The Hits Weekends	6pm Friday nights and after midday Saturday and Sunday

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MONDAYS

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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
Maniototo Ladies Golf: Tee off 11am. Contact Belinda for details, 444 9185
Uruuruwhenua: Smoking Cessation 9.30am-2pm and evenings by appointment. - Ranfurly Plunket Rooms. Call Rose 444 9577
Waipiata Indoor Sports Club: 1.30pm at Waipiata Community Hall. See page 3 for details)

WEDNESDAYS

Catholic Women's League: Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. Contact Francie on 444 9243
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 the Maniototo Area School Learning Centre.
Maniototo Bridge: 7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members very welcome. Call Ang on 444 9231
Country Show: Burn 729am 6-8pm. 444 9729
Ranfurly Hotel Quiz Night: 7pm, call 444 9140 for more information

THURSDAYS

Steady As You Go Classes: 10-10.30am, 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.
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Maniototo Spinners	2nd and 4th Monday	10am - 3pm	Tracey 027 654 1977 or Karen 444 9814 Debbie on 444 9280
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