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APRIL 2015

FUTURE A FOCUS

Over the last fortnight the Maniototo has come together to voice their concern over the decision of Central Otago District Council to move away from the current partnership with Maniototo Area School and create a separate library behind the Ranfurly Service Centre on Pery Street. There have been many discussions around the affordability of running our library over the years but the concern was the lack of community consultation in making the decision.

The Maniototo Community responded quickly with a petition (gained over 500 signatures), a page set up on Facebook, a 'Gathering of Concern' (with over 100 people attending), follow up meetings at the library, letters to the editor sent to the Otago Daily Times, phone calls and emails to the Mayor, approaches made to school trustees and Community Board members and over 40 letters written.



There was no denying the passion felt by many in the Maniototo ...

"The community worked hard to put that library in place and we are appalled to think it could be undone with such limited local consultation" ... "The Council is supposed to be our representatives and should be working for us! It does not look that way. In fact, they seem to worry about their own agenda and money, instead of what is best for the community" ... "Our library is our hub, for not only maintaining and supporting literacy but also for many non-profit groups that contribute to our identity as a community" ... "Councillors, rescind your decision on moving our library!"

The voice of the community was heard and the Central Otago District Council agreed to meet to review the decision. Copies of the petition, a cover letter and all the letters were given to Mayor Tony Lepper, Maniototo Community Board Chairman Mark Harris, Maniototo Representative Councillor Stuart Duncan, MAS School Principal Patsy Inder and BOT Chairman Dave Hutton-Atkins (they were also then circulated to the wider members).

The meeting was reported as positive and the decision to move the library is officially being revisited (albeit still on a tight time frame). Our voice as a community to review the decision was successful and our efforts recognised!

"The Maniototo Community Library is the vibrant, beating heart of our community that keeps the contact between the old and young generations."

As Positively Maniototo goes to print there is another meeting scheduled. We hope that the discussions continue with the best interest of the Maniototo Community as a whole at heart. Keep an ear out to Burn 729am and Facebook if there is anything else we need to do as a community!

Look out for our May edition of Positively Maniototo for a result of the review and a history of the library.

GRANDPARENT READING

Maniototo Area school are looking for Grandparents or adults to help out our students through the Grandparent reading programme.



We need people to listen to our students read, and interact with them through talking, board games and sharing stories.

The programme would run on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 to 2.30.

If you are available and would enjoy helping and forging relationships with our younger students please contact Gemma Hore at Maniototo Area School 4449341 or email ghore@maniototo.school.nz

FORWARD PLANNING 2015

APR Fri 3rd	Good Friday
Sun 5th	Daylight Saving finishes (clocks back)
Mon 6th	Easter Monday
Sat 18th	Maggots Home Game
Sun 19th	Maniototo Early Settlers AGM (page 8)
Fri 24th	Friends of the Hospital meeting
Sat 25th	ANZAC Day (page 8-9)
Sun 26th	Ladies Day (page 4)
Mon 27th	ANZAC Day holiday
Thurs 30th	Applications to Maniototo Trust Fund / Trust Fund of Maniototo close (page
MAY Fri 1st	Best Dressed Duck Hunter and Duck Calling Competition at Ranfurly Hotel 5.30pm (see page 11)
Sat 2nd	Duck Shooting Opening
Sun 3rd	Maniototo RSA AGM (page 8)
Sat 9th	Maggots Home Game
Sun 10th	Mother's Day and Burn 729am Mother's Day Hamper Promotion
16th & 17th	Bards, Ballads & Bulldust Festival
JUN 1st	Queens Birthday
Sat 7th	Maggots Home Game
OCT Sat 24th	Burn 729am Maniototo Markets
Mon 26th	Labour Day

SCHOOL 2015 TERM DATES

TERM 2:	Monday 20th April- Friday 3rd July Anzac Day observed 27th April Queens Birthday 1st June
TERM 3:	Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September
TERM 4:	Monday 12th October - Wednesday 16th December (half day only) Labour Day 26th October

FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL

Friends of The Hospital meeting is Friday 24th April at 2pm at Hospital.

Apologies to Liz 4449318.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Radio Charity Trust, operators of Burn729am and publisher of Positively Maniototo is seeking expressions of interest in the contract role of Financial Administrator.

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Contact Errol Millar, Board Chairman, for more information on 021 403 636 or e-mail your CV to emillar@xtra.co.nz by the closing date of Tuesday 14th April 2015

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased Girl Guide Biscuits last month, and thank you to 'More than Books' for using their space to sell them. For those who missed out there is still a small selection left for purchase @ \$3.50 per packet phone 444 9264. **Antonia Davis**

The Pakeke Lions would like to thank David Millar (Great Southern Timber), Keith and Sheryl Edwards (Maniototo Paint and Hardware), Peter Jones (Maniototo Engineering) and Sam Hazlett (DS Hazlett and Son Ltd) for their contribution and help with the new seats project (see page 13).

Mavis Scott would like to thank her son Jock for the lovely meat he organised for relations and friends for her birthday. "Also thank you to everyone for the gifts and lovely cards. My sincere thanks to you all."

The NZ Red Cross Annual Appeal donations total was \$330. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

Many thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbours who called, brought food, cards and good wishes on the occasion of Jack's 90th birthday. You all helped to make our day very special.

Jack and Betty Foley

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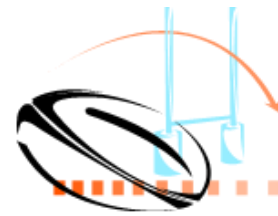
The Central Otago Premier rugby season has officially kicked off with the Maniototo Maggots already showing their strengths in two pre-season matches (against Alexandra and Maheno) and one competition game against Alexandra (first White Horse Cup contention).



Scott Sharpin secures line out ball in the first competition match against Alexandra. Maniototo won 32 - 0.

Photo credit: George Johnson

Maniototo has over 30 registered players contrasting with Clyde who was unable to enter a team this season. The draw is tight and promises some good competition. Maniototo won against Cromwell in their second match - scoring 46 points to 14 against the host side.



PREMIER RUGBY DRAW 2015

April

11 th	Roxburgh	V	Maniototo
18 th	Maniototo	V	Wanderers
25 th	Upper Clutha B	V	Maniototo

May

2nd DUCK SHOOTING WEEKEND

9 th	Maniototo	V	Arrowtown
16 th	Matakanui	V	Maniototo
23 rd	Wakatipu	V	Maniototo

30th QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

June

6 th	Maniototo	V	Upper Clutha
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Team listed first is the home game

CLUB ADMINISTRATORS FOR 2015

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CURLING WINTER LEAGUES START SOON!

BOWLERS LEAGUE : START 4TH MAY (MONDAYS 3-5PM)
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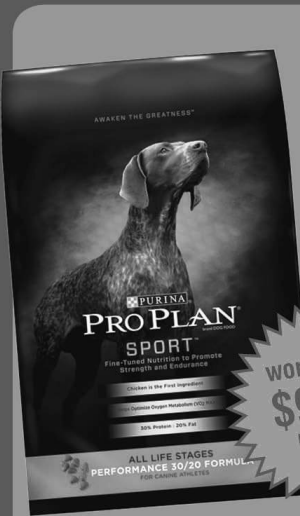


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THREE DAYS OF BOWLS

The 32nd annual ladies three day bowling tournament was held over the 16-18th March. The twenty eight teams (112 players) travelled from Kirwee, Christchurch, Dunedin and Central Otago.

Sylvia Carson (right) was the winner of the 'Spider' competition (closest to the ditch out of the leads, skips and thirds).



Anne Cotton

Ranfurly Club catered and hosted for the entire three days.



The hosts yet again provided humorous entertainment. Pictured above are Ruth Smith, Alison Duncan, Joan Pringle, Colleen Stringer, Joan Levido and Francie Morrow in their 'Alzheimer's' skit.

The Rail Trail display created a lot of interest and promoted our area. After the singing of Auld Lang Syne all left tired but happy.

BURN729AM UPDATE

Denise Baddock



The Burn team have enjoyed bringing you the 'Key word' competition on the back of our summer jandal promotion - amazing how many songs are sung about cowboys, dancing, emotions, colours and the like with some really old tunes being played. Congratulations to the weekly winners of the selection of chocolate bars and to all who participated. Stay tuned for the next promotion 'What you love about the Maniototo'.



You may have noticed a few more country tunes have made it onto our airwaves of late with Tont doing extra shifts while awaiting and since having his hip replacement operation. It's been wonderful utilising some of his spare time. Great to see him making steady progress with his recovery.

Apologies to the few of you who have phoned to book a stall for the Easter Markets. For several years it has been difficult to attract enough stallholders as numerous other markets are held throughout Central Otago over the Easter break. But, in conjunction with the Otarehua Lodge and Ranfurly Four Square, we do have a fantastic 'Ladies Big Day Out' on the Maniototo organised for Sunday 26th April, after ANZAC day. Come along and join us for some awesome retail and beauty therapy with twenty nine confirmed stalls and displays (see flyer this issue).



Another date to keep free, this time for all the keen Duck Hunters out there, is Friday 1st May. This year's Burn729 Duck Shooting Competition is 'The Best Dressed Duck Hunter' which will be held in conjunction with a raffle night starting at 5.30pm at the Ranfurly Hotel. Wonderful sponsored prizes for the lucky winners.

Don't forget our 'Mother's Day' promotion will be back this year on Sunday 10th May with the chance to win a lovely hamper for your Mum. To go into the draw, simply dedicate a special song to be played on the day.

Keep in mind that when you are out and about taking the odd photo or two over the next few months that we would love you to send in your favourite pic for our upcoming Burn 2016 calendar. The photo/s can be of any subject pertaining to life here on the Maniototo, could be the kids, animals, scenery, action shot or sporting event. If you have a photo in mind already just flick it through to us via email with some details about it.

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AREA SCHOOL UPDATE

Patsy Inder

What an incredibly busy first term we are finishing at Maniototo Area School. We had a wonderful assembly on the 16th of March where we presented badges to our head students, Holly Thompson and Josh Whyte. We also presented the badges to our Deputy Head student, Ashleigh Smith and our Sports Captain, Jessica Smith as well as our House Leaders. We were also pleased to present badges to Holly, Ashleigh and Jessica to recognise their outstanding achievement in getting their Level 2 NCEA endorsed with excellence and to Reuben Pyle for getting his Level 1 endorsed with merit.

The Education Review Office (ERO) carried out the scheduled review of our school from 16-19th March and initial findings indicate that the school has a strong partnership with the community and that our programmes are tailored to the needs and interests of our individual students, through positive relationships between staff and students. The formal report will be available in approximately two months' time.



Reuben Pyle and Sue Scott record results at the swimming sports

Our annual swimming sports were a great success with high levels of participation and great support from the students and families. We are also proud of Ben Smith's results in winning the Otago Secondary Athletics Under 15 high jump. All our students up to Year 8 have enjoyed weekly cricket coaching and we look forward to hockey coaching next

term. We have also had high levels of participation in the Middlemarch and Central Otago triathlons.

The school formal was a highly successful night. Our students had gone to a great deal of trouble and both they, and the venue, looked great. The evening was a credit to everyone involved in its organisation.



Candy Ferdinand and Jack Cormack won best entrance to the formal when they arrived in a Beckers Transport truck.

Our kapa haka group is participating in the Central Otago Kapa Haka Festival on Sunday 29th March in Alexandra. They have been practicing hard and would welcome any spectators and supporters.

Our senior students continue to develop their leadership by participating in a leadership course in the school holidays at Borland Lodge, thanks to the generosity of our local Lions and Pakeke clubs. We also have students sailing on the Spirit of Adventure and participating in the SADD conference promoting Safer driving.

Amongst all our good news came the disappointment of the CODC's decision about the community library. We were heartened by the community response and thank Amie Pont and all the supporters. We hope to be able to resolve this positively.

Our annual road race is on Thursday 2nd April and is the culmination of a very busy term. We wish all our students and their families a safe and relaxing Easter Holiday.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

Naseby Vision Chairman, John Crawford has had confirmation from Vodafone that construction is about to start early next month on the Channel Road cell tower and that it'll be commissioned in late May. "After all these years of Naseby Visions lobbying it's almost a reality! As you probably know, the tower will also serve large areas of the Maniototo. Naseby though has virtually been devoid of coverage. The next task for Naseby Vision is to get high speed broadband and we've started working on that," he says.

DUCK HUNTING OPENING

Best dressed duck hunter, duck calling competition and raffle night (fundraising for Burn Radio) at Ranfurly Hotel on the Friday night before opening morning. PLACE AND SPOT PRIZES!



Friday May 1st 5.30pm at Ranfurly Hotel



PROPOSAL TO LEASE PART OF THE TAEIRI LAKES DOMAIN TO REGULARISE THE CURRENT OCCUPATION OF THE WAIPIATA BOWLING CLUB

Notice pursuant to Section 54(1)(a) Reserves Act 1977.

The Central Otago District Council, acting as administering body of the Taieri Lakes Domain hereby gives notice that subject to the consent of the Minister it proposes to grant a lease for recreational purposes under s.54(1)(a) of the Reserves Act 1977 for term of six (6) years and a right of renewal for a further term of six (6) years commencing from 1 July 2015.

The proposed lease is for the purpose of providing land for the following activities:

Area 1 Bowling and other associated club activities

Any person or persons wishing to make a submission for or against the proposal may do so by notice in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Central Otago District Council, P O Box 122, Alexandra. Any such submission must be clearly identified with "Submission – Lease of part of Taieri Lakes Recreation Reserve" on the outside of the envelope and received at the offices of the Central Otago District Council, Dunorling Street, Alexandra no later than noon, Wednesday, 13th May 2015.

Schedule

Area 1 Approximately 0.4050 ha more or less being part of all that land described as Sections 110-113, Town of Komako being part of the Taieri Lakes Domain in Waipiata

WHERE WERE THEY WHEN?

Nigel Voice can be seen behind the wheel of a school bus or behind a pack of Malamutes on a sled. Positively Maniototo caught up with Nigel and chatted to him about his journey before coming to the Maniototo.

“I have lived in many places in the world and the Maniototo is the best. “

“I was born in Whangarei and went to Tikipunga High School. I have one sister who is a partner in an accounting firm in Dunedin. My parents owned a dairy and beside it was a butchery. I used to go next door and clean half way through 6th form then at 17 I was offered an apprenticeship so I left.”

Nigel loved being a butcher. “It was the best six years of my working life. My boss was like a Dad and taught me all my life skills. He also kicked my butt when needed.”

The chance to travel arose so Nigel ended up in Hammer-smith, London working in a variety of jobs including butchering, farm work and labouring. He then spent six months in Scotland working in a hotel before travelling through Europe. His favourite place was Paris. “I think Paris, London and New York are the best cities in the world.” As many on their overseas experience Nigel headed back to London to earn more money then spent three months in Asia on his way home. “I never liked organised tours and always backpacked by myself.” Nigel gave work another go as a Butcher in Whangarei but had the travel bug so spent another three years travelling Europe and the United States, He spent six months in Central America (Mexico and Guatemala) and could speak fluent Spanish.

Nigel then moved to Dunedin to work again as a butcher and then applied to join the Police force. Over his 22 years Nigel was involved in front line policing, intelligence, scene of crime work, police photographer for three years, police education officer teaching in schools and, as he got older, traffic duties (the hours were better). Nigel admits he left the police because he became disillusioned with the way they were operating.

Twelve years ago his wife Rose came into his life. Rose was living in Palmerston operating the Real Dog Equipment Company and Nigel was living in Dunedin. “While I was still in the Police I went on holiday to a snow farm. They were running arctic breeds up there. I bought three Malamutes and Rose had four.”

A few years ago they, along with their three children Dylan, Amanda and Ben, moved the business to the Maniototo. “The area suited the dogs because it’s colder and there are plenty of places to run. During the first week of meeting the people and how friendly everyone was we knew we’d made the right decision. There was a vacant section at 3 Mile corner. We went to Council with what we could offer the community, negotiated with them on price and have never looked back.

I have lived in many places in the world and the Maniototo is the best. There are many positive people that want to see the place go ahead. It’s honestly the best place in the world.”

The Voice family now have twenty dogs in total and have imported two Canadian Eskimo dogs – the rarest dog in the world. Real Dog Equipment progressed from just making dog gear to doing kennel tours and dog tours as Real Dog Adventures.

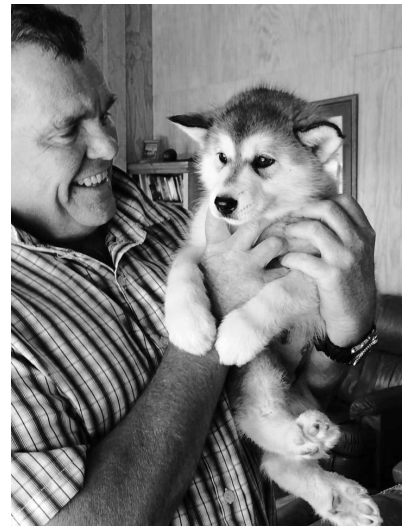
Nigel enjoys meeting people through the business. “Hardworking Kiwis and Australians come and enjoy what we have to offer. They are vibrant and enjoy life. They don’t expect the world and come away happy with their experience. We are very, very lucky that Ernslaw One has come on board the operation and given us access into the forest.”

You’ll also see Nigel en route driving a school bus on the Ranfurly/Oturehua run. “It’s time consuming but I get on well with the kids. They’re good, well behaved kids.” He’s on the road at 7.30am each weekday morning and back by 9am, then away again for about an hour after school.

Highlights in Nigel’s life include doing the Ironman in 1995. After breaking two bones in his neck after falling off a horse, Nigel is aware of his fitness as he gets older. “I’m 52 now and I’m training to do a half Iron Man in 2016 and another full one in 2017 in Taupo. I’ve been training for a month and have a personal trainer based in France.”

Another major highlight is running his dogs. “Being with my dogs and running over 106 kilometres in one race last year was a highlight and I’m aiming to do that again this year in Taupo.

You only live once. I’ve done a lot in my life and I’m pleased with that.”




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RSA NEWS

Raylene Rawcliffe

On behalf of the Maniototo RSA we would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for supporting our raffle evening at the Ranfurly Hotel on Friday 13th March with your donations of prizes, and purchase of tickets. We would like to thank Gavin and Eleanor A`Court for their donation of firewood, won by Alannah Menzies, and Bob and Rae Patterson for the \$100 meat voucher, won by Neville Wahrlich. Special thanks to Leonie, Barry and staff for hosting the evening.

Refurbishment of the cenotaph has begun with the touch up of the Roll of Honour and tiling will be done before the 25th April.

There has been some confusion over Anzac Day this year as some calendars show Monday 27th as Anzac day. RSA NZ will always hold **Anzac services on the 25th April** no matter which day of the week it falls on but with recent changes to the Holidays Act, if Anzac Day should fall on a Saturday or Sunday as it has this year and next year, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday.

This year Dawn service will be at **6.30am** at the Ranfurly cenotaph in Pery Street (next to the CODC Service Centre). This will be followed with a cup of tea/coffee at the Ranfurly Bowling Club.

Wreath laying and special dedication service will be at the Ranfurly cenotaph at **10 am**. Families of veterans, members of the public, organizations and groups are welcome to lay wreaths at either service.

The Family service will be held at **10.30 am** at the Ranfurly Stadium followed by morning tea. All welcome. Those wishing to help with morning tea plates may leave them at the Rugby rooms but please name your plates for return. Thank you. Anyone requiring special seating (wheelchairs, invalid seating, carers seating, etc) please contact Sue Evans on 4449531 before April 20th.

We encourage folk who wish to wear their relative`s medals to Anzac services as they reinforce their relative`s mana, and honour their memory, by doing so. Only 1 set should be worn at a time. They are to be worn on the right side of the chest. Veterans and serving members of the Defence Force wear their medals on the left side of the chest above the heart. Please keep medal sets together where possible as the set displays the operational and service record of the recipient and splitting the set destroys the value and mana earned. Instead of splitting sets up between children and grandchildren, consider talking to a medal mounter about having some miniature medal sets made. They are cheaper and easier for children to wear than full size medals.

Maniototo RSA will hold their AGM on May 3rd at the Maniototo Community Library at 2pm.

A good attendance is requested and new or intending members are very welcome.



MANIOTOTO EARLY SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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WW100 AND THE MANIOTOTO MUSEUMS

Jan Bean

Over the past months, much work has gone into the renovation of the Forces Room in the Maniototo Early Settlers Museum. After a splendid re-painting job, the room was ready to receive its inhabitants. Just as we did with the portrait room, the photographic portraits of servicemen and women, as well as general images of World War 1 events, have been cleaned and in some cases, reframed and given new glass.

The historic guns and armory are now securely displayed on the wall; there is a treasure trove of war memorabilia in the display cabinet; a Roll of Honour board will hopefully be in place before Anzac Day; and thanks to Raewyn Inder there will be a static display telling the story of some of the Maniototo soldiers who fought in World War 1. It should be noted that we also have some photos and material relating to those who fought in the Crimea War, the Boer War and World War 2.

Thank you to all the helpers who have made this project come to life in time to commemorate such an important event in our history. We also thank those who have willingly made their family photos and information available to us.

We welcome, as always, any help from members of the Maniototo community. In particular, we are looking for some new committee members and co-opted helpers for the coming year, as several of our members will be resigning at the AGM on the 19th April. It would be a shame to lose the enthusiasm and momentum which has built up during the past few years, and it is now a great time for some other Maniototo folk to be involved in their museum.

THEIR WAR, OUR STORY

Luke Anthony

Last year saw Central Stories launch their entire WW100 commemorative programme to mark the 100 year anniversary of the declaration of World War One. Recently they have opened their next exhibition to specifically commemorate the Gallipoli Campaign and the formation of the Anzacs.

The Gallipoli Campaign is one of the most significant events in New Zealand's military history, though it was anything but successful. Local men were heavily involved in the Gallipoli Campaign. They were some of the first volunteers to enlist, leave New Zealand and subsequently become engaged in many of the early WW1 offensives. As a result however, the whole of Central Otago experienced great loss and it's important that the sacrifices of those men are remembered. Thirty three Central Otago men died at Gallipoli and, of those, seventeen were from Maniototo and Ida valley.

The exhibition, *Their War, Our Story: Gallipoli & Anzac*, is a mix of information, images and objects that help tell the story of the Gallipoli Campaign and its ongoing significance, largely in the shape of the ANZACs and Anzac Day. Throughout the show, they particularly focus on Central Otago and how these events affected our local community.

It is a great show well worth a visit. Keep your eye out for several public programmes that they are planning too.

COMMUNITY CAN HELP SHAPE PLAN

The development of a Maniototo reserve management plan is in the early planning stages. The Maniototo Community Board is urging residents to get involved in helping shape the first draft of what will encompass the majority of reserves throughout the Maniototo. Input into the draft closes on Friday 8th May. A copy of an information sheet on the reserves being included and submission forms are available from Council service centres, online at www.codc.govt.nz/ consultation and at Ranfurly i-site, Maniototo Library, Gilchrist's Store and Naseby Store. Submissions can also be made by email to submissions@codc.govt.nz

EXCELLENT EXHIBITION

On the 11th of March, photographer Janyne Fletcher hosted a 'get together' to celebrate her exhibition of fine art photography.

Over 60 people enjoyed the opportunity to have a chat and view over thirty framed prints hanging in the Ranfurly Hotel Restaurant. This exhibition is part of the 'Art on the Rail Trail' showcase and is her first exhibition in the Maniototo.

Janyne is establishing a reputation for creative and distinctive photography from Central Otago with a particular focus on the Maniototo. She enjoys sharing the beauty, isolation and sometimes quirky nature of the region through her work. She says "showing my artwork at this event has given me the opportunity to push my creative boundaries and develop new ideas that challenge people's perception of photography".

Exhibition

Ranfurly Hotel, Charlemont St
Ranfurly, Central Otago



janyne fletcher
photographer

MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY BOARD

The Maniototo Community Board consists of Mark Harris (Chairman), Stuart Duncan (Deputy Chairman and Councillor), Sue Umbers, Robert Hazlett and Sue Evans (below).



They meet every six weeks at the Ranfurly Service Centre in Pery Street, Ranfurly. There is a slot (up to an hour) reserved prior to each of its ordinary meetings for individuals, groups or organisations to informally talk to the community board about their activities or any issues or plans for the future etc. It is a forum designed for discussion and information sharing on topics that have relevance for the wider community. If you'd like to do so simply contact the Ranfurly Service Centre verbally or in writing at least one working day prior to the meeting. More information can be found on www.codc.govt.nz.

The next Maniototo Community Board meeting is Thursday 23rd April and the Public Forum is the first item on the agenda so would be at 2.00pm.

Mark is happy for anyone to call him on (027) 279 5851.



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BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Fashion, farming, photography and Field Days were just some of the topics of discussion at the March Maniototo Business Breakfast.

Phil Dowling attended as co-owner of Naseby Trail Lodge and 2000ft Restaurant which has seen a busy summer season. They plan to do more in the winter in terms of packaging - one night stays are generally more common. As a local farmer, Phil outlined the flow on affect of the decrease in product pricing of sheep and beef and outlined the new Health and Safety regulations review in August which may affect farm owners choices in terms of hiring contractors versus full time workers.

Mark Button was able to officially introduce himself as new owner of the Waipiata Country Hotel and also outlined the latest project within his role on the Otago Central Rail Trail Marketing Group. The group are promoting one day trips on the Rail Trail in conjunction with ID Fashion Week. So expect to see some very well dressed riders on the trail late mid April / early May. Mark also advised that international visitors on the trail were up 2.3% compared to last year.

Michelle and Martin from Maniototo Supermarket have started working with the Central Otago District Council to open a café within the building. All the windows will also be replaced in the short term - there could even be automatic doors appearing! They have had some staff changes of late and welcome new faces.

Debbie Grundy also introduced herself as owner of 'Behind The Bike Sheds' accommodation in Waipiata. They've noticed the work Tourism Central Otago have done into Melbourne and Sydney as numbers have increased from Australia.

Sam Inder reported the single power phase for the indoor and outdoor rinks has finally become a reality thanks to a huge input from Pioneer Generation. With his Rail Trail Trust hat on he also said visitors on the Rail are definitely up although their itineraries seem to be shorter. Lastly, within his 4WD business Sam is working with a German film company looking at potential filming locations. This is on the back of the Manorburn being used for Lord of the Rings and Elephant Rocks as a site for the Narnia movie. Sam is working in with photographer Janyne Fletcher with this.

Janyne then outlined her successful exhibition opening in Ranfurly Hotel (page 9) and the potential for collaboration with others to develop art and retail experiences in the town throughout the quieter months of June to September.

Rose from Real Dog Adventures said kennel tours went well during the warmer months and they will be working in with accommodation providers to encourage incorporating sled rides in the cooler months. Rose will also be attending the Southern Field Days and Mystery Creek in June. The company was also awarded second in the new Farm Equipment Awards at National Field Days.

The next Maniototo Business Breakfast is on Wednesday April 15th, 8am in the Ranfurly Hotel Dining Room. All very welcome to come along, share what you've been up to in business and network!

OUT AND ABOUT



Sarah Caldwell, Marie Jopp, Pauline Spratt, Jane Harris and Natalie Blakely helping serve at the Ranfurly Women's Bowling Tournament.



LEFT: Alivia Steele and Paige Francis competed in the Weetbix Kids Triathlon at the end of February. **RIGHT:** Beccs and Jason Smith were married earlier in the year in a beautiful ceremony.

JACQUI DEAN MP FOR WAITAKI



Jacqui is in Ranfurly each month.

Please contact her office if you would like to make an appointment. Jacqui has a member of her team available each week on Monday's 10am - 12pm at Alexandra Resource Centre.

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- Individuals, or community groups within the Maniototo
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Application forms available from:

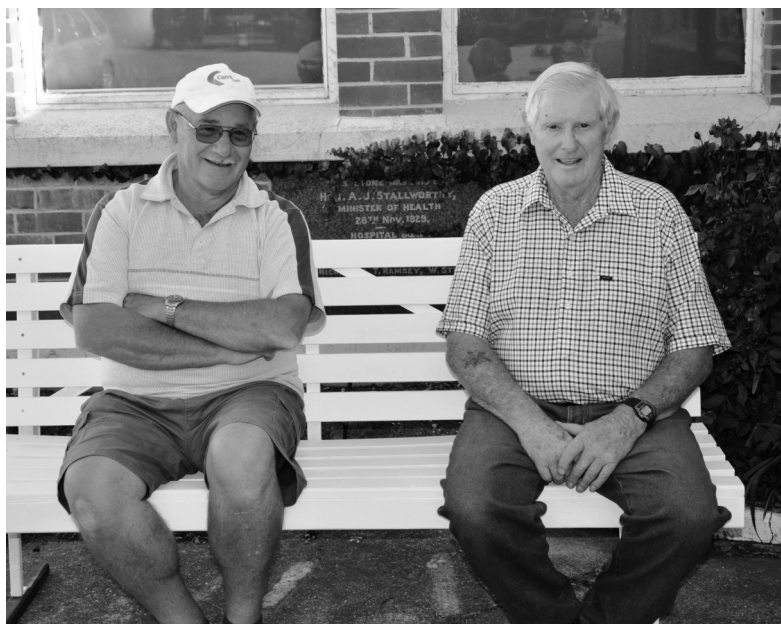
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Applications close: **5pm Thursday 30 April 2015**



CHEERS CHAIRS

The Maniototo Pakeke Lions have donated four new outdoor seats to the Hospital and Chalet. Using funds from activities such as local phone book delivery, manure and kindling sales, Pakeke members handmade the chairs from scratch. Ron Cheyne, Eric McLellan, Kevin Upton, Stewart McKnight and Terry Martin (President) all worked on the project - each bringing their individual skills to the table, whether it was welding, woodwork or painting. Terry says, "It was a lot of work but definitely worth it." General Manager of Maniototo Health Services, Geoff Foster says, "They look marvelous. The old ones were definitely past their use by date. We were just looking at how we'd replace them when the Pakeke's approached us with their offer. Patients, residents and visitors can now enjoy a comfortable seat in the sun."



Kevin Upton and Terry Martin enjoy a seat outside the front entrance to the hospital.

The Pakeke (meaning 'senior' in Maori) Lions have undertaken many fundraisers lately including assembling feeders for Clachanburn Station. The first one took a day to figure out then after that they were assembling one every 2 1/2 hours! The next focus is to fundraise for pressure relief mattresses (which can cost up to \$4000 each) used in palliative care. The hospital has previously hired them so purchasing will be far more economical. Bowling Tournament raffles and entry fees and the potato growing competition profits will contribute to the mattress project.

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POLICE UPDATE

Constable Jaco Pieterse



My first six weeks in Ranfurly has been steady with a couple of vehicle accidents and a number of willful damage complaints keeping me busy.

I am pleased so far by the manner of driving exhibited by the Maniototo Community, especially around the schools.

The stretch of Stuart Road passing St. John School heading towards Patearoa is still an area of concern as drivers take a long time to slow down to 50km/h when coming into town and speeding up well before the sign when heading out of town. A reminder that there will be no tolerance in this area as it is near a school and students get picked up and dropped off here.

It is good to see no one is taking any chances with the new drink driving limits. If you think you've had too much, call someone to pick you up or get a ride with someone who has not been drinking.

Also a reminder to make those seatbelts click, no matter how short the distance you are traveling!!

Stay safe out there and look after each other.

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We really enjoy the opportunities we get to be a part of and support our local community, the last month has been no exception. We have been involved with two important community events; as a major sponsor of the 116th Maniototo A&P Association Annual Show, as a table sponsor at the Maniototo Irrigation Scheme 30th Jubilee dinner, and then having a colouring competition stall the next day at the Jubilee Gala Day. These events have left us feeling very proud of our community, past and present – what a clever bunch of people! From the class of sheep entered at the A&P show and the skill of the dogs in the local dog trials, to everyone involved in the building and development of the irrigation scheme and right down to the children giving us some lovely artwork at the Gala Day – we have a fantastic community, and we are really glad to be a part of that!

Another major event that has happened in the last month is that the rain has returned to the valley, it hasn't exactly been spread around evenly, with Gimmerburn not seeing much at all, but certainly it has greened up the area. A good autumn is needed this year to get us back on track and give us some decent covers heading into flushing, mating and winter.

A quick note on flushing ewes before mating:

- If you are pinched for feed at flushing time it is better to conserve this feed for mating.
- All ewes need to be gaining weight during the mating period for ovulation to occur.
- If you can flush ewes then lighter body condition ewes respond better than ideal or fat ewes, so draught out the 'skinnies' from the mob.
- Supplementary feeds can be given to assist with flushing or with weight gain during mating.
- Just to note: Fat ewes are not ideal; they are at risk of losing early pregnancies if overfed.

Have a wonderful month, enjoy those beautiful autumn days, but watch out for those frosty starts. If you notice your older canine or feline companions are slowing down a bit on the colder mornings get them in to see us for a check over at the clinic. They may have a touch of arthritis and we can help them to be a lot more comfortable over the cooler months!

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It seems to have been a long difficult season with a slow Spring, a dry cold windy November and a Summer of intense heat and very little rain. I am looking forward to putting the hose away as watering has been a long arduous job this year. Cooler temperatures now are welcome, and hopefully some lovely Autumn weather to enjoy before the gardens are put to bed.

It has however been a good year for roses which are still flowering beautifully, tomatoes still fruiting and if your fruit trees are in a good sheltered spot they have produced well too.

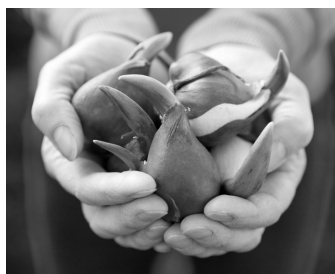


A few weeks ago members of our local Garden Club travelled to Wanaka to visit 3 lovely gardens, and all very different – a large farm homestead garden with very mature trees, ponds, roses, perennials and a marvellous vegetable garden, a town garden registered with the NZ Gardens Trust as a garden of national significance, also featuring large trees and a stream, also many very special and some rare plants. The third garden was relatively new, landscaped to take great advantage of the panoramic view it commanded, down into the vast valley beneath and surrounded by the majestic mountains beyond. It was an excellent example of less is more, the only flower gardens were around the lovely house, and then mown grass swept away in front, but large swathes of mainly native plants were interspersed with all the grass. I do urge budding gardeners to come along, these trips are very educational and over the years I have learnt so much from them.

I have been away for a couple of days, and on my return have noticed the colours of the first trees to turn are the Poplars, Willows and Maples, both large and small. The stress caused by a lack of water will have brought this about possibly earlier than some years. Some more unusual trees worth considering which colour well, and trees for smaller gardens include *Parrotia persica*, *Stuartia monadelpha* and the *Cornus* family of which there are several varieties. Check the condition of your site before selecting. Autumn shrubs to turn well include *Spiraea japonica Goldflame*, *Nandina domestica*, and the *Cotinus* family – the smoke bushes. Trees and shrubs for fruits include the Crab apples, *Viburnum trilobum*, *Pyracantha brilliant*, and the Rowans. Other plants for your autumn display are the Autumn crocus, sedums, and little cyclamens and if planted en masse can have a huge impact.

I could not help myself from coming home with a few spring bulbs to plant!

Happy gardening
Jane



Once upon a time the mighty Moa lived in the Maniototo but as fate would have it many got trapped and died in the swamps around, mainly, Hamiltons.

The Maori frequently hunted in the area so were only interested in live game therefore the discovery of these birds was not made until the late 1860's when Bayard Samuel Booth came as a miner and boot maker. He was an enthusiastic naturalist and soon started digging up and piecing together several complete skeletons for his own interest and collection. Being passionate about the Moa he also wrote and published a scientific paper on them. Other Otago excavation parties used his expertise at archaeological digs.

There are several Moa bones, from the Maniototo, on display in the museum (below).



MANIOTOTO BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

25th Feb Championship Pairs

- 1st Doris Gibson – Angela Wilson
- 2nd Donella Hore – Tracey Weir
- 3rd Diane Barton – Suzy de Louw

4th Mar Summer Pairs

- 1st Donella Hore – Frances Wood
- 2nd= Angela Wilson – Suzy de Louw
- 2nd= Dominick Geoffrey – Tracey Weir

11th Mar Championship Pairs

- 1st Judy Elder – Frances Wood
- 2nd Basilia Macdonald - Jill Crosbie
- 3rd Dominick Geoffrey – Gerard Geoffrey

18th Mar Directors

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Monday Night Memories	7pm - 9pm Mondays
Groundworks Ltd Country Show	6pm - 8pm Wednesdays & 9am - 12 noon Sundays
Entire Plumbing Rock Show	6pm - 8pm Thursdays
Combined Churches Choices	8am - 9am Sundays
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MONDAYS

Ceramics Club:	10am at the Art Centre. Contact Carol 444 9264 or Maureen Kearney 444 9449
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:	Maniototo Golf Club 10.30am, tee off 11am. Contact Belinda 444 9185
Uruuruwhenua:	Smoking cessation 10.30am—2.30pm and from 6.30pm - Ranfurly Plunket Rooms.

WEDNESDAYS

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



THURSDAYS

Rock Show:	Burn 729am. 6pm - 8pm. 444 9729
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FRIDAYS

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SATURDAYS

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

Presbyterian Church:	10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly
Naseby Golf:	Club Competition. Tee off 1pm. Contact Carol 444 9949 or Syd 444 9604
Catholic Church:	5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly



Maniototo Toy Library	2nd Monday	11.30am – 12.30pm	Renee 444 8212 or Michelle 444 9034
Maniototo Spinners	2nd and 4th Monday	10am – 3pm	Tracey 027 654 1977 or Karen 444 9814
Plunket Playgroup	1st Monday	10am-12noon	Heather 444 8353
Patearoa Playgroup	3rd Monday	10am - 12noon	Debbie on 444 9280
Business Breakfast	3rd Wednesday	8am - 9am	Amie on 444 9993
Garden Club	1st Thursday	7.30pm	Mary 444 9435
St Hilda's Anglican Church	1st Sunday	10.30am	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly
Naseby Vision	3rd Friday	7.30pm	Naseby Fire Brigade Rooms 444 9996

Please note some dates may alter over the school holidays