



Positively MANIOTOTO!



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AUGUST 2015

OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATES

It may not have been the result we were after but by jinkers we can be very proud not only of the Maggots for their massive effort in getting to the final undefeated, but in the entire Maniototo community for backing our boys with such passion!

Saturday 25th July in the Maniototo was all about the rugby. The build up started the week before with Maniototo Area School students putting posters all around Ranfurly and up at the stadium. Businesses hung up red and blue balloons and a giant Maniototo rugby jersey used in a 2011 Rugby World Cup event was reinstated.

Over a thousand people converged on Maniototo Park. It



Brothers: Logan and Vaughan Dowling running out onto the field for the final. Also pictured are Nick Love (left rear) and Scott Sharpin.

was a quintessential day of rugby - the smell of the sausage sizzle in the air, crowds lining the fields and Mr Whippy serving icecream on a still and sunny day.

SCORE: Alexandra 23 v Maniototo 20.

Maniototo points included tries by Sam Pringle, Quinton Smith and Josh Beer. Charlie Hore scored a penalty and a conversion.



Gerard Shea, Megan Shea, Paris Anderson and Fiona Shea watch the final in anticipation.

Two other games were also played on the grounds prior to the final. Wakatipu went down to Arrowtown for 3rd and 4th place and Matakanui won the B grade final against Cromwell 24-22.



Central Otago Under 13 Hatch and Collier players Blake Cormack, Will Duffy, Tia Dougherty, Madi Pont and Amanda Voice helped cater on the day to fundraise for their upcoming hockey tournaments.



Doug Read, Tony Andrews and Roy Andrews at the after match in the stadium.



LEFT: Past Burn 729am radio announcer Henry Youngman (who now works in Queenstown and plays for Wakatipu) was awarded Central Otago Player of the Year. Henry is pictured with Maniototo Rugby Club President Vaughan Dowling. RIGHT: It would have been hard to do but Maniototo Maggots Captain, Quinton Smith asks his team to toast Alexandra, the winning team. Alexandra haven't won a final since 1994.

FORWARD PLANNING 2015

AUG 1st & 2nd	Maniototo Pig Hunt
Fri 7th	Collier raffle night at Waipiata Hotel (page 10)
Sat 15th	VetEnt - Beers, BBQ and Bledisloe (page 13)
Mon 18th	Patearoa Playgroup (below)
Thurs 20th	Medical Students presentation, Maniototo Hospital (page 9) and Maniototo A&P AGM (below right)
Fri 21st	Collier raffle night at Ranfurly Hotel (page 10)
Sat 22nd	Art Deco AGM (below)
Sun 23rd	Patearoa Golf Trilogy (page 7)
23rd - 27th	Winter Games NZ
Mon 24th	SPCA Cupcake Day (page 13)
Fri 28th	Daffodil Day (page 5)
SEPT 18th	Friends of the Hospital meeting (below right)
OCT 9th & 10th	The New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation Pink Ribbon Appeal
Thurs 15th	National Shake Out Day
Sat 24th	Burn 729am Maniototo Markets
NOV	Maniototo Rodeo Club fundraising trek (page 7)
20th-22nd	Lions District 202F Convention
DEC 27th	Maniototo Rodeo at Waipiata (page 7)

SCHOOL 2015 TERM DATES

TERM 3: Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September
TERM 4: Monday 12th October - Wednesday 16th December (half day only)

ART DECO MANIOTOTO AGM

Saturday 22 August, 3.45pm at the Centennial Milk Bar Gallery. Members and Gallery Volunteers most welcome. Apologies to Diane Paterson 4447161

PATEAROA PLAYGROUP

Patearoa Playgroup will start up again on Monday 18th August 10am - 12 midday.

They will continue every 3rd Monday of the month.



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APOLOGY

Due to a printing error you may have noticed a few imperfections in the July edition of Positively Maniototo. We apologise but hope you still enjoyed your monthly read.

THANK YOU

FRENCH, Leslie Bruce (Bruce) 1935-2015

Jo and Wayne, Natalie and Geoff, Nigel and Rebecca and families wish to thank everyone for the overwhelming support and kindness they received over the time of Bruce's illness and recent passing.

To those who sent cards and flowers, made phone calls, sent texts and provided food, we are truly grateful. Special thanks to Dr. Verne Smith and the staff of the Maniototo Hospital for your wonderful care of Bruce over the years.

Thank you to Jim Harborow and Dave Ramsay for their support and contribution to making Bruce's funeral special.

The number of friends and family who attended Bruce's funeral was very touching and reflected his involvement in so many aspects of the Maniototo community.

A big thank you to the Ranfurly Fire Brigade and other organisations for their tribute Guard of Honour at his funeral and the Ranfurly Bowling Club for a wonderful afternoon tea. Dad, Grandad and 'old Grandad Bruce' leaves us with very special memories and will be missed forever.

Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement of our appreciation.

Bessie Pearson would like to thank neighbours and friends for their many kindnesses following the death of her much loved son-in-law.

FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITAL

A new date has been set for the Friends of the Hospital meeting.

All are invited to meet on September 18th, 2pm at Maniototo hospital.

Apologies to Liz O'Neill on 444 9318

CASUAL WORKERS REQUIRED

Progressive Stone – Otarehua requires casual workers. There are five positions available. Must be physically fit, capable workers.

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Initially short-term, this is part-time position with some flexibility with hours. 1st September start until mid November. Feeding out, assistance with lambing and other farm duties.

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MANIOTOTO A&P ASSOCIATION AGM

Thursday August 20th at the Ranfurly Bowling Club 8pm.

POLICE UPDATE

The two months since my last update have passed with only a handful of incidents requiring Police attention.

There would have been a fair bit of excitement at the sight of the Armed Offenders Squad in town recently. They assisted with a combined effort from Alexandra, Omakau and Ranfurly Police to execute search warrants in relation to ongoing poaching investigations.

I would like to remind everyone to ensure valuable items and work equipment is secure at all times, especially overnight. There was a recent burglary at a rural work site where tools and equipment worth thousands of dollars were taken. I would ask anyone who noticed any suspicious vehicles or activity on the Ranfurly-Patearoa Road between Creamery Road and the Gimmerburn-Waipia Road between the 6th and 7th of July 2015 to contact me.

The driving behaviour has been outstanding this last two months although there are still a small number of drivers not wearing seatbelts and not adhering to the speed limit on Stuart Road.

The annual Peter Umbers Memorial Curling tournament was held recently with a great turnout from local teams and Police teams from across Central Otago. A big thank you for those members who participated and contributed to a fantastic day.

Stay safe out there
Jaco
Ranfurly Police



ST JOHN SUPERSTARS

Those of you who have passed by the station recently may have noticed more than the usual banging and crashing going on. Phil Flanagan has been hard at work (while on call) with his hammer and drill upgrading the youth equipment storage area. We have been able to use some of the money donated by our community for these refurbishments and intend to upgrade the kitchen area in due course. Phil was ably assisted by Pete Jones who took on the role of 'Project manager'. A big thank you goes to these guys for their hard work. Thanks also to our wonderful Maniototo Community whose generosity made these improvements possible.

As you all know, Duncan Helm is a pivotal member of the St John team in Maniototo. He undertakes up to 60 hours of volunteer duties per week, mostly at night, whilst running his own farming business. In late June, Duncan went to Christchurch where he was made a Member of the Order of St John in recognition of his contribution. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating him.

Another member of the Maniototo team who contributes a great deal of time to the organisation is Jayne Hazlett. Jayne has recently been made an Area Youth Manager for Central Otago which means even more work for her running competitions and camps as well as looking after the Maniototo and Roxburgh areas.

We have a great team here but must continue to find new recruits as people move away or leave (temporarily or permanently) for a variety of reasons. Please help us find more people to play on our team.

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If you haven't had the chance to come and have a look yet then please do. You're supporting so many people in the area by shopping at The Practice.

Among the many beautiful things and art works there's:

- **Jane Girvan's** oil cloth bags, crochet hats and headbands
- Clothing by **Alice Summers** and **Becs Calder** from Lauder
- Maniototo souvenirs crafted in St Bathans
- **Jane Falconer's** chutneys and preserves made in Patearoa
- Handmade toy guns made by **Jan Tisdall** from Strath Taieri
- Book bags by **Joan Dobson**
- Carvings by **Jeff Pont** made of limestone from the Pigroot
- Gift cards by **Margaret Steele** (Naseby)
- Photography by **Janyne Fletcher**
- Bird carvings by **Luke Anthony**
- Maniototo wool and Waipiata Alpaca packs
- Lavender oil and soaps from **Danseys Pass**
- Children's books and soaps from **Kurow**
- Handmade products by **Sarah Smith, Anne Cotton, Yvonne McAtamney** and **Eunice McMillan**

Further afield (but still supporting small and locally made) there's unique items made in Dunedin, Wanaka, Cromwell, Canterbury, Southland, Oamaru and Canterbury.

Built in 1950 by Teddy Woods for then Dentist, Jock Anderson, the Art Deco style Maniototo Dental Centre was built for and was always the only privately owned Dental Practice in Ranfurly.



Mosgiel dentist Paul Sapsford bought it in 2000 and operated a 'country practice' every Friday (left) until his death in December 2009. Amie (Paul's daughter) and husband Jeff Pont bought the building in 2011 and, after a pretty major refurbishment, opened The Practice Gift Gallery on Father's Day 2013.

Jeff, Amie and daughters Madison and Cassidy would like to thank

everyone in the community who contributed to creating The Practice and to the many locals and visitors for your support so far. Here's to more years to come!



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Cheese rolls, milkshakes and coffee
Beautiful things, clothes, local products



DAFFODIL DAY

The Cancer Society of New Zealand Annual Daffodil Day Fundraising Event will be held on Friday 28th of August.

Our local community will have the chance to unite and join together to make our Daffodil Day the huge success it always has been.

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



Money raised in Otago stays in the Otago Southland Region and is spent on three things:

- Good health promotion (providing resources that can be used)
- Ongoing research
- The support of patients and families

Sandra Kreft



BURN 729AM/87.9FM UPDATE

Denise Baddock

The countdown is on this month as we near the end of the winter months here on the Maniototo and what a winter it has been, apart from the odd intense cold snap with snow and ice we have experienced some cracking frosts and clear blue skies with some bracing day time temperatures, roll on Spring.

Plenty has been happening in and around the Maniototo with all the winter activities available to participate in and enjoy, especially proving popular the Curling, Ice Festival, Bonspiel, Dog Sled racing and local rugby and sporting fixtures. Thankfully the weather hasn't interfered too much with these events.

The Burn team has been testing it's general knowledge at the 'Believe It Or Not' quiz nights held at the Ranfurly Hotel over recent weeks, we've been vying and contending for the top spot with a few top placings in recent weeks. The teams involved have enjoyed the challenge with some very strong contention from the 'Untouchables' and 'Maniototo Four Square' teams proving their worth in the placings. Amazing what trivial and random information you have on board and can recall, and we hate to admit it but the **music** section on the odd occasion proving vexing to say the least.

Don't forget to post your sporting results with us here at Burn, the listeners enjoy hearing the results on the 'McLarens Transport' sports round up with 'Krefty' on Sunday mornings. These results can be phoned, emailed or dropped into the white basket in the Burn foyer throughout the week. A small gold coin donation will see your notice placed in any of our regular spots, Live, Community Notices, Buy Sell & Swap or Daily Calendar, so feel free to contact us with your information.

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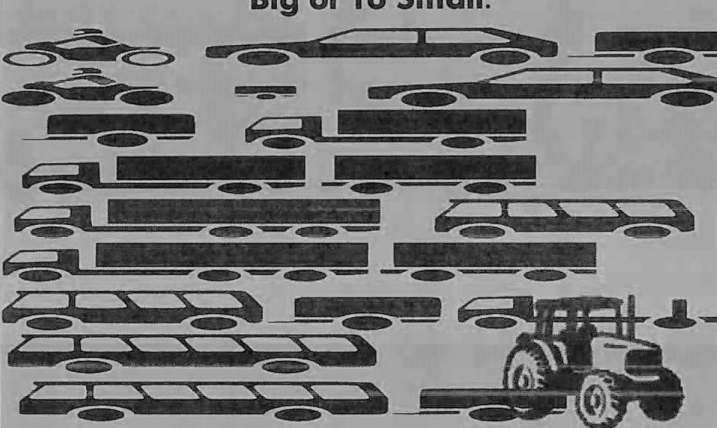
A Positively Maniototo reader sent in this photo of the Maniototo Stadium from the 1990's (continued page 13) ...




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WHERE WERE THEY WHEN?

This month Positively Maniototo caught up with Kila Hepi from Naseby. As an avid mountain biker Kila is known for riding and maintaining many a bike in the area. You'll also see him up on the occasional roof or hanging out in Naseby forest.

Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

I was born in Kaeo, about an hour north of Kerikeri in the North Island. I went for a trip back there about three years ago and couldn't believe what a beautiful place it is. The Bay of Islands are something special.

My family shifted south when I was two years old to a place called Dacre which is about 30kms east of Invercargill towards Edendale and Gore. My Grandparents had a farm at Pebbly Hills so spent a fair bit of time at the farm.

What education did you undertake and jobs have you done?

I went to Dacre primary school then James Hargest High School in Invercargill.

When I left at the end of the fifth form I got a job on a fishing boat in Dusky Sound catching crayfish for five seasons (November till April). In the off season we went up the coast tuna fishing and then catching blue cod based in Stewart Island. It was good fun.

After that I learnt to shear and did that for a few years. It was good, hard work. I went to Queenstown and worked with a few mates building and biking and then headed to Dunedin and worked in a couple of bike shops. I also worked for Arrow International on the Meridian Mall until buying the Royal Hotel in Naseby.

Where have you lived before? Any travel?

I've enjoyed a little bit of travelling. When I was eighteen I went to Western Australia and travelled up the coast for three months. I went to the Olympics in Sydney in 2000, travelled to the Tour de France in 2004, stayed in the French Alps for a month as well as mountain biking. Around about 2009 I cycle toured through from Machu Picchu to Argentina which took about twelve weeks. Saw lots of crazy sights!

I rode a dirt bike from Cape York to Cairns on a twelve days organised tour, flew to San Francisco and rode up the coast on a bicycle to Portland and into the high desert plains. A couple of years ago my partner Kirsty, myself and Indiana (our eldest daughter) flew to Vancouver, got an RV and drove around British Columbia for five weeks ending up in Whistler for ten days at a bike festival called Crank Works. Such a beautiful place.

Major life events?

Life highlights include having two kids and many of you will have met my dog Ice over the years. Having to put my dog down this year was a tough one.

What brought you to the Maniototo?

Buying the Royal Hotel is what brought me to the Maniototo and the thought of being able to bike everyday if necessary was pretty cool as well!

What do you currently do in the Maniototo? What keeps you here?

Good question. Kirsty, my partner, has a job as a chef at the Naseby Lodge. I'm currently working for Rodger Murphy Construction, building and renovating as well as a few odd tree felling jobs here as well. In the summer I have a small mountain bike hire and fix it shop at the Naseby Lodge. I also teach an achievement standard to some school groups from Otago and Southland so get to travel away for most of that.

The Maniototo is a good place for my kids to grow up and have a balance of a small town and country living as well. Hopefully they won't get into too much trouble!



Kila and eldest daughter Indiana on the luge in Queenstown.

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WHEN: 27th December 2015
WHERE: Waipiata-Naseby Road
WHAT: A day full of entertainment and adrenalin!

The Maniototo Rodeo Club is busy preparing for our inaugural Rodeo and have a few important notices we would like to share. If you are able to provide any assistance on these notices or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

FUNDRAISER HORSE TREK

There will be an amazing fundraising event for the club to be held on Saturday 14th November 2015. A horse trek will take place from Mt Pisa Station, Cromwell to Lake McKay Station, Luggate. This will be approx 6-7 hour ride through spectacular countryside. Riders must be competent. After a big day of riding a sausage sizzle/bbq will be provided on the return to Mt Pisa Station, there will also be space for those wanting to sleep overnight in horse floats, tents or the woolshed. The fun doesn't end there! The next day there will be casual games arranged including barrel racing, pole bending, cowboy challenge, bare-back race and more!

Tickets are \$100. For a registration form or more information please email or phone.

FOOD & ACTIVITY STALL INTEREST

We are seeking interest from local community groups or individuals who would like to have a food or activity stall on Rodeo Day. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for your group or club – get in first with your idea!

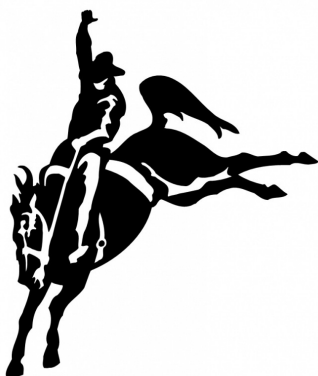
DEER POSTS REQUIRED

We are on the hunt for more deer posts for building the arena. If you have any available please let us know. We are able to pick these up.

PORT A LOOS

We are also on the lookout for port-a-loos to borrow for the day. If you have any available please let us know and we can collect these from you.

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PECORA A PLENTY

Many of you will be familiar with the shearing industry locally, nationally and internationally but Kevahn (Kev) Stringer has added a bit of a twist to his chosen career. The opportunity came up to work for a contractor in Italy in May this year so Kev jumped at it and headed to Montalto di Castro (located about 90 kilometres northwest of Rome).

Ten years ago Kev finished at Maniototo Area School to enter the industry like so many of his mates and whanau which he thoroughly enjoys. Considering the only travelling Kev had done previously was a rugby trip to Australia last year, this was one heck of an adventure! After stopovers in Melbourne and Dubai, the plane landed at Leonardo da Vinci International Airport in Rome (also known as Fiumicino Airport). Kev joined a shearing gang of 15-20 Kiwis and Aussies and travelled around Italy working in places such as Montalto and Gualdo.

This, however, was not to be your typical tourist experience of the birthplace of the Renaissance. There was the bus trip around Rome. "The Colosseum was unreal," says Kev, "but I was there to shear."

In Italy the majority of sheep (pecora) are not shorn for the carpet or clothing industry but for milking. Quite often they would be shearing short, ½ inch fleeces. Sheep breeds included Hungarian (cross-breeds with long, spindly horns), Sardinian (a lighter sheep used as the main 'milker'), an Italian merino breed and the Rambula half-breed with a very short fleece. Overall the sheep vary in weight as they do



here but the quality of wool was relatively poor so shearing was really just for comfort and to make milking easier (left). Tailing is not necessary as 95% have long tails which creates a bit more work during shearing. "It was quite primitive. You shear outside from a lowered trailer. Sometimes when it was too hot (it got up to 40°C) or there was a downpour of rain we would have tarps over us (below). It was very third world, that's for sure."



Most farms do have a house cow but commercial cow milk was rarely seen. Coffee was drunk straight and black. Sheep milk was used to make fresh cheese such as Fromage blanc (white cheese) and Ricotta (whey cheese). The hours were very long and they would shear into the night using tractor lights. "There was no such thing as an eight hour day and each sheep took a bit longer as the farmers were fussy as."

Shearers were fed by the farmers and the menu consisted of pasta, bread and fresh sheep meat cooked on a spit. "This was awesome for the first couple of weeks but it was pretty much the same every day after that. Every now and then though we were cooked steak on an open fire which was bloody tasty." Kev got to know a few good Kiwis (below) and enjoyed a Grappa or two (an Italian grape-based brandy).

The biggest test was the language barrier but Kev learnt a fair bit in the two months and will be able to use that next time. "I'll be able to converse better and I will prepare more for next time. It was such a great experience that I definitely plan to go back! Maybe even take a mate over with me."

Kev (far left) with farmer Piero and Te Rangi and Alan from 'up the river' (Whangarei)



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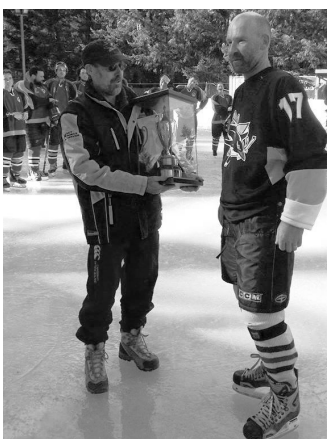
Marilyn Swinbourn

The Erewhon Cup for ice hockey was contested at Naseby on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July.

The Erewhon Cup is an annual competition hosted by rinks in the Southern Ice Hockey League, preferably on outdoor ice. It was first held in 1937 in South Canterbury and is the oldest ice hockey competition in New Zealand. This year's event was hosted by the Gore Club. Teams contesting were TNC Gore, Gore Grizzlies, Alexandra Flames, Queenstown Rangers, Dunedin Penguins and Mackenzie Bull Thars. There is no senior Maniototo team at present.



In the background of the Erewhon Cup is Jock Scott driving the Zamboni to prepare the ice for the final between Dunedin Penguins and Alexandra Flames.



Conditions on Saturday were ideal, a warm windy day on Sunday made for softer ice but still very playable. The final was played on Sunday afternoon between Alexandra Flames and Dunedin Penguins with Penguins winning 6-4.

Nigel Dobson from the Dunedin Penguins (left) is handed the Erewhon Cup by Mr Mike Farley from the Gore Club.

MEDICAL STUDENTS VISIT

University of Otago medical students will be making their annual trip to the area to undertake a rapid health needs appraisal of our community. They will meet with members of the community and will ask questions around health needs, provision of health services and barriers to health care.

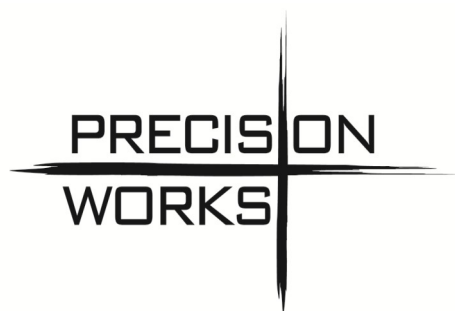
There is an open invitation to anyone wanting to listen to their findings/presentation at 5.30pm on Thursday 20th August at the Maniototo Hospital Board Room.

COMMUNITY WARDROBE HIRE

Previously known as the Art Deco Wardrobe Hire, a Community Wardrobe Hire has re-opened in two rooms upstairs in the Centennial Milk Bar building. The collection has now expanded to include outfits from every era (including the ones pictured).

If you have any costumes you'd like to donate to the wardrobe they would be gratefully received. Have a look under the bed or in the spare room wardrobe and see if there's some wee gems that others could enjoy!

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FARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DAY

The country's newest rural wellbeing programme travelled through our neck of the woods earlier this month, with Farmstrong opening the doors of the Maniototo Park Stadium and Rugby Clubrooms in Ranfurly.

The event was an opportunity for farmers in the region to learn more about Farmstrong and hear from rural medical doctor and author Dr Tom Mulholland about a topic called Healthy Thinking.

Around 25 farmers attended the free event and learnt about how with Farmstrong all farmers – along with their families and staff - can take simple steps on a daily basis to improve their overall health and wellbeing. The website has more information on topics such as; nutrition, rest, getting off the farm, connecting with others and on how Healthy Thinking can help you. To find out more about these topics and others, head to www.farmstrong.co.nz.



Central Otago Mayor Tony Lepper, Councillor Stu Duncan and Dr Tom Mulholland at the Farmstrong Community Day.

RAFFLE NIGHTS FOR HOCKEY

Madison Pont, Tia Dougherty, Amanda Voice and Anna Scott (from Poolburn) have made it into the Under 13 Central Otago girls hockey team (Collier) and the tournament this year is Palmerston North in October.

To fundraise for the tournament Madi will be having a raffle night at Waipiata Country Hotel on Friday 7th August from 5.30pm (great prizes including accommodation, meal and massage vouchers, merino and beauty packs and baking, cheese rolls and Central Otago wine).

All the girls will be also holding a raffle night at the Ranfurly Hotel from 5.30pm on Friday 21st August. Donations for either night will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped into The Practice, Ranfurly.

The girls will also be fundraising by running the sausage sizzle at the Maniototo Pig Hunt.

SOCIAL LEARNING OF A THREE YEAR OLD



An important part of a three year old's learning journey is around making sense of the social world of relationships, which can be a very confusing and frustrating place! As a child grows from be-

ing a toddler into a young child - which occurs around the age of three - they begin to make the transition from playing alongside their peers to playing with them, and this opens up a whole new world of learning about the social world of relationships.

As adults we have done a lot of learning about how to relate to others in our lives thus far and much of this begins to happen when we are three years old. We are introduced to and begin to learn about concepts such as taking turns, sharing, negotiating, problem solving, conflict, taking on another's point of view, and if all this isn't enough we have to learn what it actually means to be a friend and how to make one!

The most natural way this learning can happen for a child is through engagement in dramatic play, role-play and imaginary play, which is why this type of play at this age is so important. Through these styles of play a three-year-old can use their own knowledge and experiences to form the basis of their play with and alongside others by pretending to be people, animals or fictional characters. It is this play that enables them to learn, practice and make sense of the social world around them.

At Maniototo Kindergarten we notice, recognise and respond to our three-year-olds need to explore and make sense of the social world and we invite you to come and talk to us about how we can help and support your child through the beginnings of this life long learning journey.



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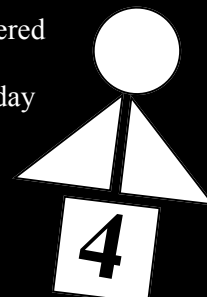
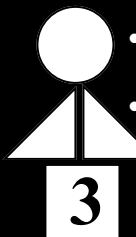
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CURIOUS ABOUT CURLING?

"The Royal and Ancient Game" or the "The Roaring Game".

The game of Curling has been shrouded in mystique, intrigue and folklore since the Scotts honed it into the traditional game we still play here in the Maniototo. There is even some debate as to whether the game is of Scottish origin, especially as many of the terms and names such as Bonspiel, appear to be Germanic origin. Not to miss out on a good argument, the Irish are reputed to have said that they gave the game to the Scotts as a joke, but that the Scotts haven't seen the joke yet! Whatever the origin, the Scottish settlers certainly brought the game to Otago, where it has been enjoyed by several generations.



Stu Francis and Jock Scott mark out the house.



Matt McSkimming delivers a stone

Sam Inder

The first recorded clubs were at Haldon Station in the Mackenzie Country and Dunedin in 1873. Both these clubs were registered with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland in 1874. However, both Clubs struggled to survive. Haldon because of isolation and communication and Dunedin because of difficulty in maintaining ice in an increasingly industrial coastal climate.

It was not until curling was introduced to Central Otago and Naseby in particular that the sport began to flourish. The first club (Mt Ida) was established in 1878. The abundance of natural ice and with the main industries of mining and farming in 'winter mode', what better way to pass the time than with a game of skill, strength and endurance. The town folk from businessmen, clergy and law all joined in as most of their clients and flock were involved. To spread any newcomers out across the clubs, different occupations were allocated to or claimed by various clubs. For example the policeman and the priest always curled for Mt Ida. By the turn of the century there were nine clubs; Mt. Ida, Otago Central, Naseby, Upper Kyeburn, Upper Manuherikia, Blackstone Hill, Alpine, Cambrian and Rough Ridge. There was a lull in the development of curling during World War I but then a new surge of membership followed that period. The major matches at that time were held on Lance Hore's dam which is up George Road towards the forest. Eventually, the increasing number of clubs necessitated a shift of the Bonspiel to the newly constructed Idaburn Dam at Otarehua in the early 1930s.

Key elements of the game of curling are a reasonable level of fitness and good hand/eye coordination. However sportsmanship, camaraderie, good manners and etiquette are also synonymous with the game. For example, there's no such thing as a "bad shot". Some shots are simply better than others. Politics and religion are not topics of conversation and bad language is not tolerated. There are more traditions relating to procedure and sportsmanship which new recruits will be instructed in as they seek to learn the game.

Much is made by the media in particular, of the colourful attire of curlers and 'boozing' on the ice. The bright colours seem to be peculiar to curling in New Zealand. It appears that, in an effort to distinguish player from each club, at a meeting in 1905, the New Zealand Province resolved that all clubs would have 'colours' - hence the colourful hats and jerseys. The headwear is the traditional tam-o-shanter, which is a tribute to the country of origin or at least the nationality who were responsible for bringing the sport to Otago. 'Tammys' and jerseys could be knitted and/or crocheted so reasonably affordable for all. The need to distinguish teams seems to have arisen some years earlier, with a report in the Naseby Chronical of a match between the Moleskins vs the Boiled Shirts. This was referring to the miners and the businessmen.

The other element is of alcohol on the ice during a game. While not seeking to justify or overstate the point, the tradition was that you be instructed by your Skip to take your opponent for a drink, usually as a reward for playing a good shot. The origin of this is twofold, firstly standing on the ice for long periods, it allows one to get moving, have a warming tippie plus the camaraderie of doing so with your opponent. Of course, any good Scottish farmer would point out that in doing so you were supporting the grain growing industry!

If this game holds some intrigue for you, both the Maniototo Curling International and the Maniototo Ice Rink offer introductory lessons and can put you in touch with those to chat



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HOCKEY PRIZEGIVING

School grade hockey prizegiving was held on a rather warm afternoon last month where Maniototo Hockey Club President Craig Paterson spoke of the great attendance. "The club is strong which is great," he said. Craig thanked Treasurer Miranda Smith and Secretary Geraldine Dowling as well as Tina Becker for all her behind the scenes work. "Thank you to all the coaches. Without you there would be no hockey. Thanks too to all the parents who travel all season to support their kids. It's great to see."

Everyone enjoyed a shared afternoon tea in the sun. At the time of the prize giving the Year 7 and 8 team had made it to their grade semi final so were still to have their end of year awards.



Aaliya Watson and Peta Smith share the Most Valuable Player for the Year 3 and 4 team. For Year 5 & 6, Kassidy Pont was awarded 'Most Improved' player and Briar Duncan and Billy Dougherty share Most Valuable Player. Billy is pictured below with his coach Bev Helm.



LADIES HOCKEY

The Maniototo Ladies Hockey team consists of a range of players some very new, school girls, new mothers and others that are juggling work and families. All the girls are determined and committed to the team, making it to practise each week and travelling up to Cromwell each weekend (with the help of husbands, grandmothers and friends). The team started the season at the bottom of the table but have managed to turn this around by finishing 3rd and playing a semi final this weekend (first weekend of August) against Manuherikia and the other semi final is Alexandra against Cromwell. The girls have learnt to play as a team and have improved so much.

Head along and support these girls as they are playing some good hockey.





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ALL WELCOME TO BUSINESS NETWORK

Another great business breakfast was held in July.

Janyne Fletcher (photographer) has been enjoying winter shots, is gearing up for photography awards and attending a conference in Queenstown. Richard Smith from CJ Sinclair Auto Super Shop reported that there had been a bit of AA work over the winter but little road rescue which is great. Stephen Dunn (new Burn announcer and Travel Broker with Vincent George) has also begun part-time work with Ranfurly i-site. Martin and Michelle from Maniototo Supermarket advised they will be moving the P.O. Boxes and the posties will be moving behind the main store into a new, purpose built room. Paul from Ranfurly Holiday Park has been busy refurbishing some of the units. Ranfurly Hotel has been enjoying hosting the Wednesday night quiz nights.

There was discussion over the concern of the empty buildings in Ranfurly and many wondered if there was a way the community could support small business initiatives and increase business start up confidence.

Note: Since the meeting Southern Wide Real Estate is moving into the building previously occupied by Vetlife (now located in Northland Street). See article in next edition of Positively Maniototo.

**The next Maniototo Business Breakfast is on
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For further information call 027 264 3766



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Advertorial

With the shortest day been and gone (thank goodness!) the lambing season is creeping up on us very quickly. On the 6th July we held a **Pre-lamb Seminar** for all our clients where we went through some of the ins and outs of pre-lamb treatments, ewe nutrition during pregnancy and lice treatment options for this season. We want to thank all those who attended and sincerely hope you got something useful out of the evening. If you didn't manage to make it but would still like the information, we have booklets available from the evening and you can also make a time to sit down with one of our vets at the clinic (free of charge) and go through the evening's topics.

Onto other events... with the Bledisloe Cup fast approaching on August 15th we would like to invite all our farming clients to night of "**Beers, BBQ and Bledisloe**"! We held this event two years ago and had a great turn-out of around 100 people – hopefully a good time was had by all and it's the least we can do to show our appreciation to all our loyal clients for the support you give us throughout the year! The event is held at the Rugby Clubrooms, gates open at 6pm and space is limited! So get in quick with your RSVP to Sara at the VetEnt Ranfurly clinic on 444-9615.

Another up and coming is the annual **SPCA Cupcake Day**, and this year on August 24th Beca at the VetEnt Ranfurly clinic will be baking up a storm to sell cupcakes raising money for the SPCA. We are very lucky to have two fantastic SPCA centers local to Ranfurly; one in Alexandra, the other in Dunedin. There are pets available for adoption but that's not all the SPCA provide; their website also offers some great advice on pet care, strays and re-homing and also has regular updates of general animal advice for critters large, small, feathered or scaled!

So it looks like August will be a busy month, hope you all stay safe, stay warm and have a good one. Spring is just around the corner!

REMEMBER THIS *cont from page 8*

You'll see the Rugby Club Rooms have not yet been built and there's a rather unique artwork on the side. As far as Positively Maniototo knows this was a three dimensional fibre-glass piece created by former resident Gren Bell and worked on by the then Jaycee Group in the 1970's.

Although it created an interesting depiction of sporting prowess it also provided a perfect place for birds to roost, constantly covered the sculpture and stadium wall with nesting materials and bird droppings. The local fire brigade used to clean it down with high pressured hoses but the birds would return and continue to use the art work as their home. After maybe a life of over twenty years or so the painted surface was in poor condition when removed to paint the stadium and was never put up again. Its final resting place is unknown.

Our reader has asked if anyone has further information to please ring them on 444 9094.

A gorgeous day today and in sunny places a thaw on, and I'm out there with a smile on my face, having a wee hand fork here and there, hopefully we are over the worst. A few brave plants in sheltered places which get a bit of sun are beginning to flower including little blue violets (right), polyanthus, winter roses and ericas. Shrubs flowering including *Mahonia aquifolium* with bunches small yellow flowers and in winter lovely glossy bronze coloured leaves which will turn green for summer, *Garrya elliptica* an evergreen shrub with long grey green catkins-like tassels, and the *Daphne mezereum* with pink flowers on bare wood, is showing colour, and soon will be very fragrant.



A job which we have been doing, when the weather permits, is cutting suckers off the hazelnuts. Some gardeners prefer to leave them to become shrubby, but here I prefer to have small trees and limb them up a bit, this allows for easier maintenance to weed and mulch. Also getting this treatment are some of the flowering blossoms which have this unfortunate habit, they are the varieties which are grafted.

A week or so ago I received some bare rooted roses, they arrived when the ground was rock solid, and what to do with them? I decided to "heel" them into the glasshouse where the soil was not frozen. Firstly we dug over the soil, dug a trench, wet the ground and then lay the roses to one side and then firmed the soil around them. The idea is that they will not take root until we plant them out when the ground is warmer. We must not let them dry out, so getting a small drink are the potted geraniums which are wintering over in the glasshouse too.



The rhubarb is just beginning to shoot (left) and when the days warm up a bit manure will go around them before the forcing pots will be put over them. Each morning the lids will be removed

and put on again in the evening, this forces them to grow to the light, and the height of the pot. The stalks will be red along the full length of the stem, be sweet and not pithy.

Lucy and Charlie are coming up to make birdseed cake – a mixture of bread, birdseed and melted animal fat, and then they can put it in little pots around the garden. If you have cats hang it where they can't reach it.

Happy gardening
Jane

AUGUST 1915 in MANIOTOTO

As the war continued, Parliament agreed to form a National Government with Mr. William Ferguson Massey, [Farmer Bill] leader and Sir Joseph Ward Minister of Finance. War Bonds to support war expenses were being issued on a regular basis with all citizens requested to contribute.

Fund raising for the wounded soldiers continued in full force with £1483.10 raised in the Maniototo since the beginning of June. Kyeburn held a hare drive (below), bagging fifty-three and peppering George Rawcliffe in the face with pellets. A doctor on hand treated him and declared him fit to attend the Ball which followed that evening.



Upper Kyeburn, not to be outdone, held a card evening and dance, raising £7.10s soon after.

Wedderburn had a Gala Day which included a tax of 1s on bachelors and a silver coin donation on spinsters, £123 being the final total.

Patearoa/Paerau continued with the Queen Carnival theme with a day raising £142. Among the events was a fancy dress rugby match, result a draw, and numerous inventive 'fines' against prominent citizens of the area. Becks,

Cambrian and St. Bathans also held events which netted £450 all up.

Thomas Mitchell and Augustus Hawkins were bidden farewell at a function in Ranfurly, both receiving gold watches among other gifts.

On the down side the deaths of Private William T. Farquhar, formerly Blackstone Hill, and Reginald Murphy of Naseby, were reported. Reginald was a Boer War veteran and was involved with the mules at Dardanelles.

MANIOTOTO BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

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- 1st Basilia MacDonald & Tracey Weir
- 2nd Jill Crosbie & Doris Gibson
- 3rd= Judy Elder & A Johnston
Diane Barton & A Wilson

7th July

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Farming Show	12noon - 1pm weekdays
Monday Night Memories	7pm - 9pm Mondays
Groundworks Ltd Country Show	6pm - 8pm Wednesdays & 9am - 12 noon Sundays
Entire Plumbing Rock Show	6pm - 8pm Thursdays
Combined Churches Choices	8am - 9am Sundays
McLarens Sports Round Up	9.30am Sundays
The Hits Weekends	6pm Friday nights and after midday Saturday and Sunday

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



MONDAYS

Ceramics Club:	10am at the Art Centre. Contact 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
Pilates:	6-7pm, \$3 per session at Maniototo Community Library
Maniototo Bridge:	7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members very welcome. Call Ang on 444 9231
Country Show:	Burn 729am 6-8pm. 444 9729



THURSDAYS

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



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 11.30am. Contact Carol 444 9949 or Syd 444 9604
Euchre:	Waipiata Country Hotel. 2-4pm
Catholic Church:	4pm 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
Business Breakfast	3rd Wednesday	8am - 9am	Amie 444 9993
Garden Club	1st Thursday	7.30pm	Sheryl 444 9776
St Hilda's Anglican Church	1st Sunday	10.30am	St Hilda's Church, Ranfurly

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