



Positively MANIOTOTO!



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DECEMBER / JANUARY 2012

MANIOTOTO FEATURES STRONGLY AT CANTERBURY ROYAL A&P SHOW

Every year a large contingent from the Maniototo flock (excuse the pun) to Canterbury for the A & P Show. This year was a 'Royal Show' with the attendance of Duchess of Cornwall and the Prince of Wales. Considerable success was had by many of our locals.



Maggie Dowling (5) and Mum Jo from Naseby (left) got 1st in the Open Lead Rein, 1st in the Best Mannered Pony, 5th in the Best rider and 5th in the Best turnout.

There were 19 ponies in her section, very big! They saw the Royals too, which was 'very cool'!

Maggie has been riding from the age of 2.



Tracy Crossan (Ranfurly) and Ballineen Blue Mountain (Brian) won Supreme Champion In-Hand Horse and Champion Ridden Stallion. Brian is a six year purebred Irish Draught stallion, one of only two in New Zealand, imported from Great Britain last year. Tracey's other horse HV Wolfetone (AKA Jim) was also sashed Champion Saddle Hunter at Christchurch Show.



Alan and Simon Paterson from Armidale Merino Stud in Gimmerburn with the Supreme Champion Merino.



Ian Smith (left) from Glen Leith Stud, Ranfurly with the First Placed Romney Ram under 18 months and Reserve Champion Romney.

Dawn Sangster (below with Pam Sundstrum from Mohair Pacific) has been breeding goats for the past 27 years, attending the show for the past five. But this would have to be the best yet winning many categories which lead to winning a 150th anniversary medal for supreme exhibit.



FORWARD PLANNING

2012

EVENTS

FRI 7th	Ranfurly to Waipiata Twilight Bike Ride
FRI 14th	Santa's Grotto @ Dunc 'n Inn
FRI 28th	Maniototo Garden Club Annual Garden Tour - Wedderburn.
SAT 29th	Maniototo Lions Steptoe Auction - Naseby
SUN 30th	Maniototo Library Annual Book Sale
MON 31st	The Easy Club @ Dunc 'n Inn 4pm

2013

JAN 1st - 6th	Naseby & Surrounding Goldfields 150th Jubilee
SAT 12th	Pool Party @ Ranfurly Swimming Pool
SUN 20th	Take A Kid Fishing Day - Falls Dam
FEB WED 6th	Waitangi Day
22nd - 24th	Ranfurly Art Deco Festival
MAR 29th - 31st	Naseby Cricket Centennial
FRI 29th	Good Friday
SAT 30th	Maniototo Markets
MON APR 1st	Easter Monday
MAY 17th - 19th	Maniototo Bards, Ballads & Bulldust Festival
AUG SAT 3rd	Highland Ball—Naseby
OCT SAT 19th	Naseby Car Show (20th back up date)
SAT 26th	Burn 729am Maniototo Markets
28th	Labour Day

**FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AVAILABLE ON
WWW.MANIOTOTO.CO.NZ**

NEXT EDITION DEADLINE

'Positively Maniototo' content deadline will be Monday the 21st of January 2013 at 5pm. Thank you.

MANIOTOTO LIONS STEPTOE AUCTION

Naseby Town Hall - Saturday 29th December, 1pm
All proceeds to Maniototo Health Services and
Maniototo Museums.
Donations of goods appreciated.

Call Pat O'Neill 444 7857
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to acknowledge and thank Betty and the late Al Traves for keeping the Maniototo Courier alive from February 2011 until Al's recent death.

It is a very worthwhile local 'newsletter' and I am delighted to see that it has moved on once more with a new format and new name.

Your first production was full of interest and I wish 'Positively Maniototo' great success in the future.

Francis Wood, Patearoa.

Letters to the Editor are welcomed. Please limit to 100 words and include name and address.

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TEAM EFFORT

A team of volunteers from the community will assist in bringing you Positively Maniototo every month (or bi-monthly as is the case with this edition).

We hope to have two 'representatives' from each area who will contribute to our 'Community Corner'. That way you can keep up with what's happening in every corner of the Maniototo.

You'll notice a wide selection of contributors too and we have Suzy de Louw (Ranfurly), Barry Empson (Waipiata) and Diane Paterson (Patearoa) on our editing team!

This truly is a community publication and we thank you all for your time and effort.

Be sure to be in touch if you wish to help in some way!

COMING UP IN THE DEC/JAN EDITION ...

- Explore Dawn Sangsters journey to Director of Alliance and her Aspiring Director of the Year award.
- Saffron will feature in the Recipe of the Month
- Maniototo - home of the 'real' Styx.
- The first of our coupon rewards
- We cover the 150th Jubilee celebrations big time!
- Facebook pages not to be missed
- Great content from all our community contributors

DIY PREVENTATIVE CARE

Osteopathy is a philosophy and an alternative medical practice which emphasises the interrelationship between structure and function of the body and recognises the body's ability to heal itself. It is the role of the osteopath to facilitate that process, principally by the practice of manual and manipulative therapy.

Evelyn lives in St Bathans and runs a clinic in Alexandra. She's also an advocate for preventative practises. In her first column for 'Positively Maniototo' Evelyn covers off DIY preventative basics!

'We often take it for granted living in the Maniototo but are we getting enough FRESH AIR at home, in the car, at school and at work? Eliminate known pollutants such as leaking gas heaters and cigarette smoking, ensure windows open properly and try to be less tense when exercising i.e. STRETCH! Fresh air is extremely important for living cells.

Improving the quality of the WATER has become a hot topic in these times. Water alone quenches the "thirst of the cells" and the effect upon the tissues is almost instant. ALL other liquids, including that "refreshing" cup of tea or a "welcome" beer are treated by the body as food. That is, they require digestion before absorption. Tea and coffee both have a dehydrating effect on the large bowel.

The last two elements ensure our emotional and spiritual well-being. A child's ability to develop at all levels, our sense of perspective, our ability to make decisions, our capacity to empathise and love are enhanced by access to basic REST and SHELTER.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL

David Hunter, Principal

Maniototo Area School offers a vast amount of curriculum opportunities to our Year 11-13 Students. A very successful evening was recently held informing parents of our 2013 NCEA students of what options are available to them. Through technology we are able to create a course to meet the needs of every individual student. Any talk you hear of our school not being able to cater for a wide range of subjects simply isn't true. Please feel free to come and talk to me about this as I would love to share with you the extensive options available for our senior students.

Our new senior learning centre is due for completion by February 2013. It will give our students a state of the art facility allowing them to put together an individualised learning programme suited their needs. The new building will be equipped with the very latest digital technology effectively connecting our young people with the rest of

CONNECT MANIOTOTO TOURISM WORKSHOP

On an evening in late October a group of nearly 20 local and regional business people got together to hear about the success of the recent 'Spring Fling' advertising campaign and discuss tourism issues and opportunities in the Maniototo.

Aimed at the Dunedin market, the 'Spring Fling' campaign combined a radio promotion with a leaflet drop in over 19,000 mailboxes. Anecdotal evidence suggest the campaign has resulted in direct benefit to some local businesses and prompted increased traffic to the Maniototo promotional website, www.maniototo.co.nz.

Upcoming events were discussed and there was general consensus that a winter campaign aimed at encouraging visitors during the traditionally quieter months should be pursued. The campaign would incorporate information about winter activities and highlight the extended Bards, Ballads and Bulldust now being held in May, the Brass Monkey rally and the Naseby Ice Festival.

The workshop participants agreed that everyone in the district has a part to play in providing visitors with a positive experience during their time in the Maniototo. Retailers spoke to a large number of tourists every year and were able to offer positive experiences for them to take away. Inconsistent service and availability of services came in for some lively discussion with no real solutions identified other than to appeal to individuals to do their bit.

The meeting was organised by the Maniototo Promotions Group. If you would like to be on the mailing list for future workshops, please contact Amie Pont amie@maniototo.co.nz

Special thanks to Barry Adams and Leonie Jenkins for hosting the meeting at the Ranfurly Hotel.

A NEW LANDMARK? *By Suzy de Louw*

The government's Rural Broadband Initiative, which promises to deliver "vastly improved and affordable broadband services for rural New Zealand", has reached Ranfurly. The overall initiative will see the construction of 154 new cell phone towers and the upgrading of 380 existing cell towers to enable fixed wireless broadband to rural customers as well as improved mobile coverage.

Telecom are building Ranfurly's new 25 metre tower at the rear of the telephone exchange. There has been no official announcement from Telecom and the project was underway before most of us realised what was happening. The site at 11a Pery Street is designated for Radio and Telecommunication under Section 176A of the Resource Management Act which means the normal resource consent process does not apply.

Initial excavation of a pit 1.2 metres deep by 7 metres long and 6 metres wide led to much conjecture by visitors to the Old Post Office Laundry. Bill McIntyre almost had them believing it was for a swimming pool!

After the contractors boxed off the foundation, steel fixers from Dunedin took over. They looked like tight-rope walkers, balancing on the reinforcing rods as they wove the pieces together in a matter of hours. The foundations for the tower are certainly being built like the proverbial brick \$%*!house.

Getting enough concrete delivered to Ranfurly in one go to fill the enormous hole proved to be quite a challenge. Mission accomplished with a procession of six concrete mixers over the course of a morning. Two from Alexandra, two from Wanaka, then another two from Alexandra fed the pump truck which gradually filled the hole with grey gloop.

Jones and Cooper, building contractors from Gore, definitely knew what they were doing having completed similar works for Telecom on fifteen occasions. The earthworks were subcontracted to local man Tim McGregor and the Ranfurly Hotel benefited from the contractors staying with them for the week.

Our sources tell us it will probably be early to mid-December before the tower itself is erected and then up to three months before the existing 15 metre tower is removed.



Above - Bill McIntyre from *The Old Post Office Backpackers* gives us an idea of the scale of the construction.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS

Rachel Andrews

As this is our first column, now seems the right time to introduce (or acquaint) you with our team based in the Ranfurly clinic.

David and Kate Dodd have effectively been "Central Vets" since the practice opened in July 1983, developing it into a true asset for the Maniototo community.

Becks Smith has been part of our team in Ranfurly for 3 years now but will be leaving us for about a year in January as she and her partner Jason head off overseas to explore the world. So, joining the veterinary team in February 2013 is Liz Paton who has been working in Edendale doing mainly large animal practice with dairy, sheep and beef featuring strongly. She is returning home with her husband Mark to his family farm near Shingly Creek on the Pigroot.

John Pegg, a recent Veterinary graduate from Canada, is spending part of his working holiday with us. Although we know that he and his wife Heather will return home at some stage next year, we are hoping to persuade them to stay.

Rachel Andrews has been working for Central Vets in the Ranfurly and Alexandra clinics for the past 20 years, enabling her to build up a solid animal health knowledge base. Barb Kearny holds a Veterinary Nursing qualification and has been with us for 7 years in a nursing role. Both born and bred in the Maniototo, Rachel and Barb love the interaction with the local clientele and their animals!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your loyal and valued custom and wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We look forward to assisting you (and your animals) in 2013.

The Maniototo Anglers Association
invites all kids and
their families to take part in
'Take a Kid Fishing Day at Falls Dam'



Sunday 20th January 2013

Weigh in at 3pm
BBQ supplied and prizes for all the kids.
So come along and have a great day!

DEVELOPING ARTS IN THE MANIOTOTO

Arts Trail Brochure Launched

A large project by Central Otago Arts Trust, Coordinated by Maxine Williams of Clyde has been completed. An extensive trail of art galleries and artists workshops and spaces has been brought together for the public to enjoy. The launch was in November at Oliver's.



L-R Maxine Williams, Luke Anthony (Ranfurly artist), Jan Bean (CO Arts Trust Board Member) and Jane Whittaker (Naseby artist) at the brochure launch.

How can we grow and develop Arts within Central Otago?

The time has come for the Central Otago District Arts Trust to review their strategy and they would like your input.

The Central Otago District Arts Trust are seeking the community's views on the arts in Central Otago and ideas on how we can improve and grow the arts sector for the benefit of the district.

The Maniototo public meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 December, Naseby Hall, 5.30pm

Come along, share your ideas and have your say on what your vision is for the Arts in Central Otago.

RANFURLY POOL OPEN DAY

Saturday 1 December 2012

Dyno will be up at 2.30pm. Bring the kids along for a fun afternoon.

Public Supervised Sessions:

Weekdays	3pm to 8pm
Weekends & School Holidays	1.30pm to 8pm

Admission:

Adult \$4	Children \$2
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Watch out for the new **Aqua Club** starting soon!

Season Passes and Swim Card's available at the Ranfurly Service Centre Ph 03 444 9170



A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

CENTRAL OTAGO

CENTENNIAL MILK BAR GARDENS

Diane Paterson

Project Maniototo and a group from the Applied Sciences Design department at Otago University have undertaken extensive consultation with groups and the wider community about how the public spaces are used in Ranfurly.

One of the outcomes has been to identify that the garden next to the Centennial Milk Bar is seldom used by visitors or the community. The gardens between the Centennial Milk Bar, the Railway Station and the goods shed have over time become overgrown and obscure views of the buildings. Council has been consulted and some of the self sown trees and over grown shrubs are to be cleared to open up and create a walkway between the buildings.

Some clearing work of overgrown shrubs has been undertaken and this has opened up access from the Rail Trail and provides views of the goods shed from Charlemont Street. The clean up is being done by volunteers and Project Maniototo would like to thank McLarens Transport, Maniototo Lions and the community helpers for their work.

The gardens around the Centennial Milk Bar and the Railway Station are looked after by volunteers and if anyone is interested in helping out on a regular basis please call in and see Amie in the Project Maniototo office.

TWILIGHT BIKE RIDE

Enjoy a relaxing ride to Waipiata on the Otago Central Rail Trail on the evening of Friday the 7th of December.

The Waipiata Country Hotel will then quench your well earned thirst and you can enjoy their now famous \$10 steak! Your bikes will then be transported back to Ranfurly if you wish or ride them back of course!

They'll also be running a Christmas raffle with proceeds going to local health services and pre-schools.

Get a gang together or gather up the family for an enjoyable evening out!



Meet behind Ranfurly Railway Station on Friday 7th December any time between 5pm and 6pm. Prizes for silliest hat and best dressed Christmas bike.

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

Jan Bean – Maniototo Early Settlers Museums

At our AGM earlier this year, local Sam-of-all-trades Inder was elected as our new Chairman. Since then Sam has overseen several important projects relating to the Maniototo Museums.

The task of digitally cataloguing all the items in the museum collection continues. Meanwhile, Keith Campbell worked through the winter months in near-fridge-like temperatures, scanning the entire collection of photographs in the care of the museum. He has done an amazing job under pretty trying conditions and now our photographs are quick and easy to locate and reproduce.

I attended a worthwhile workshop at the Otago Museum in October which exchanged ideas about Displaying Collection Items. Interested members also attended District Museum Meetings in both Clyde and Alexandra - it is always good to exchange ideas with other museum folk. It's the Maniototo's turn to host the next district get-together at the end of January.

With the help of some local Lions chaps, we now have newly-painted walls in the Council Chamber room on which to display the museum's collection of portraits - yes, we did use the Heritage colour chart! We can't quite emulate the grandeur of the new Toitu Otago Settlers Museum Portrait Gallery, with 470 images on splendid dark red walls - but we will be ready for visitors during Jubilee week who want to 'see' their ancestors on show.

Finally, with a lot of hard work from our members, it is with every good intention that our new walk-through exhibition in the Jubilee Museum will be open for business by Jubilee week.

And yes - we do still need helpers!
jan.bean@xtra.co.nz or 4449775

GIVE THE GIFT OF POETRY THIS CHRISTMAS

The Patearoa Ratepayers and Residents Association have reprinted 'Station Ballads' by David McKee Wright.

McKee Wright was a rabbitier rouseabout on Puketoi Station in the 1880's and, on the advice and with the financial support of Robert McSkimming (Crockery Bob), had poems published in the *Otago Witness* and eventually published the sellout 'Station Ballads'.

He wrote about people and places round Puketoi and Patearoa. His words are often funny, describing local personalities in an intimate way. This book will make a great Christmas present and only costs \$20.

IN TOWN by David McKee Wright (abridged)

We came from the hills where the hot winds blow
And the yellow tussocks wave,
From the long bright plain where the titris grow,
From the land of the sun, and the frost, and snow,
Where the hearts are strong and brave ...

We're in town and we met in the noisy street,
And the old strong days came back –
The wind in the tussocks waving sweet,
The mountain ridge, and the plain at our feet,
And the winding rocky track.

Pick up your copy today from the Patearoa Hotel or Burn radio station.

OPEN GARDEN DAY

The annual Maniototo Garden Club Open Day will take place between 10am and 5pm on Friday 28th December.

This year nine beautiful gardens in and around Wedderburn are featured in this very popular event.

Bring plenty of small change as there will be raffles, arts and crafts, and plants available for purchase.

Make a day of it by packing a picnic lunch or enjoying a Gardeners' Platter from the Wedderburn Tavern. You might even be tempted to Devonshire Tea at the Red Barn, Wedderburn Cottages.

Buy your tickets now (\$10 each) from Books 'n Things, Naseby General Store, or Naseby Information Centre. they can also be bought on the day at Bev Helm's garden, 546 Allison Lane or Tina Becker's garden, 6868 Wedderburn-Becks Road.

Proceeds are donated to local charities and community projects.

Enquiries to Tracey Weir 4447018 or Mary Wright 4449435

"It's mistletoe ladies, not camel toe!" Suz Johnson, OOSH Shannon.

ST JOHNS SCHOOL NEWS

GERALDINE DUNCAN

Term 4 is drawing to a close and each week has been filled with activities. We had a group of students travel to Dunedin to participate in the Otago Athletic Sports and they had a successful and competitive day. Ben Smith and Gemma Dowling did particularly well, placing 2nd in their respective age groups for the High Jump.

We were also visited by the ASB Rural Manager who presented the Senior Class with a plaque for placing 1st in Otago for the ASB New Zealand Maths Challenge that was held in August. This was a fantastic achievement from a class of just 10 students.

We had 'Wacky Hair Day' last week to raise money for MisioNZ. This was great fun and there was a lot of gel, hair-spray and hair accessories on display! We made \$100 which was a great effort.



Year 7/8 children at St Johns School. Back row: Emmett Dowling, Thomas Howell, Ben Smith, Marc Cormack, Charles Dougherty. Front row: Anna Kinney, Courtney Smith, Gemma Dowling, Brittany Weir & Niamh Kinney.

The children have been practising for our School Concert which is being held at the Town Hall on Thursday the 6th of December. The acting and dancing talents are emerging, and this will be an enjoyable evening where we celebrate our special character and year's achievements.

School finishes for the summer holidays on Tuesday 11th December. We would like to wish the community a very Merry Christmas and thank them for their continued support of our school.

COMMUNITY CORNER

After hosting the Maniototo Community Cup, **Waipiata** got straight into gear organising their part in the big walk from Naseby to Waipiata as part of the 150th Goldfields Jubilee. There will be Cobb and Co coach rides, exhibitions and bus rides up the hill to visit En Hakkore, the old Sanatorium and Hamilton's Cemetery.

Naseby is focused on the 150th celebrations, the launch of their history book and all the developments at Maniototo Museums! They look forward to welcoming all the holiday makers and regular 'cribbies' over the holiday season.

Congratulations from the community in and near **Oturehua** to our team for winning the Maniototo Community Cup. Oturehua is making significant use of our recycling depot.

Wedderburn had a great day participating in the Community Cup. The place had been humming with the rail trail, weddings and anniversaries. Wedderburn community has been busy tiling, tractor working and mowing. The rain has helped their millennium tree project as they are looking as wonderful.

Kyeburn hosted their community potluck dinner at the end of November and also enjoyed their day in Waipiata at the Maniototo Community Cup. They hope to see many holiday makers over the summer enjoying the beautiful Kyeburn River. This year the River Road Revival concert will be merged into the 150th Jubilee celebrations.

Gimmerburn community is on the hunt for old Gimmerburn rugby, tennis, cricket and hockey sports uniforms for a float for the 150th celebrations. If you can help them out please phone Sarah Paterson on 444 9716.

Patearoa Ratepayers Association have reproduced 'Station Ballads' (see page 6) and encourage visitors and locals alike to enjoy the Sowburn Walkway over the holidays as they have done a lot of work beautifying it and providing information along the way.

Paerau community and associates with the school and area celebrated 97 years of schooling in Paerau in November. It was a great day despite the weather and enjoyed by all who attended. Sadly, the doors are now closed but many memories not forgotten. If you are ever up that way check out the display board which provides an informative history of the school. Monthly get togethers continue to be very successful.

A small group of locals met with Council to discuss a more aesthetically pleasing look for the eastern end of John Street in **Ranfurly**. The gravel and rocks in the middle of the road are soon to be replaced with a small number of specimen trees. Groups of attractive but hardy, drought tolerant shrubs will be used to fill the spaces between the trees.



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MAD4CO MANIOTOTO

Successful forums exploring if the Maniototo would like to pilot the Making A Difference for Central Otago (MAD4CO) programme has led to the set up of a planning group.



L-R - Roger Browne, Clair Higginson, Brian Turner, Annette Mills, Amie Pont, Karen Munro, Pauline McDonald and Barry Epsom at the Oturehua planning meeting.

Focusing on local, national and international environmental and sustainability issues, the group plan to first launch an anti-littering campaign with the support of local 'identities' and to encourage recycling in the area.

There will also be an increased communication of resources and opportunities available with the first 'Farmers Forum' to be held in the winter.

The group has already held a 'fruitful' workshop where Fred Payton from Alexandra shared ideas on how to grow successful vegetables using organic mulching practices.

Meetings are rotated around the different townships of the Maniototo to encourage representatives to attend and contribute ideas.

For more information contact Karen Munro on karenalan@xtra.co.nz

INSTANT BUILDING AT RANFURLY AUTO SITE

In a reverse case of 'now you see it, now you don't', the new Blue Cross vet building appeared quite suddenly at the beginning of November.

Pre-fabricated concrete walls were dangled from a crane and manoeuvred into place like pieces of a giant gingerbread house. After a break of a couple of weeks due to delivery delays, the builders were back on site and it is full steam ahead.

Those of you who are regular visitors to the E-Central Café may have noticed the 'paint by numbers' mural completed at last year's Art Deco Festival has been moved a few metres towards the road making it easily visible again and able to be photographed once construction is complete.

A site in front of the concrete fence (which has been given an art deco twist with it's stepped down design) is going to be allocated to a town sculpture or similar!



This is what the site looked like in 1936. Bob Pringle [right] with traveller outside Pringle's Garage Ranfurly. Buildings to right Pringle's house, Wright Stephenson & Co Ltd, M. H. Hanrahan and the Bank of N.Z.



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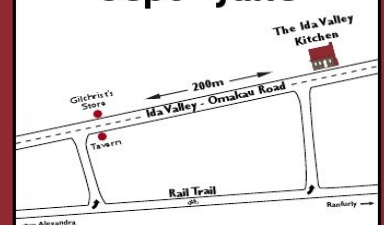
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CURLING CATCH UP

Maniototo Curling International
Manager Ewan Kirk

November was a busy month preparing for and hosting the Pacific Asia Curling Championships up at Maniototo Curling International indoor curling rink in Naseby!

Teams from all over the world competed with Kazakhstan proving the delight of the tournament. Being newcomers, they have managed some good performances with the women's team even managing a win over Japan! Plus they have a very entertaining skip (also President of the Kazakhstan Curling Association and Chief Coach) in Victor Kim who has delighted us with his cheering and laughter.



Photo opportunity at Maniototo Curling International during the Pacific Asia Curling Champs in November - Photo courtesy of Scott Becker.

The Kiwis didn't make it through to the semis, coming up against some very strong and professional competition. The women's team (Bridget Becker pictured left playing Kazakhstan) were a new combination and the ice was definitely more suited to the Asian nations' style of play. All teams thoroughly enjoyed their stay here; delighted by our beautiful scenery and the friendliness of everyone.

Other news from MCI

Heat Exchange System

Thanks to all those who have donated to our fundraising efforts to put in a heat exchange system at the rink. Unfortunately some additional costs have been incurred with the extra strengthening required where we have fixed the units to the roofing structure so any donations will go in the draw for a "Curling Voucher" for free time on the ice to experience the comfort of the new warmth the exchange system will provide!

A Youth Camp is being run by NZCA over 14-16th December with 30 entries so far!!

Volunteers

A special thank you to all of you who assisted over the "Pacific Asia Tournament" – a great job, well done. And, of course, to those of you who assist us throughout the year with other events and projects.

The Board, Management and Team and Maniototo Curling International wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF BANKING IN THE MANIOTOTO



Gold Agency building, Naseby – 1883



Bank of New South Wales, Naseby 1907

On 2nd December 1863 The Bank of New South Wales opened a gold agency to Dunedin in Naseby. This became a branch on 27th February 1883. The above photographs are from the Bank of New South Wales publication Views of Premises.

The substantial wooden building was relocated to Ranfurly pulled by a traction engine and today forms part of the Westpac branch on Charlemont St, Ranfurly.

Westpac is still serving the Maniototo community 150 years on. We are proud to be involved in the 150th Goldfields celebrations – visit our display of banking memorabilia at Naseby town hall during the week of celebrations.

Call in and visit our friendly team: Customer Service Representatives, Pauline Spratt, Sandra Stuart and Belinda Scott and Customer Banking Consultant Tracey Weir for some great local service.



**Thank you Maniototo for your continued support.
Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year**

**Opening hours
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SCHEDULE

Tue 1st Jan 2013	<p>Naseby Family Fun Day on Naseby Recreation ground – registrations from 1.00pm, this year has a Victorian/Miners theme so dress up and join the fun Official Opening at 3.00pm (approx.) Displays and jubilee information in Naseby Town Hall & Maniototo Early Settlers Museums open 10.00am - 4.00pm daily</p>
Wed 2nd	<p>Going for Gold - walk to Waipiata in the footsteps of the early miners. Depart the Indoor Curling Rink, Naseby, between 8.00 and 9.00am, return transport available. Prior registration is advisable - see website for more details and an entry form. Visits to Hamilton's Cemetery and workings and a chance to enjoy Waipiata community's hospitality Guided walks exploring Naseby's gold history - meet 7.00pm at Naseby Town Hall Golf Club 150th Classic at Naseby Golf Club – contact any club member for more information</p>
Thurs 3rd	<p>Horse trek departs – local horsemen and horsewomen of all ages set out to ride the high country trails. See the horses at Danseys Pass Coach Inn at lunch time Also, Four Wheel Drive tours in Danseys Pass area Visit Oturehua – Hayes Engineering, Golden Progress mine, historic Gilchrist's Store and afternoon entertainment at the Oturehua Railway Hotel Guided walks – 7.00pm at Naseby Town Hall</p>
Fri 4th	<p>Vintage Machinery Display at Ranfurly Goods Shed – view an array of historic agricultural equipment and activities from midday onwards. Live displays on the hour. Victorian Tea Party – on the Village Green in Ranfurly from 1.00pm until 4.00pm fun and games with the local Red Hat Ladies, dressing up is encouraged! Naseby Bowling Club 150th Classic – played in theme with old-style bowls and costumes to match</p>
Sat 5 th	<p>150th Jubilee Parade starts at 1.00pm finishing on the Naseby Recreation Ground followed by entertainment until dark – a show with something for everyone- dress in theme for even more</p>
Sun 6th	<p>Church service on the Naseby Recreation Ground at 11.00am followed by the Official close Cricket Match (cribbies v locals)</p>

The schedule was correct at the time of print however additions and changes are likely.

For updates go to Maniototo.co.nz/events and click on the 'more...' link.

The Naseby Town Hall notice board will be updated regularly during Jubilee Week.

JUBILEE LEAD-UP

Naseby Athenaeum and the Naseby & Surrounding Goldfields 150th Jubilee committee are selling Jubilee Pavers as a fundraiser and a way of commemorating the event. This is your chance to put your mark in time by inscribing a concrete paver with wording of your choice. They will be laid on site around the Athenaeum lawn and are available to organisations, families and individuals at a cost of \$75 each. For more information please contact Marilyn Swinbourn or Phil Flanagan.

Other snippets:

The Naseby Town Hall still has room for more displays. Has your family, organisation or business a story to tell? For more information contact Jan Walker on 4449 661

Have you entered your float/entry for the Jubilee Parade on Saturday 5th January. Contact Sam Inder 4449 884 for more information.

We would love to have all our local children involved in the festivities, especially the parade. They will remember it for years to come and likely be future organisers of the 175th jubilee.

Have you thought about your costume yet? Dress in theme for even more fun – see the website for costume suggestions. It's time to unearth those dress-ups and see what you have hiding away.

- Ladies, a long skirt, pinny, shawl, bonnet, hat, mop cap, frills.
- Gentlemen – waistcoats, bowlers, top hats, felt hats, cloth caps, suspender.
- Girls – longer dresses, pinnys, bonnets and mop caps.
- Boys – knickerbockers, waistcoats, barrow boy caps, collarless shirts

These are just some suggestions. The Victorian Wardrobe in Oamaru have costumes for hire, also Alexandra Musical Society and Dunedin outlets. The ladies at the Naseby Sewing Room are busy sewing dresses, pinafores, waistcoats, knickerbockers, hats and bonnets of all types. You are welcome to visit for ideas. Be in early, the books are filling fast.

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THROUGHOUT JUBILEE WEEK

The Naseby Town Hall is open every day from 10.00am until 4.00pm with displays of family, business and organisation's history, mining relics and general interest. There will also be daily photo gatherings. Add your best shots to the collection and enter a competition or simply share them for a future collation.

The Jubilee museum will host a fascinating new display and Settlers museum will be open daily from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

Children's Colouring Competition – collect a picture from the Naseby Town Hall or download one from maniototo.co.nz/events.

Whisky Blokes – contact the Royal Hotel .

Stagecoach rides and photo opportunities – the stagecoach will be moving around Maniototo offering rides and a chance to be photographed at a location of your choice – programme to be advised.

Gold panning on the gold claim display site, Avoca Street.

Installation of jubilee pavers at Naseby Athenaeum. A chance to put your message in concrete for future generations to spot– contact Phil Flanagan or Marilyn Swinbourn for more information.

NB: Watch for more information and updates on www.maniototo.co.nz/events

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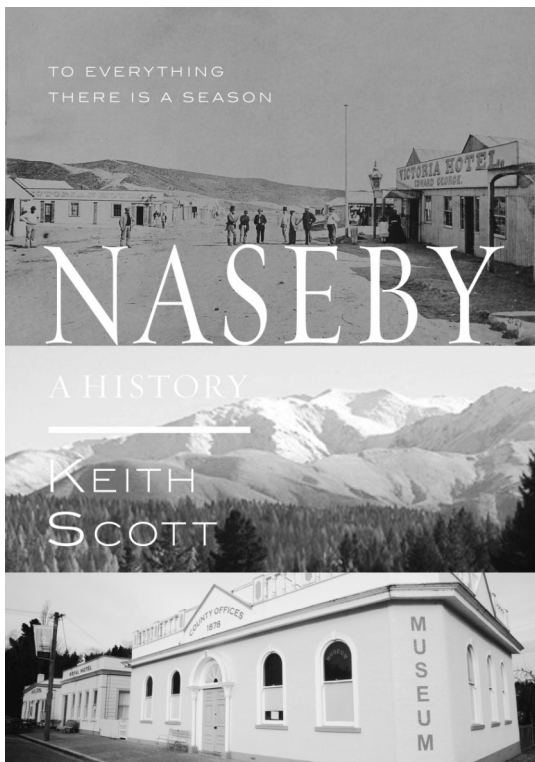
'NASEBY - 150 YEARS' BOOK LAUNCHED

A book has been published by Naseby Vision to help commemorate Naseby's 150th anniversary next year. Naseby Vision has raised the majority of the production costs through generous donations from trusts and individuals and then commissioned writer and historian Keith Scott as author.

Scott is well known to Maniototo residents for his book "Before ANZAC, Beyond Armistice", his social history of Central Otago and its soldiers during the First World War which featured many local families.

The book is the first definitive history of Naseby and the areas goldfields that has ever been published. It's over 500 pages including 30 plus pages of historic photos.

The book not only brings to life new and fascinating accounts about Naseby's colourful past and the conflicts and the struggles that miners and their families encountered, but it will surprise readers as it also firmly dispels some of the myths that have become legend about a number of widely-known Naseby events over the past 150 years.



The Maniototo Lions, who will do door-to-door sales before Christmas, will benefit from initial sales, and half the nett proceeds are going to the Maniototo Early Settlers as an ongoing contribution to the museum. The pre-Xmas price will be \$45 and post-Xmas it'll be \$49.95.

Order delivery of your copy now by calling:

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SNIPPETS

- Congratulations to the team at the Real Dog Equipment Co on the arrival of 13 little additions to their extended family. If you feel the need for a dose of 'puppy love' pop along and see them in a couple of weeks.
- General disappointment greeted the news that the Garden Club's November 3rd outing to view the heritage roses at the Dunedin's Northern Cemetery had to be cancelled due to the unseasonal fall of snow. Coincidentally, New Zealand Gardener magazine's December edition has a lovely feature on these roses. Not quite as good as being there but come consolation.
- Maniototo Hospital Xmas Hamper Raffle results are: 1st Francie Morrow, 2nd Mike Summers, 3rd Christine Cleugh and 4th Carol Dougherty.
- Friends of the Hospital Raffle results Xmas Cake Raffle (Carol Mackenzie), Petrol Vouchers (Geoff Blakely) and Rose (Irene O'Malley). Thanks to everyone for their support.
- Volunteers are wanted to help out a couple of hours here and there at the Art Deco Gallery. Free use of wireless and a great way to help give our visitors a unique experience. Please call Cate Herlihy on 444 7767
- Waipiata Grandmothers Triples Bowling Tournament will be held on Monday 7th January. Entries to Kris Carey on 444 9107 by 5th January please.
- Agri-Women's Development Trust is looking for interest in the area from rural women who may wish to attend in a high-quality, empowering, heavily subsidised two-day programme running in March 2013. For more information and to register your interest go to www.awdt.org.nz or email rachel@awdt.org.nz.
- Don't forget to tune in to Burn 87.9FM in Ranfurly and 729am for the wider Maniototo.

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Christmas **Food Bank Drive**, Ranfurly – Tuesday 11th December, 6pm onwards. Listen out for the siren in your street and pop out to donate to the trailer. Donation boxes also at the 4 Square stores.

The Committee will be helping out the Burn 729am team at **Santa's Grotto** at Dunc' n Inn on Friday 14th December from 4pm. Bring the children along for a photo with Santa and a wee pressie!

Christmas Carols at the hospital and Chalet. 4pm, Sunday 16th December. Meet outside the main entrance. ALL very welcome.

Decorate your business with a Christmas theme **or your letterbox** at home and be in to win great prizes! Open to all Maniototo businesses and households. Register by 5pm Thursday 20th December.



Contact Robyn on 444 9065, Di on 444 9500, Kaye 444 9744 or Denise 444 9603.

Other Christmas celebrations

The final **Children's Christmas Craft Session** will be held at the Ranfurly Presbyterian Church on Sunday the 9th of December. There is no cost for this and all materials will be supplied. Call Rowena Kinney for more information on 444 4700.

Any business or community group in the Maniototo is invited to come into the radio station and record a **FREE Christmas message**. Call 444 9729 to organise a time. A great way to thank your customers, volunteers or wider community!

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OUT AND ABOUT



Ewan Mason and Dave Ponton fixing the new FM aerial onto the mast at Burn Radio Station. The low powered frequency is free to not-for-profit radio stations and will broadcast to a 4km radius, allowing visitors searching FM in their vehicles to tune in to local content (and another option for locals who perhaps haven't been able to get AM on their stereos at home).



Witches, demons and goblins gathered at the Halloween Disco at Maniototo Area School.



A stunning day came out of nowhere for the Primary Schools Sports Day where competitors and supporters were able to enjoy a cool treat.

If you're out and about please feel free to take a few snaps, throw together some words and send to amie@maniototo.co.nz.

SUPPORT FOR WHANAU IN THE MANIOTOTO

Representatives from a variety of service providers gathered in November to connect with Maniototo Whanau and the wider community.

A morning tea was hosted by Strengthening Families (Maureen Miller) and Uruuruwhenua Health Incorporated. Uruuruwhenua works to empower Whanau to reach their full potential by providing ways to make responsible choices that impact positively on our lifestyle. They have a free quit smoking programme, can help with the establishment of community gardens, give support in all aspects of health and link in with other agencies.

Uruuruwhenua is also the local providers of the government funded Whanau Ora service. They have information and resources on health and wellbeing, advocate on behalf of Whanau and facilitate with raranga, kapahaka, miri miri and community development projects. One of the agencies they will be working closely with is Public Health South.

Rodger Mangai from PHS has started an initiative to improve contractor and employee health in the wool harvesting industry in New Zealand. This project was an initiative which began in 2010 lead by Public Health South health promoter Jo Kingi in partnership with a Public Health South mental health promoter.



Rodger Mangai and Barbara Hore (Maniototo Area School) at the Uruuruwhenua morning tea in the Ranfurly Rugby Clubrooms.

The shearing industry has a current workforce of 7,500 to 8,000 people comprising 75 - 80% Maori. Maori come to Central Otago from all over the country to work in the shearing sheds and range in age from 17yrs through to retirement. It has been identified that this environment has potential for vast health improvement and would benefit from this type of support.

Rodger will work with local contractors, schools, agencies and the wider community to promote health and mental wellbeing through workplace culture and provide structures that values, supports and reinforces good decision making.

Contacts: uruuruwhenuahealth@xtra.co.nz and Rodger.Mangai@southerndhb.govt.nz

ICL RANFURLY STAFF CHANGES

ICL Chartered Accountants Ranfurly office is about to undergo some changes. After 39 years of service Robin Moore is due to retire at the end of this year.

Robin has been a huge asset to the team and is one of the longest serving members of ICL. We have appreciated having Robin in the Ranfurly office which has meant that we have been able to provide clients with a place to call in and have a yarn, get advice and we have kept ICL involved in the Maniototo community.

We remain committed to the Maniototo, and our office in Ranfurly will operate with extended hours after the Christmas break – see the table below. We have appointed Pat Cooney to take on the task of manning the Ranfurly branch. Pat has many years of experience within Central Otago in a variety of positions, and as a keen curler is also passionate about the Maniototo region.

Christmas Function

Please feel free to drop in to the lounge bar at the Ranfurly Hotel from 4pm on 19 December where we will be having a farewell for Robin. It would be great to see you, and for you to have the opportunity to say “cheers” to Robin, and to meet Pat. If you would like to attend, please contact Robin in Ranfurly or Shari in Alexandra by Friday 14 December.



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ICL OFFICE HOURS FOR THE NEXT 2 MONTHS WILL BE:

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	Robin	Thursdays	9am - 3pm
	Robin	Fridays	9am - 3pm
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MANIOTOTO HEALTH COMPANY 2012 AGM

The first meeting of shareholders since the integration of the Chalet rest home with the hospital will take place this week.

The Annual General Meeting of Maniototo Health Services Limited will be held in the Rugby Clubrooms, 7.30pm on Monday 3rd December

"While the meeting is primarily for the benefit of the many local shareholders in the health services company, Chairman Errol Millar, said members of the public are most welcome".

The meeting will cover the usual agenda items for an AGM including a report from the board and management, presentation of the financial accounts for the year ended 30th June and election of directors. All present will be invited to raise any questions in a General Business item at the conclusion of the formal items.

The integration of the two entities took effect from 1st October this year so the formal annual accounts only cover the financial performance of the health company to 30th June. The company returned an audited surplus of \$161,075 (2011 \$94,663).

A brief summary of the Chalet's financial performance (for their financial year ended 31st March 2012) is included with the annual accounts for the benefit of shareholders. The Chalet returned an unaudited surplus of \$103,847 (2011 \$16,110).

Errol Millar said "While these results for the separate entities are quite pleasing they both contained some one-off items that positively affected results and we will have to work hard to maintain revenue whilst controlling our combined costs."

"As we complete the full integration of the services our attention will turn to the future and the type of facilities required. Once we settle on some realistic options I am sure there will be lots of discussion amongst shareholders and the community at large before we make any firm decisions"

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Honey was regarded as the food of the Gods, it is the oldest sweetener and has been used in everything from Mead to the ancient Greeks using it to make bread called *melitutes* and the Romans making a sacrificial cake known as *libum*.

The colour, flavour and aroma of the honey depend on the type of flower the nectar is taken from. There are three main types of honey. **Clear (runny) honey** which is generally used for eating and can be blended with other flavoured honeys. **Honeycomb** which is chewy and waxy in its structure it is in its pure form and has an unrefined flavour. **Set (creamy) honey** is made by stirring or whipping clear honey. The honey I have used in today's recipe is locally sourced Benny's Honey from the Maniototo and is a creamed clover honey.

When it comes to using honey in cooking it lends itself to both savoury and sweet dishes in today's recipe of Lemon Honey Cup Cakes the combination of the lemon and honey works well with the tartness of the lemon in the cake and icing helps to offset the sweetness of the honey.

Some other flavour combinations include honey + cream + pistachios, honey + fruit + yogurt, Honey + almonds + chicken.

Lemon and Honey Cup Cakes

1 ½	cups all-purpose flour
½ t	baking powder
½ t	baking soda
¼ t	salt
¼ cup	sour cream
1/8 cup	milk
1 ½ T	grated lemon zest
2 T	lemon juice
½ cup	butter, softened
½ cup	honey
1/8 cup	sugar
2	eggs

Lemon-Honey Icing

½ cup	butter, softened
1/8 cup	honey
1 ½ T	grated lemon zest
2 cups	icing sugar
4 t	lemon juice
Few drops yellow food colour	

- ◇ Heat oven to 180 C – line 12 muffin tin with paper cases.
- ◇ Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl to blend.
- ◇ Whisk sour cream, milk, lemon zest and juice in a small bowl until well mixed.
- ◇ Beat butter, honey and sugar in large bowl with an electric beater until light and fluffy.
- ◇ Beat in eggs, one at a time, until blended.
- ◇ With mixer on low speed, beat in half the flour mixture, then the sour cream mixture. Beat in remaining flour mixture until just combined.
- ◇ Spoon mixture into paper cases.
- ◇ Bake 18 to 20 minutes until wooden pick inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool.

Icing

- ◇ Beat butter, honey and lemon zest in large bowl with an electric mixer until creamed.
- ◇ On low speed, beat in icing sugar until blended.
- ◇ Beat in lemon juice and a few drops food colour until mixture is fluffy and pale yellow.
- ◇ Spoon into a piping bag and pipe onto cupcakes, or just spread icing onto cupcakes.





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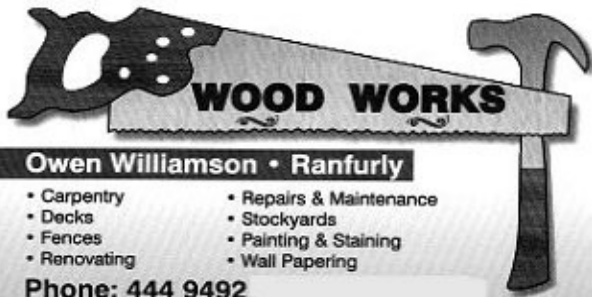


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- Pre School Music: 10.30am at Ranfurly St John Ambulance rooms. Contact Renee on 444 8212
- Pump Class: 5.00pm at the MAS Gym for all fitness levels. Contact Natalie Blakely 4449 640
- Ranfurly Karate Club: 6-8pm for beginners & lower grades, Maniototo Arts Centre. \$1pp – call 444 9831
- Euchre: 7.30pm at Patearoa Bowling Club, good supper. All welcome.

TUESDAYS

- Pottery Group: Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Maeve Collins 444 9647

WEDNESDAYS

- Tai Chi: 9.30am – 10.30am at Naseby Fire Brigade. \$2 everybody welcome contact Tracy 444 9904
- Artists Group: 1.00pm, Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly. Contact Norma Manson 444 7076
- Ranfurly Karate Club: 6-8pm for Graded Members @ Arts Centre. \$1pp. Call 444 9831
- Maniototo Bridge Club: 7pm Wallace Memorial Rooms. New members very welcome. Call Ang on (03) 444 9231.

THURSDAYS

- Tai Chi: 9.30am – 10.30am at St John Rooms Ranfurly. \$2 everybody welcome contact Tracy 444 9904
- Pump Class: 5.00pm at the MAS Gym for all fitness levels. Contact Natalie Blakely 444 9640
- Entire Plumbing Rock Show: 6pm – 8pm on Burn 729am.

FRIDAYS

- Patearoa Play Group: 10am – 12noon. Pre-school fun. Come along for a chat, to relax and meet others – all welcome!
Call Debbie on 444 9280.
- Social Indoor Bowls: 1.30pm Social Bowls. All welcome \$2 and soft or flat shoes all that is required.
- Kids Coaching Curling: 6pm start at Curling Rink in Naseby.

SATURDAYS

- Maniototo Golf: Call Denise Baddock for details.

SUNDAYS

- Catholic Church: 9.30am Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly.
- Presbyterian: 10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly

WHAT'S ON BURN AND WHEN

- Birthday calls - 7.45am weekdays/ 9.20am weekends.
- Buy, Sell and Swap - 9.20am , 11.20am and 3.20pm weekdays.
- Community Notices - 10.20am, 2.20pm and 5.20pm weekdays.

ALL COMMUNITY AND BUY,SELL & SWAP NOTICES ARE SPLIT OVER THE 3 TIME SLOTS THEN ROTATED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

- Monday night memories 7pm - 9pm Mondays.
- Country Show - 6pm - 8pm Wednesdays and 10am - midday Sundays.
- Rock Show 6pm - 8pm Thursdays followed by 'Long Play' (Classic Album) 8pm - 9pm Thursdays.
- Choices - 8am - 9am Sundays.
- Sports Round Up - 9.30am Sundays
- Classic Hits weekends after 6pm Friday nights and after midday Saturday and Sunday.
- Talk Back Tuesday Nights to resume from mid March until November.
- Road Reports/ Water notices done at the top of the hour after the news if there is anything to report.

Maniototo Toy Library	2nd Monday	11.30am – 12.30pm	Jo (03) 444 9290 or Michelle (03) 444 9034
Maniototo Spinners	2nd and 4th Monday	10am – 2pm	Rona (03) 444 9144 or Bonnie (03) 444 9932
Maniototo Garden Club	1st Thursday	7.30pm	Jenice (03) 4449 449
Business & Tax Consult	2nd Thursday	All day	Andrew P. Hayes on (03) 434 8593

Please note some clubs/activities may not run through school holidays.