

FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

Hello there, May. We don't know about you, but we reckon it feels like a blink-and-you'll-miss-it year so far! Even so, there's still so much happening in the area.

We were having a chat with a visitor to the area who mentioned they liked sleepy little places where nothing happens - oh how we laughed! We rattled off all of the things happening in the next couple of weeks - a Tiaki Maniototo Plant Sale, the Māniatoto Arts Centre Community Open Day, school holiday activities at the library, ANZAC services, the Lion's Potato Competition shindig, fundraising events and more! It never ceases to amaze us with what is going on in our community. If you've got an event coming up you would like to share with the community please get in touch with us and we can help spread the word.

We welcome a couple of new writers on board this month - we hope you enjoy their articles as much as we have.

Emily and Kristina.

CHEAP THRILLS: HUNTING IN CHARITY SHOPS

Margaret Mitchell



One man's trash is another man's treasure.

Most peoples' homes are not empty spaces of zen calm but instead are full of 'stuff' in garages, sheds, spare rooms, and cupboards that will be used, or needed, by someone, somewhere, someday.

It's remarkable that TV programs on contemporary house design forefront 'storage space' as an essential element. Contrast this with homes built at the turn of the last century. If you are lucky enough to own a wonderful old character home

there might be one tiny built-in cupboard. Reason? Folk back then didn't have much.

So, without dwelling on the contemporary evils of consumerism, let's look at the fun to be had raking through what other people no longer want! Enter Trade Me, Facebook Marketplace, charity shops, op shops, garage sales and good old 'jumble' sales. Here bargains are to be found, whether something you need, or a flight of fancy trying colours or styles you'd never pay full price for ... hello you lovely \$5 purple and orange swirly kaftan! Sure, that's accumulating more stuff but it's so inexpensive and has the thrill of discovery and experimentation. Buying in charity shops is justified: it contributes to a cause and you can donate what you no longer want! And so it goes round "creating an intricate system of giving and taking", as Kaitlyn Wislang describes in her 2022 article on Stuff.

Who doesn't love walking into an op shop hunting ground? Like a hunter, alert to the lay out of this jungle of opportunity deciding what to stalk first! All the while keeping a wary eye on other hunters. On road trips I usually take five-minute breaks in such places. After a trip to Invercargill last weekend I returned with hard to find and out of print books on New Zealand's extraordinary effort in the world wars which I need for a project (from Winton Salvation Army); a gorgeous bright green bead necklace (from Gore Hospice Shop); and a big red glass chile pod (from Roxburgh Thrift Shop) ... yup, I don't know why either, but I couldn't resist its bright fabulousness.

In Dunedin, I bumped into an elderly friend of a friend in Jubilee Park, as we walked our dogs. She was wearing an unusual blouse that I, myself, had bought in a Perth charity shop, brought to New Zealand when I moved here and then donated to Dunedin Hospice ... where she bought it. Talk about 'what goes around comes around!' Only once have I fleetingly worried about encountering the original owner of a 'pre-loved' but 'new to me' outfit. At a business meeting in Alexandra recently I wore a striking yellow dress bought from the Alexandra Salvation Army for \$8 (yes quite expensive!). It crossed my mind that one of the women at the meeting could have donated it. If so she didn't let on.

A few years ago, raking through framed pictures at the 'Rummage' shop (oh dear that is not a classy name) at Green Island, I came across a lovely little



pen and ink drawing. At 50 cents, it depicted the corner of a building on King Street in the Otago University district. Turned out it was by Fred O'Neill, a well-known New Zealand artist, although unknown to me. During a big clear out I asked Haywards Auction in Dunedin to sell it which, very surprisingly, it did for \$80! I can honestly say that this 50 cent purchase is my only 'find' that turned out to be worth any money. A regret is not buying a wonderful antique cane fishing rod and reel, for sale for \$10. It was held together with masking tape, but with a wee fix it would have been a beautiful nostalgic artefact from old time fly fishing. But the monetary value of things isn't the point. It's the fun of the hunt, finding the unusual, and the importance of re-use ... Russ and Tania at Lohi do their bit, as do the twelve delightful volunteers at the tiny charity Op Shop in Ranfurly.

Dr Margaret Mitchell's PhD is in psychology. In 2020 she bought and rebuilt the Becker family's old homestead in Otarehua. Despite this, or probably because of it, she is interested in why people do what they do!!

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- **Roxburgh Public Library**
Tues 7 May, 1pm- 4pm
- **Māniatoto Library (Ranfurly)**
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50K THIS MAY



This month you might see Kristina, one of the Positively Maniatoto editors, out and about on the streets - she's raising funds for the Sweet Louise fundraiser, 50K this May.

Sweet Louise supports men and women with incurable breast cancer by providing practical, emotional and social care. During May, Kristina will walk at least 50K (she's thinking it'll be more like 100K, but watch this space) in her quest to raise funds.

You can watch her progress and donate to Kristina's target of \$250 by visiting <https://walk50kthismay.nz/kristina-wills>

BLACKSTONE HILL SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Saturday, 11 May 2024 between 10am and 3pm

Blackstone Hill School located on the Wedderburn - Becks Road was the first school in the area and one of the last remaining buildings in what was once the busy mining town of Blackstone Hill. Visitors are welcome

to view the interior of the building and various photographs and memorabilia associated with it.

TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS OPEN

Community Trust of Maniototo and Maniototo Trust Fund invite funding applications from individuals, or community groups within the Maniototo region. Projects must have clear benefits for the Maniototo Community.

For queries about the funding scheme or assistance filling in your application contact: Janice Remnant (Asset Management Team Leader - Property) Ranfurly Service Centre by telephone at (03) 262 8502.

Application forms are available from the Ranfurly Service Centre, 15 Pery Street in Ranfurly.

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ART GROUP RESTARTS

Linda Close



The Art Group is restarting at the Māniatoto Arts Centre. Evening session on Wednesday's from 7-9pm (times can be negotiated), and Thursday mornings from 10am -12pm will also continue. Sessions this month are on 8 and 9 May.

What is on offer? Learn, experiment, gain confidence. Even if you don't know where to start I can help. You could, for example, bring your own projects and work on them, or learn a new skill and gain more confidence with your work.

I will teach new areas you may not have tried such as Gelli printing (no need for a press), mixed media, and drawing and painting techniques. Abstract art, altered books, visual journals, junk journals or sculpture. I can also show you how to make your own tools and media (much cheaper!). If you have no art materials come along and find out what you need to start.

Please bring along a gold coin to each session to contribute to the space hire. You can join in with the programme or just do your own work. I am a retired Art teacher so I may know a trick or two and have a tip or three...

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS

CAMP COLUMBA



From Tuesday, 2 April to Friday, 5 April, students from the Senior Class (Years 6 - 8) attended an outdoor education camp at Camp Columba, Pukerau, near Gore. What a fantastic week they had participating in many outdoor activities, such as kayaking, raft building, abseiling, high ropes, water sliding and air rifles.



They enjoyed a challenging, physical but awesome time away.

HONEY HIGHLIGHTS

On Friday, 22 March, Anna and Rob McSkimming came and showed each class how to extract the honey from our Holy Paddocks beehives. What a lot of honey there was and we all got to have a taste. Each student brought a jar to school which was filled up and taken home for the family to share.



A big thank you to Anna and Rob, especially Anna, who has spent a lot of time over the last six months teaching each class about bees. They are very hard working, interesting insects that we rely on to keep our ecosystems thriving.

MAS NEWS

VIETNAM

Thanks to the members of the community who have supported t shirt sponsorship, this has been a most successful first fundraiser. Thanks too to those supporting us with calf raising.

Keep an eye out for our next fundraising activities which will include an art auction, firewood and a major raffle. We may even have a surprise Matariki event to announce soon.

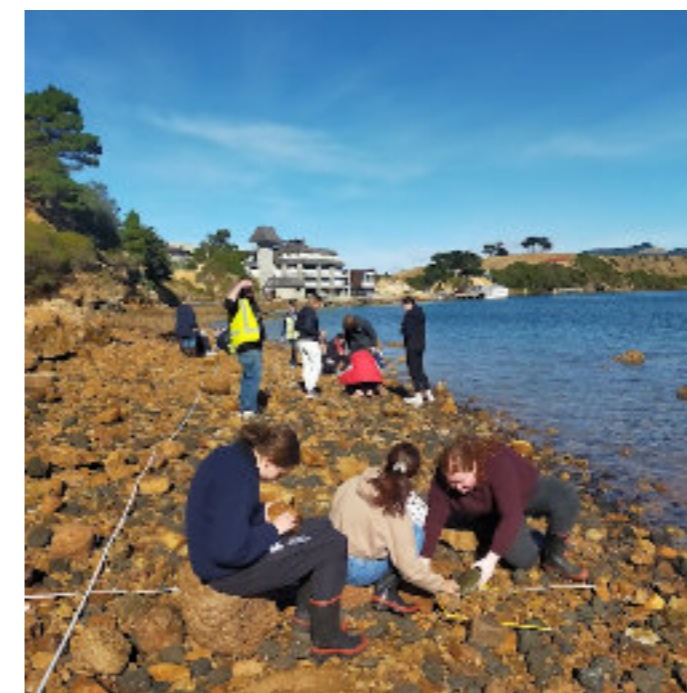
This community support means a great deal to us - and we will be excited to share the trip plans in the near future.

CRAB CAMP AND YEAR 12 ECOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO PORTOBELLO



The Science Department have had a busy time with Marine Biology related field trips this month. Recently our Year 13 Biology Class attended a two night camp staying at Quarantine Island where they travelled by boat each day to the Marine Biology Laboratory to study the behavioural effects of half crabs at "Crab Camp".

The Year 12 Biology class also had a day trip to Portobello. They studied the gas exchange system of squid and mussels through dissections as well as a rocky shore ecology survey.



ROAD RACE

The weather held out and the conditions were perfect for our whole school Road Race on Tuesday, 9 April.

With various distances to run, Years 9-13 ran a return trip to Barney's Lane which was 6 km, Years 7 and 8 to the cemetery and back (3 km), while the primary students ran varying distances.

Thank you to Jess Owens for ensuring students were safe, and visible while out running the course. Some of our school G.R.I.T. goals aligned nicely with our students' personal challenges. It was fantastic to have the support of parents, caregivers, grandparents and siblings at the finish line.

Thank you also to the residents of the Ranfurly Chalet that watched and encouraged students during the race.

Check out page 12 for photos.

STICKS'N'STONES

On the 18th of March, the Year 7 and 8's spent a successful day at school, working with Karla Saunders who is the CEO of Sticks'n'Stones. Karla fronts this programme which is an anti-bullying initiative.

Karla's enthusiasm and commitment to Sticks'n'Stones is fantastic. We learnt what self-affirmations are, and practised saying them. If you say something often enough, you start believing it. We also looked at the potential impact of spreading rumours or repeating things that don't concern us.

A private matter between two or three people suddenly became far reaching and impacted many on a large scale when others became involved. It was somewhat confronting for students to see this modelled.

We are really excited for our next day with Karla, scheduled for 11 June.

ORC REMINDS COMMUNITIES TO BURN DRY FIREWOOD THIS WINTER Tim Ware

Air quality can vary immensely throughout Otago, depending on location and time of year. We accept we're able to enjoy good air quality most of the time. However, it's vital we improve air quality, where possible, to enable us to live in a healthier region.

Otago Regional Council is currently running its annual Burn Dry Breathe Easy campaign highlighting ways to ensure your firewood is dry for burning in winter, and the effects that burning wet wood and other items can have on the environment.

The Council hopes this campaign will encourage residents to consider the health of those in their area when using wood burners. Woodsmoke pollution can be reduced when residents burn only dry wood and keep their fire hot and not smouldering.

Air quality often degrades during winter due to increased domestic heating emissions, cold calm weather, and the occurrence of inversion layers. For this reason, ORC has monitoring sites in seven Otago towns: Milton, Mosgiel, Dunedin, Alexandra, Clyde, Cromwell and Arrowtown. These measure tiny particles in the air, including those from vehicle and industry emissions; however, the main source in Otago is home heating emissions.

Studies using temporary sensors in other towns have also been conducted to investigate where full time monitoring could be beneficial.

For more details and further Burn Dry, Breathe Easy tips, please visit www.orc.govt.nz/burndry




HEALTHCARE IN THE MANIATOTO

MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Flu jabs are now available at Ranfurly Medical Centre. To make an appointment, please call (03) 444 1073.

Please remember to allow five working days for a telephone prescription to be done. While we try to have these done within a day or two, they can be unexpectedly delayed by all sorts of things.

MANIOTOTO HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE



A big project that has been in the pipeline for some time is finally underway. The kitchen renovation was well overdue and the Board is pleased to have given the go ahead to this project.

The old kitchen has gone and rebuilding is underway. Expected completion is early May and we are planning to have a joint celebration with the kitchen opening and marking the fact that we have been in the new building for five years now!

A couple of reminders:

If you have hospital equipment that you are no longer using, please return to reception - much appreciated.

Also, Winter is around the corner and the season for coughs and worse the flu - if you are unwell please stay home, phone your loved one instead. We ask that visitors check if they need to wear a mask. At the moment there is not a requirement to do so however this can change. Thank you.



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IDA VALLEY ADVENTURESS

Jenny Grimmett

I'm dancing around celebrating 20 or so millimetres of welcome rain today. The grass has greened up overnight and I feel like I can have a shower and flush the loo without feeling guilty. The bowl in the sink is still useful for watering the garden, so it might become a permanent fixture for a while. I still need to remember to water my tomatoes and zucchinis in the greenhouse ... and to check Mrs Blackbird has not moved in permanently to the warm space with free food. I rigged up some strawberry netting over the door to try and stop her from getting in, but she is pretty cunning (the 'getting in' kind of cunning, but not so smart when I try to get her to exit the gaping doorway). I had a rat move in briefly too ... A bait station seems to have put a stop to its visits. I work hard in my garden and, with the short growing season and harsh climatic constraints, am not that keen to share with freeloaders. Swapping produce with friends ... that's fun. I get to see what they cook and that's double enjoyment for me.

My theory of 'large events causing rain' didn't work recently - thankfully - I managed to get my av-gas/petrol head/heritage planes fix for three days of the Warbirds over Wanaka at Easter and a fantastic bike ride with the Rural Riders at Ida Valley Station. After using my broken ankle as an excuse for not learning how to ride my new e-bike, I decided it was time to 'bite the bullet' and 'push out the envelope' I had been hiding in.

It was a perfect bluebird Central Otago day with more than 100 people of all ages riding on three circuits to suit abilities and ensure everyone had fun. I completely overstepped my abilities and learned lots about what I can do on the bike and what it is capable of (ride uphill over loose rocky trails and pass people) and what my limits are (over-thinking stuff too much, and riding up steep rocky trails and down the other side). I was absolutely exhausted by the 15km mark and one of my friends kindly rode his bike up the steepest hill, ran back down and rode my bike up before I managed to stagger to the top. I am eternally grateful for that and all the other people who befriended me, kept me company, gave me advice and encouragement to complete about 20km. We all gathered for a fantastic BBQ at the end and swapped stories while soaking up the sun.

With a few hours of extreme exercise comes almost complete exhaustion, but in a good way. I

felt justified to enjoy ice-cream and deep-fried food and lie back watching old TV movies. Then I wanted toast ... but I don't have bread in my house for fear of overeating. I found a fab alternative for those craving moments, inspired by my chef friend Simon Gault.

It's an Almond Bread that is quick to make and meets the 'no bread' diet rules too. I sliced mine horizontally and then toasted the two slices in a fry pan before slathering with Best mayonnaise, and filling with slivered lettuce, sliced home-grown tomatoes, cucumber, and crispy bacon. I made a second one using lemon pepper tuna. It's messy to eat as there is way more filling, but it is high protein and satisfying and worth trying out. You can add herb salts to add flavour or just leave it plain. I cooked mine in the flat based dessert bowl that I mixed it in and didn't bother to grease it, to save dishes, and it worked really well. Just push any mix on the sides of the bowl down so it is level before cooking. You can play around with the amount of oil and almond flour too. I used generous spoonfuls. The recipe is below:

Mini Quick Bread - Makes 2 Slices

1 tablespoon avocado or extra virgin olive oil (plus extra for greasing)
1 egg
3 tablespoons almond flour (ground almonds) or chickpea flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon Simon Gault Moroccan Seasoning (or your fave seasoning) or a pinch - 1/4 teaspoon plain salt

Add a couple drops of oil to a round ramekin to grease the bottom and sides. In a small mixing bowl whisk the oil and egg together. Stir in the almond flour and baking powder and Moroccan seasoning until well combined. Transfer the batter to the prepared ramekin and microwave on high for 90 seconds or until the bread is firm yet spongy to the touch. Carefully remove the ramekin from the microwave and then turn the bread out onto a plate. Allow the bread to cool slightly before slicing.



RURAL AND URBAN INTERNET, MOBILE AND PHONE

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OUT AND ABOUT - MAS ROAD RACE



RURAL RIDERS SUMMER SEND OFF

Rural Riders had a great day at Ida Valley Station on Sunday, 7 April, with the last ride of the summer. A great chance to get off the farm and have a yarn and a drink with locals was welcomed. With courses for all abilities and skill levels it was a popular day out for families. Photo credit: Jenny Grimmett.

LIONS POTATO COMPETITION

As we go to print, the Maniototo Lions are holding the prizegiving for this year's potato competition. We've heard all sorts of secretive whispers about various techniques for growing the best spuds, from insulated buckets to home made fertilisers. Secrets are closely guarded with fierce competition on the cards!

We'll have all the details in the next edition, including the winners and how much was raised.



Eric Swinbourn digs for hopeful gold with Margaret Steele. Credit: Marilyn Swinbourn.

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WINTER CAMP

Winter Register Now! Camps



The Maniototo Adventure Park is now taking registrations for the 2024 Naseby winter school holiday camps. These camps are hosted jointly by the Maniototo Adventure Park Charitable Trust and the New Zealand Olympic Luge Association.

- New for 2024:
- an option for those ten years and older in the Ice Camp to have the opportunity to curl on the indoor rink
 - a Curling Camp during the 2nd week of the school holidays.
- Both these are subject to sufficient interest.

If you are interested in enrolling for Ice Camp, Ice Luge Camp or Curling Camp, please visit the Maniototo Adventure Park on Facebook to view details.

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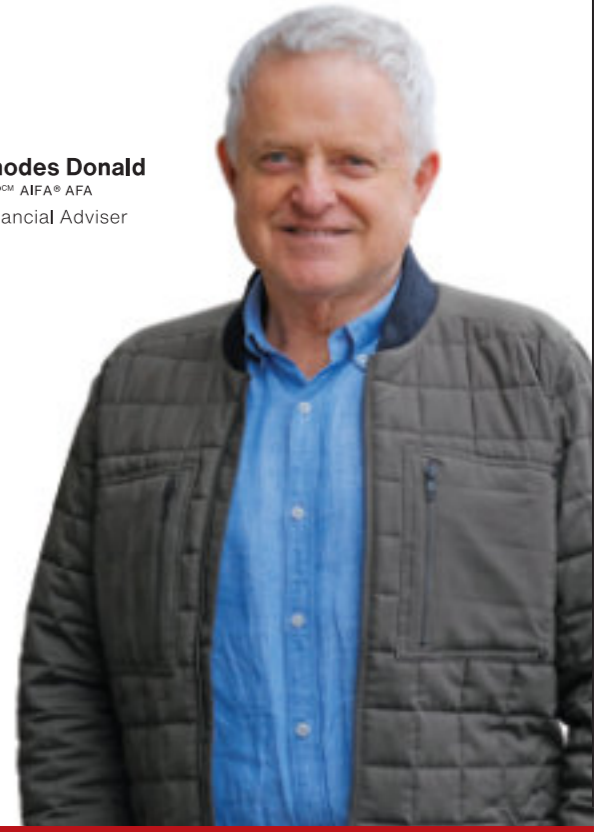
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THE RSA NEEDS YOU Shirley Clark



The 2024 RSA Annual Poppy Day Appeal, and the 2024 ANZAC Day Services have concluded for another 12 months. But where does your money for that poppy go?

Since its inception in 1916, the Royal New Zealand Returned and Service Association is one of the oldest ex-service organisations in the world and one of the largest voluntary welfare organisations in New Zealand.

Here in the Maniototo, the RSA has been operating for over 100 years, supporting our men and women that come from our community and have served in the Military. The RSA is not just about the men who came back from WWI or even WWII, it also includes all military personnel that have served in the many conflicts throughout the decades. New Veteran and Returned Service qualifying deployments are still happening, and new members are added to our ranks yearly.

The largest role that the RSA performs, is to not only organise the local ANZAC Day Commemorations, but also to support our Returned and Service personnel as needed. All money that is collected, through our poppy day appeal, goes into the RSA Welfare fund. These funds can then be accessed by any service personnel who may need assistance with medical help, psychosocial support or more generally with access or rehabilitation costs. There are many ways we provide financial assistance to our members and their families. Since 1990 more than 110,000 military personnel have qualifying service and need the support and welfare access provided by the New Zealand RSAs. Before 1990, there has been, and will continue to be, many other men and women that need our help.

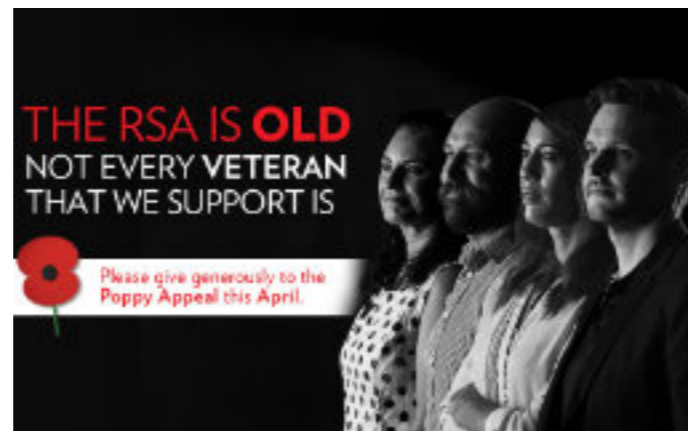
As of March 2024, the New Zealand Government Department Veteran Affairs is no longer taking on any new applications for the foreseeable future. To put this into perspective, of the 110,000 qualifying personnel, only 10,000 have

applications into Veterans Affairs. The other 100,000, should they require help, will have to be supported by the 108 RSAs we have nationally.

Money is not the only thing we need. We need bodies. We need people on the ground who can help us raise the funds necessary to support our local people.

The RSA is not all about those that have served in uniform. Our membership welcomes anyone who has a passion for helping our cause. Associate members are the second half of our membership base allowing the RSA to undertake the activities that are required. If you're interested in learning more or would like to join, please contact Shirley Clark on 027 956 9273.

Over the next few months, it would be my pleasure to introduce the current Maniototo RSA Membership. Each month one of our members will be featured with the aim of telling the story of the local faces that you may, or may not, know who make up part of the Maniototo RSA.



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2025 CALENDAR

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We've seen some amazing shots around - sunrises, sunsets, night sky and auroras, along with stunning landscapes. Dust off your cameras and remember we need landscape format, high resolution shots. We'll put the call out in July for submissions.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY...

- ... TO THE BEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD (AKA, MY MOM)
- ... TO ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A MOTHER OR MOTHER FIGURE
- ... TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFICULT MOTHER RELATIONSHIPS
- ... TO THOSE WHO STAND IN AS MOTHERS FOR THE MOTHERLESS
- ... TO MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD (OR CHILDREN)
- ... TO ANYONE WHO CANNOT BE WITH THEIR MOTHER TODAY
- ... TO NEW MOTHERS STILL ADJUSTING TO MOTHERHOOD
- ... TO THOSE WHO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF INFERTILITY
- ... TO PEOPLE SICK OF HEARING "WHEN'RE YOU HAVING KIDS?"
- ... TO MOTHERS WHO HAVE DONE THE BEST THEY COULD
- ... TO ANYONE FEELING PRESSURED BY SOCIETY TO BE A MOM
- ... TO THOSE WHO DON'T FEEL LIKE "TRADITIONAL" MOTHERS
- ... TO FOSTER MOMS WHO CARE FOR KIDS WITH KINDNESS
- ... TO THOSE WHO WILL SOON BECOME MOTHERS
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FENZ IN NASEBY

A hugely valuable and informative meeting was held on Saturday, 30 March at the Naseby Town Hall. Along with FENZ representatives (Fire and Emergency NZ), Naseby residents, crib owners and Ernslaw One forestry owners, more than 100 people attended. The objective of the meeting was to educate the audience to prepare for a potential fire in the district.

Mark Mawhinney, in his role as a Risk Reduction Adviser for FENZ, explained the concept of a 'Fire Smart' property and how homeowners could better protect themselves and their homes from wildfire.

Mr Mawhinney showed video footage of wildfires in Canada and how they burned into communities. Homes that were Fire Smart survived the fire.

FENZ would like to form a Naseby Community Response Group (CRG). This group would provide a voice for the community and help FENZ in its efforts to ensure Naseby is more resilient to wildfire and other emergency events.

Members of the community can contact Mark at 027 5304 590, the Naseby Fire Brigade, or Naseby Vision at 021 309 439.

A video recording of the presentation will be available for those who were unable to attend.

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Winter Crop Competition
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6pm, Friday, 10 May at
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Guest speaker - Josh Kronfeld, bar, evening
meal, and spot prizes.

Proceeds of the event will go towards the
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BURN UPDATE

James Valentine

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We welcome Denise back to the airwaves after a wee break (she just couldn't stay away) and like a duck in water she has mastered the new computer system. We still have a few day slots to fill - if you'd like to volunteer as a DJ announcer, please get in touch. Whether it's one shift a week or more, full training is provided and you'll receive a small gratuity for your time. If you're keen on doing a specialist show at night, such as '70s, '80s, or party tunes, let us now by emailing burn729am@gmail.com

What a great response to the Easter colouring competition from Positively Maniototo. Congratulations to the winners and well done everyone who entered.



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To the people that have been dropping off surplus fruit and veg to the Community Stand (located at 10 Pery Street), it is very much appreciated by those who pop by and help themselves. Cars come and go, people drop off and pick up, it's a busy wee stand.

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MANIOTOTO MUSEUMS NASEBY

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Existing members of the Maniototo Early Settlers Museum Association will be aware that membership subscriptions are due for renewal. With the end of the financial year approaching it is the perfect time to review your membership.

Reminders have not been sent to members for some considerable time, due to various committee member changes. The committee is endeavouring to right this omission and get the list of members up to date, including Life Members.

Should members wish to renew the subscription or join the museum, please direct credit to the M.E.S.A. account:
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BRASS THING

For over four years an unknown brass item was displayed in the Maniototo Early Settlers museum, Naseby, with a notice appealing for anyone who recognised it to contact the curator.

Finally a visitor looked at it, took a photo and posted it on the internet with a possible result in eBay showing it as a hookah base, so they contacted the museum curator. Further research showed that the Spurlock Museum, Illinois, U.S.A. had the same brass base as this one in Naseby and an email to them confirmed that the 'brass thing' was a hookah base from India dating to circa 1900.

During that time there were travelling hawkers, some of them from the Indian continent, selling their wares throughout the gold fields hence how it most likely came to Naseby.

A hookah is an apparatus mainly used to inhale scented tobacco smoke. It has a top chamber, where the tobacco is held, with a descending tube to a hollow base holding water. Smoke then passes through this water area to be inhaled by the smoker via an outlet tube. The hookah base will now go on display with the appropriate caption.



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MANIOTOTO MULTI-TURF PROJECT INCLUDED IN LONG-TERM PLANNING

A proposed multi-turf project for Ranfurly will be consulted on as part of the 2025-34 Long-term Plan.

The Maniototo Community Board met last month (Thursday, 4 April) and discussed the Maniototo ward component of the 2024-25 fees and charges scheduled for inclusion in the Central Otago District Council's Annual Plan 2024-25.

The proposed turf and courts upgrade for the Maniototo Area School, expected to cost upwards of \$900,000 was also discussed. Concerns had been raised about the safety of the ageing turf in its current state, and what would happen should it be ruled as officially unsafe, meaning Maniototo players would have to travel at least once a week for their games.

A clear funding strategy for the new turf was yet to be agreed upon, however some progress had been made that would potentially include the disposal of three school properties, external fundraising through clubs, trusts and sponsorship, as well as a Council grant.

After discussion, it was agreed in light of rate rises already signalled, that the presentation of a complete funding strategy and the proposed grant for the Ranfurly Multi Turf should be deferred for one year, so Council did not risk rating for something that might not occur until the following year.

While the draft Maniototo Ward 2024-25 Annual Plan budget was agreed upon, it was decided that the grant be considered as part of the Council's 2025-34 Long-term Plan. In the meantime, the community board has requested more information, analysis and time on the project before consulting.

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Sunday 4 August at 10am – Naseby Cup 3 Juniors & Seniors

For updates and information, please visit the Maniototo Adventure Park on Facebook.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT MINDFUL MONDAYS?

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The Budget

MONDAYS	Maniototo Spinners, Weavers and Knitting Group Pilates: Scrap booking & card making Monday Night Memories:	2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 10am - 3pm. Māniatoto Arts Centre. All welcome. Contact Helen 027 333 1267 MAS gymnasium. 5pm. Contact Barb 021 165 4872 10.30am at the Māniatoto Arts Centre. Contact Sandra on 027 847 5643 Burn 729am / 87.9fm 7 - 9pm
TUESDAYS	Maniototo Golf Club: Steady As You Go Classes: Maniototo Golf Club Community Scrabble & Cards:	Ladies golf, Competition of the Day. Tee off 11am. All welcome 10.30am, Maniototo Stadium Rugby Club Rooms. Call Joan (03) 444 9629, Karen (03) 444 9814 or Maureen (03) 444 9493 Ladies Golf competition of the day, tee off 11am; Ladies 9 hole golf tee off 12.30pm. All welcome. Contact Sharon (03) 444 9835 1.30pm Maniototo Health Services. Call Helen 027 333 1267 or Sandy 027 847 5643
WEDNESDAYS	Tai Chi: Maniototo Embroidery Guild: Catholic Women's Fellowship: Maniototo Bridge: Line Dancing Alternative Music Show: Ranfurly Karate Club	Classes 10 - 11am. Māniatoto Arts Centre. Enquiries to (03) 444 9831 10am - 3pm Māniatoto Arts Centre (back entrance) \$2 per session, all welcome. Amanda Hore 027 530 6306 or (03) 444 9109 Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. Contact Francie on (03) 444 9243 7pm at the Wallace Memorial Rooms. Visitors and new members welcome. Call Ang on 021 063 6630 or Judy on (03) 444 9798 For details please contact Sandra Stuart at 027 421 1076. Burn729am / 87.9fm. (03) 444 9729. 7pm - 9pm Māniatoto Arts Centre, 6 - 7.30pm. All new and graded members welcome. (03) 444 9831
THURSDAYS	Ballet: Pilates: Maniototo Garden Club	3pm - 7.30pm depending on age group. Ph Jemma Robertson 027 314 6595. MAS gymnasium. 5pm. Contact Barb 021 165 4872 First Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Maniatoto Arts Centre.
FRIDAYS	Catholic Women's Fellowship: Ranfurly Playcentre: Kids' Art Club:	Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. All welcome. Contact Francie on (03) 444 9243 10am - 12pm at Bute St. All ages from 0 to 5 welcome. 3.10pm - 4.30pm All school age children welcome. Contact Ro at 027 259 2320
SATURDAYS	Maniototo Golf:	Tee off 12.45pm. Contact Club Captain - Tony Carson 021 293 8872
SUNDAYS	Presbyterian Church: Naseby Golf: Catholic Church: Choices: Country Show: Maniototo Anglican Parish:	10am Family Church Service at Ranfurly Club Competition. 12.30pm tee off. Contact Jacqui 021 220 0310 5pm Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Stuart Road, Ranfurly 8am - 9am. Burn729am/87.9fm 9am - 12pm Burn729am/87.9fm (03) 444 9729 First Sunday of the month from 10.30am - Feb, March, April, May, Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec

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			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Business Group 5.30pm	16  Maniototo Garden Club AGM 7.30pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  	24	25 Pink Ribbon Morning Tea (pg 17)
26	27	28	29	30 	31	

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30						1
2	3 King's Birthday	4	5	6	7 	8
9	10	11	12	13 	14	15
16	17	18	19 Business Group 5.30pm	20  	21 Winter Solstice	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28 Matariki	29