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## MAYOR TIM SIGNING OFF

Tim Cadogan



I vividly recall driving out to a Business Breakfast in Ranfurly during the election campaign in 2016 as dawn was breaking over the Ida Valley thinking, 'Could I really be Mayor of this place one day?' The breathtaking beauty of the Māniototo has always left me astounded and to think I could have the role of being the head salesman of such a place was incredible.

I have felt that way on every single trip to the Māniototo since; but now it's more about the people I have had the privilege of representing than the geographical place. The magnificent, hardy, strong people of the Māniototo, who have accepted and often embraced this bloke from up the road as their mayor. Thank you all so very much for that honour.

There are so many memories of my time as your mayor. The community effort that saw your hospital built still leaves me astounded and being a small part of that was very special. I've loved the trips to the farthest reaches of the District, to the Styx, the Danseys Pass Pub,

the top of a hill with a farmer proudly showing me his work trying out new crops. I've loved sitting in your Community Board meetings, from the sombre starts where the names of those who have passed since the last meeting are read out (the only Board to do so) to the inevitable laughter as the board goes about their business, seriousness mingled with incredible humour. I will miss those meetings immensely.

I've also loved the simple things; hearing and often fixing people's problems when they've come to a Coffee and Chat, having a hot dog and a yarn at the A&P Show or watching the Business Group grow from strength to strength.

I've never lived in the Māniototo, but one of the essentials I'll be packing for the move to Wellington is a book of Grahame Sydney paintings. They are not of Clyde where I live but of your place, those wide open plains with the Hawkduns keeping watch. When I get homesick, which I know I will, looking at these paintings will be one of the medicines I take.

Thank you so much for allowing me into your community, it has been an honour, a privilege and a pleasure.

*A message from Councillor Stu Duncan*

Working with Tim has been a great experience. He has certainly spent time in the Maniototo, listening to the people with his coffee and chats, and has worked incredibly hard for the whole region.

We have had plenty of great outcomes and battles in the time he has been mayor - one of the biggest achievements would be working together to build the hospital.

I wish him well for his next position and I'm sure he will fit in well in Wellington as there are lots of coffee shops and balding middle-aged men!!

Good Luck Tim.

**Cover image credit: Phil Flanagan captured during one of the recent aurora events.**

## A HELPING HAND

Rachael Duffy



Auto Super Shoppe New Zealand recently organised a promotion called A Helping Hand to the Community.

Each participating Auto Super Shoppe in New Zealand donated a free service or repair to a charity, worthwhile cause, or not-for-profit organisation in their local community.

We chose Maniototo Sound System for the endless work Ewan Mason has done for our Maniototo community over many, many years. We have benefited from Ewan's sound system skills, knowledge and time, and for this we class him as our Helping Hand Hero.

Thank you, Ewan.

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## EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE AND A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING Margaret Mitchell



Generally speaking, I'm not terribly fond of housework. Nor was Joan Rivers who famously said: "I hate housework. You make the beds and wash the dishes and six months later you've got to start all over again."

Research on housework (yes there is research on housework) shows that women do most of it and advertisements for cleaning products and cleaning equipment all seem to be directed at women. The walls of my Otarehua house were stuffed with decades of old newspapers. The advertisements showed delighted women looking at the vacuum cleaner, cooker, sewing machine, birthday or Christmas presents provided by the pipe-smoking husband.

But having said that, my experience is that men are not bad at housework. Strangely, labour-saving devices don't seem to save labour. Analysis of seventy years of ads for household goods by Bonnie Fox (1990) found that, despite improvements in housework tools (vacuums etc.) and cleaning agents, the amount of time spent on housework didn't

reduce! Rather the advertiser's focus moved on to persuading people/women to achieve perfection, and instilling the idea that bathrooms or kitchens could never be really clean.

Thank goodness for occasional dinner guests and visitors. If it weren't for them, my living-space would always be a right old mess. In preparation for guest arrivals, there is a flurry of tidying accompanied by a refreshing sense of being in control. Surfaces rarely seen suddenly appear, rooms seem much larger and, boy, does that bathroom sparkle. A technique is to get one of the fifty reusable shopping bags around the place and sweep all loose items into it then take it to a guest-free room to be gone through later. At last count I had four or five of these bags, absolutely full of things I'd lost. Spending time looking for things goes along with an untidy home. But here are some helpful hints: small items like credit cards or earrings ... look down the back of the couch or under the car seats; medium size items like books, electric toothbrushes, laptops ... look under coats or laundry. On one particular spree, I gathered things from all corners of the house, finding a total of eighteen pairs of scissors, and this in a house where none can be found when snipping is required. Help is at hand though. Here are some examples of different ways of getting the house clean and tidy: declutter regularly; make a cleaning schedule; use a timer (!); prioritise the worst parts; keep cleaning products all in one place; involve the family (!!); use the right housekeeping tools; reward yourself (presumably at wine o'clock).

For a while on Facebook, I followed a US charity for disabled goats (yes, I know) which provides things like little trolleys for damaged back legs, and nappies. Instead of a photo of the goats' pristine barns, one time, the person

who runs the charity, posted a pic of her living room with a highly polished wood floor and furniture in subtle off-white shades, and not a thing out of place. A few other-abled goats were wandering around the room. I stared at that photo for quite some time realising that I cannot attain such calm tidiness with, or without, goats. But chaos has advantages. In Glasgow, arriving home one day, the house did look a bit messy but not all that bad ... Other than that I couldn't recall pulling three drawers out the chest and emptying them on the floor. I thought no more about it until my neighbour, ashen-faced, told me the whole street had been burgled while we were all at work.

I looked around for things that might have been stolen, searching for mum's precious pearl necklace I'd worn the day before. There it was, snuggled up safely in the unmade bed. The disorder had defeated the intruders, accustomed to a better standard of housekeeping that makes it much easier to find stuff to nick.

Telling someone the other day that I was writing about housework, they responded snootily that surely there are more interesting topics to write about. But it is interesting isn't it? Afterall, our homes are our environment. Does a messy house mean a messy mind? Not sure, but I take comfort from the famous photo of Albert Einstein's office with papers and books sliding off every surface. So, it's obviously possible to think up the Theory of Relativity when you can't even find a pen.

## STEPTOE AUCTION

Maniototo Lions Steptoe Auction will be held on Friday, 27 December, at the Naseby Town Hall at 3.30pm. Doors open at 3pm. For further information contact Tony O'Neill at 027 2723 649.

## SAVE THE DATE

Maniototo Garden Club Open Garden Tour is happening on Saturday, 28 December 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Thirteen beautiful gardens are on offer to visit in Ranfurly and local surrounds. Tickets go on sale in December - keep an eye out for posters going up.

## HISTORIC HAYES CELEBRATES

2024 is a very special year for us at Historic Hayes. It marks 100 years of the Hayes smooth grip chain grab wire strainer

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Keep an eye on the Historic Hayes Facebook page to find out about our exciting events coming up to celebrate this milestone, and see when our famous Workshop operating tours are on - see the workshop machinery come to life!

## POLICE PRESENCE

Kia ora everyone.

The November Edition is here and that only means one thing ... that Christmas is fast approaching.

That means lambing and tailing is complete and everyone got through it OK. I say OK as there was a fair amount of water falling out of the skies and a few road closures, and property flooding. Thanks very much to Fulton Hogan, Highways, CODC, Fire & Emergency NZ and everyone else for playing your part in not becoming a statistic, and helping out where you could.

There was someone who tried to drive a 15 seater bus through the closed road at Tiroiti - I understand Richard Smith may have dragged them out. I certainly wasn't able to cross the Kokonga Bridge in flood. It is a timely reminder to have access to emergency resources or organise a wee Civil Defence kit for your home.

I have had more and more requests to assist with Firearms Licence applications. I know it is all done online now, but if you are unable to access it or have fingers like thumbs you can always contact me and I can do it with you. It takes about an hour of your time and then that is off your shoulders. Call me at 021 922 416 and I can arrange a date that suits us both.

Congratulations to Willy Dowling for the promotion to Chief Fire Officer, and also a big thanks to James Hazlett for showing me how things run smoothly here with FENZ in the Mānīatoto.

In the last three months of every year Police concentrate on a few things with road policing. It will come as no surprise that speed, alcohol and restraints are targets for the end of this year, too. These three are the major contributors to serious trauma on our roads. Remember, it may not be you or your neighbour that causes the crash, but if there is one of these three in the mix there is more of a chance of trauma.

There have been three sites approved in Ranfurly for the speed camera van this year. Along with the van and an increase of the rural policing team, we will endeavour to reduce the harm in your community, and to your families.

Someone told me that they were flashed by the camera van last month at one of the sites.

With the spring clean of sections starting and dumping of rubbish, the trailers will be out and about. Just a reminder to have them warranted and registered. There are several mechanics in Ranfurly that can issue a warrant of fitness and you can get a 'rego' online for a small fee. Trailers have a maximum speed of 90 km/h on the open road.

Enjoy the weather change, and keep safe.

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## LIONS CLUB OF MANIOTOTO SPUD GROWING COMPETITION

Marilyn Swinbourn



If you haven't already got your seed potato in the ground for the local spud growing competition it's not too late. But you need to be quick!

Step 1. Find a local Lion who has some, or pick up a seed potato from Farmlands.

Step 2. Plant it in your chosen spud-growing spot. (Note, this could be a bag or bucket or any other suitable container).

Step 3. Watch, wait, water, wait, fertilise, and wait some more.

Step 4. Lions will come and dig it up in autumn, count, measure and weigh your crop.

Step 5. Come to a community barbecue where results will be announced and prizes awarded.

This year's variety is Agria, a popular all purpose floury potato with a long oval shape, yellow flesh and cream skin. It is a tried and true Kiwi favourite, suitable for wedges, chips, roasting and mashing. Agria were first developed in Luneburg, Germany in the 1980s.

Huge thanks to Farmlands who have sponsored the seed potatoes. If you can't track down a local Lion call into Farmlands and pick one up. Entry is \$5 per spud. Why not have an in-house contest too with one for each member of the family? This is always a bit of fun.

Proceeds will go to MESA, the Maniototo museum.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Elly Campbell

We would like to thank the Maniototo community for their ongoing support in our Op Shop operating Wednesdays and Fridays.

Following our AGM, we allocated funds to:

- Maniototo Health Services Ltd
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## BUSY MONTHS FOR MANIOTOTO BUSINESS GROUP

Derek King

Saturday, 21 September, was PLANT Day! Volunteer Group Southern Dash provided a lot of people power to assist in new plantings of natives along Charlemont Street. This is just the start with more plantings planned to enhance the town's appearance. Plants were donated by Tiaki Maniototo and Maniototo Hardware and Garden, and a huge amount of work was put in by a number of locals too, so thank you all.

The garden outside the Milk bar looks fantastic as do three other locations - now to keep the water up. We have a small number of people looking after these areas and if you would like to help us with this please contact Tania at Lohi, or Gary at A Bizarre Affair.

The shrubs outside the Miner's cottage in front of the Railway Station have been removed and it's been great to see wee kids playing around the cottage. There is a light on the Railway Station clock now, so with the other new lights that were recently done the station looks a picture at night.

The Art Deco and NZTA lights that are not working are next in line for illumination, once we get those in charge to actually get things actioned.

New and larger signage will be going up on both the main roads, before the bypass at Goff's Road, so that travellers will see food, rest areas, and toilets are close at hand. Hopefully they will come into town and ignore the bypass.

The Group is putting together an Events Planner for the Maniototo and we would really appreciate you getting in touch with events coming up. If we take Labour Weekend for example, Burn Radio's market Day in Ranfurly, Naseby Market Day, Hayes Engineering celebrating 125 years of the wire strainer, 40 visiting convertible cars, drivers, and passengers ... accommodation is already all booked out. They will all want fuel, wine, coffee, food etc. so businesses need to be prepared to make sure our visitors leave having had the best experience of the Maniototo.

Are there other things happening that we don't even know about that need to be planned for? There's nothing more embarrassing than being out of stock or closed for the weekend.

Futureproofing the Maniototo means making sure that we have all your wants and/or needs relating to Community Vision and the Long Term Plan. CODC recently held an Economic Development meeting in Ranfurly to get feedback on what the community thinks Council can do and help with to generate income for us all. There were 16 attendees. CODC Long term Plan is out for consultation shortly and needs us to respond. The CODC Community Plan for Ranfurly is also due, however not until the second half of 2025.

Keep an eye out for a couple of forums being organised by the Maniototo Business Group to get your feedback and input on community vision. Let's not wait another year to get started on this!

Lastly, the Christmas Late Night Shopping Extravaganza will be happening in Ranfurly on Friday, 6 December, with planning underway. Lighting up the Christmas tree, market stalls, Santa's grotto, a Moa Egg Hunt for the kids, hamper raffles, and hopefully a visit by a number of super cars such as Ferraris and Porsches.

## FRESH DISPLAYS AT MANIOTOTO ART DECO MUSEUM

Tracey Weir

Volunteers were busy over winter revamping the kitchen area and displays at the Art Deco Museum, located at 1 Charlemont Street, Ranfurly. The Museum looked shipshape for its Labour Weekend opening.



Above: Hard working volunteers Joan Pringle and Karen Munro revamping the gallery.

The kitchen display has been extended, and fresh paint complements a selection of kitchen utensils and crockery used during the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. A sports display will feature for the next two months with a selection of local sports equipment from yesteryear. The Art Deco Museum will be open to visitors Friday through to Monday from 10am to 2pm.



Above: All things kitchen.

Volunteers are required for the coming

season. Shifts are for two hours from 10am to 12pm, or 12pm to 2pm. If you are community focused, enjoy meeting new people and sharing our wonderful heritage, please join our team of volunteers at the museum. It's friendly and fun!



Above: Ovens through the years.

And if we get more volunteers this will enable the museum to open more frequently for visitors to the area. Please contact Karen at 027 4542 021, or Tracey at 027 4726 661.

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## R125 UPDATE

It's almost been a whole year since celebrating Ranfurly turning 125 years old, so we thought we'd give an update on the various projects that were fundraised for:

### Ranfurly 125 Book

Gail Mackenzie is beavering away with no shortage of people to interview, and research to do. She would like more photos of the last 25 years to include (1998 - 2023). If you have any photos from events or activities, please email them through to [positivelymaniototo@gmail.com](mailto:positivelymaniototo@gmail.com) - Gail will be in touch. All photos used will be credited.

### Art Deco Sculpture

Maniototo Rural Art Deco chairperson Karen Munro reports:  
Funding from R125 of \$5000 has helped Rural Art Deco Maniototo Inc and the Aotearoa Gaming Trust to commission the piece designed by Southern Sculptures. This should be in place by January at the latest. There was a slight hold up over the need for extra funding, and I am happy to say Aotearoa Gaming Trust has willingly supported this sculpture installation. There will be a site meeting with Central Otago District Council staff in mid October to sort out how and where it can be placed.

### Town Signage

The team has been busy working on concept designs and potential locations. They are currently organising a mockup of the preferred design. Once they have this done there will be a round of community consultation to get feedback - watch this space!

### Maniototo Heritage Orchard

Funds donated to the orchard were used to help set the group up as an incorporated society, ensuring the project will keep running into the future. The group has grafted trees throughout this year, and run two successful grafting workshops. The group is looking forward to establishing another orchard in 2025.

### Ranfurly Volunteer Fire Brigade

The vehicle is expected to arrive in Ranfurly towards the end of October. We'll have a full update on this in the December/January bumper summer edition.

## TOY LIBRARY NEEDS YOU

Maniototo Toy Library is held at the Pipe Band Rooms, along Charlemont Street, in Ranfurly.

Our time is coming to an end with the toy library, and we are looking for a new enthusiastic group to take this on and take it to new heights! Please contact Jackie at 027 375 1778 or the Maniototo Toy Library Facebook page if you are keen to know more.

November opening days:

Sunday, 3 November, from 10-11am.

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A huuuuuuuge round of applause to local lass Eden Carson, part of the team. We are all so proud of you.

We reckon a celebration might be in order when Eden is next in town - who wants to join us?



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## IN THE GARDEN

Maggie Smythe

How resilient is the garden? After all that nature has thrown at it in the past few weeks - snow, floods, frost, and blazing heat, it continues to delight with all the colours of Spring.

Ranfurly streetscapes have been looking fantastic, furnished with a brilliant show of blossoming crabapples thanks to the foresight of some of our good citizens. We could almost name ourselves the Crabapple Capital of New Zealand. These trees are well suited to our climate and many offer more than one attraction with bright red fruit in Autumn, not only picturesque but a good food source for birds in the colder months.



I recently had the privilege of visiting the garden and trial beds at the home of Jill and John McLaren at Bannockburn, to view the results of their selection and propagation of some very interesting crabapples. A standout specimen was the very aptly named Flamingo (pictured above). This is a small upright tree growing to about 3.5m in about seven years. Flamingo bears bright pink double flowers accompanied by dark red leaves which later change to dark green over Summer. In late Autumn this tree produces another spectacular display. Its leaves turn to red and gold, then it forms small red fruits before the leaves fall. Flamingo would be a welcome addition to any garden where space is at a premium. Derek at

Maniototo Hardware and Garden Centre plans to have Flamingo in stock for Autumn planting so keep an eye out. I spied some other promising specimens including a striking gold fruited selection. I look forward to seeing some of these available to purchase in the near future.

With soil temperatures warming fast, November is the 'full steam ahead' month for planting most vegetables and flowers. Mornings and nights can still be chilly so keep the frost cloth on standby. In the heat through the middle of the day seed trays can dry out very quickly. Standing the seed tray in another tray containing a little water can help prevent this happening. A weekly application of liquid fish or seaweed fertiliser will keep crops growing steadily without check.

I plan to plant more tender crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and zucchini in my newly installed greenhouse as the warmer temperatures under cover help to extend our short growing season. When choosing tomato plants, check if your choice is a determinate or indeterminate variety. Determinate or bush types reach mature height, set all their fruit and stop growing at a predetermined size. These are the ones well suited to growing in pots. Indeterminate or vining types continue to grow and set fruit all season until the first frost. Indeterminates require more support with sturdy stakes or a cage. Tomato stems have hairs known as trichomes. These hairs help to deter crawling insects, keep frost from the surface cells, and help to reduce transpiration.

A person who loves flowers is known as an Anthophile. I wonder what someone who loves vegetables is called. Does anyone know?



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## ST JOHN AMBULANCE

Janet Steele

Connecting with our Community

As part of our Community Initiative Plan, we come up with ideas and strategies to benefit the people within our area as a way of reciprocating the support they give to us. This year we decided to update the First Aid kits at our local schools and early childhood centres.

On Wednesday, 4 September, Glenis and I had the absolute pleasure of taking the ambulance out for a drive and delivering these kits. We had a fabulous time visiting each place, with plenty of eager kids and smiling faces.

If your home or work First Aid kit needs updating or replacing, please contact me at 027 539 3355.

Pictured above: Glenis and Maniototo Kindergarten children.

Pictured right: Volunteer Team Leader Glenis Crutchley with Oliver and Miles Crutchley.



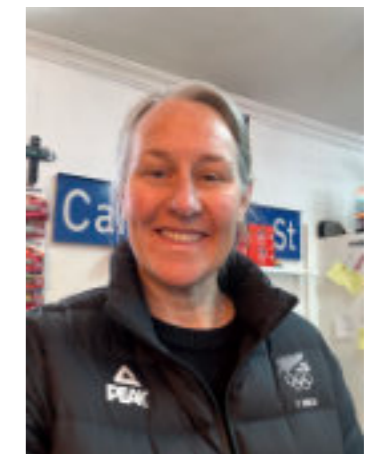
Pictured top: Glenis with the Kids at Play team.

Pictured mid left: St John's School children with Glenis.



Pictured mid right: Maniototo Area School students Caitlin Knox and Marshall Newth-MacDonald with Glenis.

Pictured bottom left: the lovely Janet Steele, who can help you with all of your first aid kit requirements.





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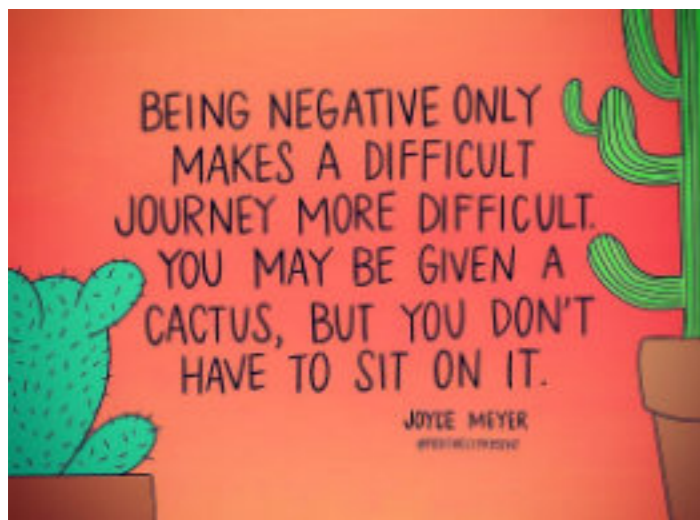
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## IDA VALLEY ADVENTURESS

Jenny Grimmett

I like to do things that help keep my brain alive, so I do crosswords and watch TV programmes with detectives solving tricky crimes, or characters like Indiana Jones or Lara Croft taking on epic adventures and decoding clues to find treasure while looking awesome doing things no normal people can do. It's a form of escapism into a world of fantasy to give my brain a break from day-to-day work responsibilities.



Walking and gardening also help me clear out the fog and destress from a day of writing reports. I always come back to walking, as I can put on my running shoes, dress for the weather, and just head out my gate onto a back road, and walk and walk. Gardening on the other hand, while it is good for the soul, has its challenges. Pruning, hoeing and sweeping need to be limited so I don't hurt the tendons in my hands, and lawn mowing leads to bumps on the head due to fast passes under low branches ... and broken mowers.

I put my love of doing puzzles to the test when the ride-on's drive belt flew off its reels. I suspect (strongly) that it was my fault. Mowing for the first time since January, I headed into long grass under willows after high winds on a lowish (too low) blade setting. I had sunscreen, safety glasses, ear muffs and steel capped boots on to protect me, but the poor mower had to contend with a rather large (and invisible) branch. The awesome safety cut off switch engaged, and I drove the mower back to the tool shed without the blades operating. Of course, I still tried to make them

work by pumping the "cutting knob" up and down ... a bit like I do with the TV remote when things go wrong inside. Fixing the problem involved a lot of grunting and grovelling on the ground to look under the mower (switches off and levers back to neutral for safety of course).

Once I was low enough, I could see the drive belt all messed up and loose on top of the mower unit. I was determined to get it back on without taking off any of the covers (which would have required getting tools out and working out which socket was the right size). Grunting a bit more I eventually wrenched the belt into place, matching the diagram on the top of the mower (I would have had no idea what to do otherwise, and even then it challenged my eyesight and coordination skills).

Nervously, I started the mower. The blades activated immediately I engaged them, and nothing exploded. Phew! Two hours later, lawns done, I chugged my way back to the garage, brushed down the mower, said "thank you" to it, and headed inside to clean up. A week later guests arrived from a small section in the "big smoke" on the "other island". I promised one of them a ride on the mower. I reversed it out of the garage, went to start the blades and nothing happened. A quick look and some silent swearing followed as I spied the drive belt was off the runners again. My friend was happy to just drive the mower, so they went home with a smile anyway. Tools were required for this round of repairs. Socket set and 13mm socket, tick! Unscrew four bolts from the cover, tick! Discover a spring was disconnected and not tensioning the belt. Hmmm! More grunting and an upper body work out, belt back in place and spring reconnected, tick! Bolts reconnected, tick! Loud self-congratulations, tick! Two hours of mowing completed, more patting self on the back, tick!

Mower parked, brushed down ready to put it away, tick! Unusual ringing noise, as if something was still moving under the mower unit ... Hmmm! More (louder) swearing. The belt had thrown itself off again. At least it happened at the end of the job and I have a week to sort it out before the grass grows too long. I wonder if I can work it out myself, or if I will ask for help. I do need to learn to do more techy stuff!

Meanwhile, Tussock is delighted the shorter lawn is attracting baby bunnies and he can watch them from the patio until it is his dinner time, bringing them to me to deal with at 2am when I am asleep, dreaming of daffodils and lambs.



## REDUCE YOUR RISK

**As we head into summer and the risk of fire increases, we take a look at how you can landscape for wildfire safety.**

Carefully planning what you plant on your property can help you stay safer. Discover which plants can help defend your home and property in the event of wildfire.

### Landscaping for wildfire safety

Landscaping with low flammability plants can reduce the impact of wildfire around your home and other buildings.

Choosing less flammable plants can starve a wildfire of fuel reducing the fire intensity, and help protect your home and buildings from intense heat.

Avoid using pea straw and bark mulch in gardens especially around the home and other buildings as these mulches are easily ignited and can help a wildfire to spread.

### What is a low flammability plant?

Low flammability plants aren't fireproof but are less likely to catch fire. They generally have moist, supple leaves, low levels of sap or resin, and watery sap without much smell. They also have little dead wood or dead material inside the plant.

A number of New Zealand's native tree and shrub species have low or low-moderate flammability, and are therefore ideal for planting around your property.

Native plants with low flammability include:

- *Plagianthus regius* (ribbonwood, manatu,

houi, manau manatu, puruhi or whauwhi)

- *Fuchsia excorticata* (tree fuchsia, New Zealand fuchsia or kōtukutuku)
- *Pseudopanax crassifolius* (horoeke or lancewood)
- *Pseudopanax arboreus* (five finger, puahou or whauwhaupaku)
- *Coprosma robusta* (karamu)
- *Coprosma autumnalis* (kanono or raurēkau)
- *Geniostoma ligustrifolium* (hangehange or native privet)
- *Coprosma australis* (kanono or raurēkau)
- *Coprosma propinqua* (mingimingi)
- *Coprosma repens* (tree bedstraw, taupata, mirror bush, looking-glass bush, New Zealand laurel or shiny leaf)
- *Carpodetus serratus* (putaputawētā, marbleleaf or bucket-of-water-tree)
- *Corynocarpus laevigatus* (karaka or New Zealand laurel)
- *Griselinia littoralis* (kapuka, New Zealand broadleaf or papauma)
- *Griselinia lucida* (puka, akapuka or shining broadleaf)
- *Myrsine australis* (mapou or red matipo)
- *Piper excelsum* (pepper tree or kawakawa)
- *Pennantia corymbosa* (kaikomako, bellbird tree)
- *Solanum aviculare* (New Zealand nightshade or poroporo)
- *Sophora microphylla* (kowhai)
- *Coprosma crassifolia* (mikimiki)
- *Solanum laciniatum* (poroporo, Tasmanian kangaroo apple)
- *Aristolelia fruticosa* (mountain, shrubby wineberry)
- *Coprosma arborea* (mamangi, tree coprosma)
- *Dysoxylum spectabile* (kohekohe, NZ mahogany)
- *Pittosporum divaricatum*

Native plants with low to moderate flammability include:

- *Hebe salicifolia* (willow-leaf hebe)
- *Hebe stricta* (koromiko)
- *Melicytus lanceolatus* (narrow-leaved māhoe or māhoe-wao)
- *Aristolelia serrata* (wineberry, makomako or mako)
- *Coriaria arborea* (tutu)
- *Myoporum laetum* (ngaio or mousehole tree)
- *Pittosporum crassifolium* (karo)
- *Pittosporum eugenioides* (lemonwood or tarata)
- *Hoheria* (includes six species commonly called manatu, lacebark and ribbonwood)
- *Knightia excelsa* (rewarewa)
- *Phyllocladus toatoa* (toatoa or blue celery pine)
- *Pterophylla racemosa* (kamahi)
- *Hoheria populnea* (houhere, lacebark)

### What is a high flammability plant?

Highly flammable plants tend to contain twigs, needles, leaves or other dead material. Their leaves, twigs and stems may contain volatile waxes or oils. They may also have loose bark, aromatic leaves and gummy, strong-smelling sap.

Manuka, kanuka, lavender and eucalyptus are highly flammable, so it's best to avoid planting them around your home.

Having moderate to high flammability plants around your property may help fuel a wildfire, which could put your house and other things of value on your property at risk. If you do have moderate or high flammability species around your property, space them out so they aren't touching each other and remove lower branches up to 2 metres from the ground. Carrying out regular maintenance to remove dead material and consider a plan to replace or intersperse these with lower flammability options.

Native plants with moderate flammability include:

- *Beilschmiedia tawa* (the tawa tree)
- *Cordyline australis* (cabbage tree, cabbage-palm or tī kōuka)
- *Pittosporum tenuifolium* (kōhūhū, black matipo, kohukohu or tawhiwhi)

- *Dacrydium cupressinum* (rimu)
- *Metrosideros umbellata* (southern rātā)
- *Agathis australis* (kauri)
- *Phormium tenax* (harakeke, New Zealand flax or flax lily)
- *Podocarpus dacrydioides* (kahikatea or white pine)
- *Pterophylla sylvicola* (tōwai or tawhero)

Native plants with moderate to high flammability include:

- *Podocarpus totara* (totara)
- *Dodonaea viscosa* (akeake or hopbush)
- *Cyathea* and *dicksonia* (tree ferns)
- *Leucopogon fasciculatus* (tall mingimingi)
- *Nothofagus menziesii* (tawhai, silver beech)
- *Phormium cookianum* (wharariki, mountain flax)
- *Melicytus ramiflorus* (whiteywood or māhoe)

This article was published at <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/reduce-your-risk/low-flammability-plants>

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## MOVIE MAGIC

The Netflix series to be partly shot in and around the Mānīatototo over the coming months is a remake of "East of Eden", based on the 1952 novel by John Steinbeck.



The original movie "East of Eden" was released in 1955, noted for the performance of almost unknown James Dean. Well known actress Florence Pugh has been cast for the 2024 adaptation, along with Christopher Abbott, Mike Faist, and Hoon Lee. Seven episodes are confirmed.

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## TIAKI MANIOTOTO

Bill Morris

Tiaki Maniototo is gearing up for a big summer. As well as getting thousands more plants in the ground, undertaking weed control and developing our nursery, we're also working hard on our strategy to engage the community with what we're doing.



Above: snaps from the 2024 Taiari Wai River Festival.

Central to that is the Taiari Wai River Festival, being held for the second time at the old Pātearoa School, on the site of our nursery.

This year, we've received generous support from Ranfurly Transport, Otago Community Trust, the Maniototo Promotions Fund and the Aotearoa Gaming Trust. With the support of these partners we have top notch entertainment lined up, including Dunedin bands Skin and Bone and Mads Harrop, as well as two stunning acts from Christchurch —Tess Liautaud (with full band) and Jessie Shanks (of the Eastern).

The lineup has been put together to provide something for everyone; young and old. On the day, food will be supplied by the Waipiata Hotel, Maniototo Area School and Alchemy Alley.

We'll also have a range of guest speakers to

talk about issues related to science, biodiversity and conservation. Kids activities will be provided too.

We believe this festival is unique in the country—perhaps the only music festival specifically geared around freshwater conservation and raising awareness of freshwater issues. We want to see this festival grow and become a major part of the Central Otago cultural scene in years to come. We really hope that you put this event in your calendar and come out and support it... did I mention it's completely FREE?

Even better, grab a bike and ride one of our gravel road trails --the Tiaki Maniototo Trail will be officially opening on the same day, and we'll be putting the call out soon for people to come and ride it, starting and finishing at the festival site, where hot showers and well deserved refreshments will be available.

We hope that 18 January will be a big day for the district. We hope to attract lots of people and really raise awareness of just how special this area is, and of course also raise awareness of our work in the freshwater conservation space.

For us, it's about bringing tourism, music, science, conservation and sport together for one big day, strengthening our community to work together towards improved freshwater ecosystems.

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## OUT AND ABOUT

The Maniototo Area School Art Auction Fundraiser was held at Clachanburn on Saturday, 19 October.

A wonderful day was had by all - the weather was perfect, the Devonshire teas were delicious, the garden was spectacular dressed in Spring, and the art was fantastic - as were the bids! A total of around \$11,000 was raised, going towards the 2025 Vietnam trip.

Here's a selection of snaps from the day.



Above: Guest speaker Sir Grahame Sydney speaks, with Maggie Smythe, Jane Falconer, and Poppy the pup. Credit: Maniototo Area School Facebook page.



Above: A piwakawaka, carved by local artist Luke Anthony, from salvaged native hardwood. Credit: Maniototo Area School Facebook page.



Above: a picture perfect day.

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## CHRISTMAS IS COMING

It'll be here before we know it. We'd love to hear your tried and true favourite recipes for the Christmas table. We'll publish a selection of submitted recipies (if we get enough we might even make a wee online booklet you can download!) - here's one we love.

### Christmas Pavlova Trifle

Pavlova:

- 4 egg whites
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 tsp white vinegar
- 1 tsp cornflour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Whipped Cream:

- 2 cups cream
- 1/4 cup icing sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Fruits:

- 1 cup fresh strawberries, halved
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup fresh kiwifruit slices (optional)
- 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds (optional for garnish)

Other Layers:

- 1/2 cup lemon curd (optional)
- 1/4 cup crushed pistachios (for garnish)
- Mint leaves (optional for garnish)

Step 1: Make the Pavlova

Preheat oven to 300°F (150°C). Line a baking tray with parchment paper.

Beat the egg whites in a clean, dry bowl until soft peaks form.

Gradually add sugar, one tablespoon at a time, beating until stiff peaks form and the sugar is dissolved. This may take about 10 minutes.

Gently fold in the vinegar, cornstarch, and vanilla extract.

Shape the meringue on the baking tray into one or two large rounds, depending on the size of your trifle dish.

Bake for 1 hour, then turn off the oven and allow the pavlova to cool completely inside the oven. This helps it to crisp up on the outside and stay soft on the inside.

Step 2: Prepare the Whipped Cream

Whip the cream with powdered sugar and vanilla

extract until soft peaks form. Set aside in the refrigerator.

Step 3: Assemble the Trifle

Break the cooled pavlova into bite-sized pieces. Layer the trifle: In a large trifle bowl, start with a layer of pavlova pieces at the bottom.

Add whipped cream: Top the pavlova with a generous layer of whipped cream.

Add fruits: Add a layer of mixed berries (strawberries, raspberries, blueberries), kiwifruit slices, and pomegranate seeds (if using).

Repeat the layers of pavlova, whipped cream, and fruits until the bowl is full.

Lemon curd (optional): Add spoonfuls of lemon curd in between the layers for a tangy surprise.

Top with a final layer of whipped cream and garnish with fresh fruit, pomegranate seeds, crushed pistachios, and mint leaves.

Step 4: Chill and Serve

Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving to let the flavors meld together.

Serve chilled for a refreshing, festive dessert!



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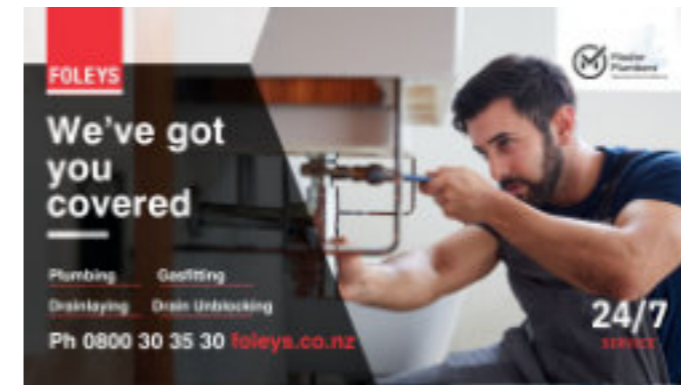
Our next edition will be the bumper December/January issue, covering all things Christmas and summer.

If you've got a thank you to share, an event happening, or word to get out there, get in touch and let us know. We can't print it if we don't know about it!

# The Budget

<b>MONDAYS</b> 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
<b>TUESDAYS</b> Steady As You Go Classes:  Maniototo Golf Club	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.
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<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> Tai Chi: Maniototo Embroidery Guild:  Catholic Women's Fellowship: Maniototo Bridge:	Classes 10 - 11am. Māniatoto Arts Centre. Enquiries to (03) 444 9831 10am - 3pm Māniatoto Arts Centre (back entrance) \$2 per session, all welcome. For details contact Diane Flockton on (03) 444 9831 Op Shop. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm. Contact Francie on (03) 444 9243 Currently in recess. For details please call Ang on 021 063 6630 or Judy on (03) 444 9798
Alternative Music Show: Ranfurly Karate Club Art Group	Burn729am / 87.9fm. (03) 444 9729. 7pm - 9pm Māniatoto Arts Centre, 6 - 7.30pm. All new and graded members welcome. (03) 444 9831 Māniatoto Arts Centre 7pm - 9pm.
<b>THURSDAYS</b> Art Group: Ballet: Pilates: Maniototo Garden Club	Māniatoto Arts Centre 10am - 3pm 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 Maniototo Arts Centre. Stops during winter months.
<b>FRIDAYS</b> 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
<b>SATURDAYS</b> Maniototo Golf:	Tee off 12.45pm. Contact Club Captain - Tony Carson 021 293 8872
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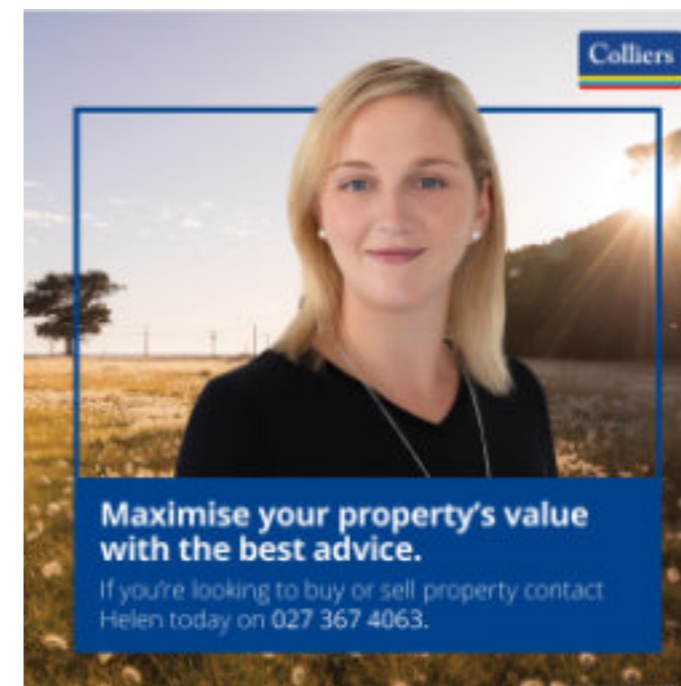
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					1	2
3 Toy Library open 10am	4	5	6	7  	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18	19	20 Business Group meets	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

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1	2	3	4	5   Maniototo Garden Club 7.30pm	6 Late Night Shopping	7
8	9	10	11	12 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 	20	21 Summer Solstice
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 Steptoe Auction	28 Garden Club Tour 
29	30	31 New Years Eve				