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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Power of the Password

Apparently, you can't use "beefstew" as a password. Why? Because it's not stroganoff. 😊

These days, passwords are everywhere. If you want to check your email, stream something on Netflix, update your phone, or even connect to the internet - you need one.

A password gives you access. It lets you participate, log in, get the info you need, or earn a little well-deserved downtime. No password? No entry.

Even in Dunedin, just to park your car, you're expected to type in your licence plate number before you walk away. That's if you can remember it! But once you do, you've earned your minutes. You've given something - and you've gained something.

And really, praise works the same way.

Just as a password unlocks your digital world, a few kind words can unlock something even bigger - confidence, pride, and motivation.

Praise doesn't come automatically. It's not just handed out for nothing - it needs to be earned. It's like receiving a warm hug, or an honorary degree, or a quiet "Well done" at the right time.

Even Daddy Pig from Peppa Pig gets it. When Peppa and George succeed, Daddy Pig says:

"That's brilliant!"

"Well done, Peppa!"

"Look at you, George - you're a natural!"

Those little words are like magic. They're a kind of password. They unlock joy. They show us we've done well - that we matter.

Here at Positively Mānīatoto, we'd like to offer some praise of our own.

To all those who quietly keep our communities moving - the volunteers, the roadside crews, rural nurses, school bus drivers, local artists, stock truck drivers, teachers, emergency crews, courier drivers, storekeepers, kerbside collectors, grit truck/grader workers and many more - we see you. The ones who keep the lights on (sometimes literally).

You don't just remember the password. You are the password. You give others access to a better day. You make Mānīatoto stronger, steadier, and more connected.

So, this month, let's not forget to say it. Share a kind word. Lift someone's day.

Go ahead - try it. Use your password. James and Erica.

SPIRIT OF THE MANIOTOTO LOCAL HARDWARE STORE WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

It's not every day a rural hardware store from the heart of Central Otago gets recognised on a national stage - but that's exactly what happened for BuildLink Maniototo Hardware & Garden at the recent 2025 BuildLink National Conference in Auckland.

The event brought together BuildLink stores and suppliers from across Aotearoa, transforming Shed 10 on Auckland's waterfront into a buzzing hub of innovation, ideas, and industry pride. Among the stalls, conversations and awards, a small store from Ranfurly made a big impression.

"You just go up for the experience," says Derek King, owner of Maniototo Hardware.

"You don't expect to win anything. You enjoy the dinner; you watch the big stores get their awards - and then they called my name. I couldn't believe it."

Derek and his team were not only finalists in the Store of the Year (\$0-\$3 million) category but also took home the highly regarded Spirit of BuildLink Award - given to the member who best represents the BuildLink values of service, commitment, and community.

"It was a huge thrill," Derek says. "We were absolutely chuffed. I'm still getting over it!"



Robyn, Derek, Sally and Dave Lemon Buildlink Selwyn, Neville Elder Buildlink Reefton.

Front cover image: Jack Wild, captain of the Maniototo Maggots, leads the charge in this dynamic shot by Richard Jones. A true local moment! Read more about the team on pages 4-5.

Behind the scenes, this recognition speaks to a lot of quiet dedication. Since taking over the store nearly four years ago, Derek has transformed Maniototo Hardware into a well-stocked, customer-focused hub – from garden gear in spring, to insulation and weatherproofing in winter, to essential farming supplies year-round.

“When I bought the hardware store, I couldn’t even stir paint,” Derek laughs.

“But I listened, I learned, and I made sure to get people what they needed - at the right price, and at the right time.”

He’s quick to share the credit.

“A huge thank you to our customers - both locals and visitors from all over New Zealand. And especially to Lindsay, who helps me every week and is a fountain of knowledge and advice. This award belongs to everyone who supports us.”

That support has allowed for continued growth and fresh thinking. A redesign of the store layout is currently underway to make it more open and accessible. And with Foley’s vacating their yard, Derek is working with Plumbing World to begin stocking more plumbing supplies - not in bulk, but enough to help locals fix the things that matter.

“We don’t need 50 lengths of pipe - but we’ll have four or five,” Derek explains. “Enough to get you sorted, right here in town.”

James from Burn Radio caught up with Derek for a quick interview after the awards.

“You must be stoked,” James said.

“I was,” Derek grinned. “And I still am.”

This win isn’t just a feather in the cap for Maniototo



Derek and Robyn King proudly took home the *Spirit of BuildLink* award.

Hardware - it’s a celebration of what local business can be. A place where knowledge is shared freely, where service is personal, and where community comes first.

Congratulations to Derek and the whole team at BuildLink Maniototo Hardware & Garden - a local store with a big heart and a well-earned national reputation.

Written by: Erica

MĀNIATOTO’S FIRST SNOWFALL SIGNALS THE SEASON’S SHIFT

Three weeks ago, Māniatoto experienced its first significant snowfall of the season. Snow fell steadily overnight, leaving a thick, powdery blanket across the Māniatoto plains. The wintry conditions brought a touch of magic - and a clear signal that winter has truly arrived.



With icy roads and widespread disruption early on, travel was impacted across the region, and the community responded with caution. A reminder too: driving on officially closed roads may affect your insurance, so it’s vital to stay updated and follow advisories. Though not as extreme as Ranfurly’s record-setting -25.6°C on 17 July 1903 - so cold that “beef and mutton were frozen and could only be cut with a saw” - the recent snowfall still marked a memorable shift in season. Māniatoto’s frosty reputation remains well-earned, with the first snowfall offering a crisp preview of what winter may yet bring.

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A SEASON CATCH-UP WITH THE MANIOTOTO MAGGOTS



With the 2025 rugby season charging toward finals and now past the halfway mark, we caught up with two key figures from the Maniototo Maggots - club president Matt Scott and captain Jack Wild - for a candid Q&A. From game-day highs to sideline legends, here's a behind-the-scenes look at the Maggots' season so far. Their reflections offer a great insight into what's been happening on and off the field this year.



Matt Scott – Club President

What's been the game of the season so far - the one still being talked about at the pub?

"Oh, there's been a few. The boys have really been digging deep this season. I'd say a pretty major home game was beating Wakatipu - a last-minute penalty try in our favour. That was a big highlight so far."

Who's been the unsung hero - doing the hard work without much fanfare?

"Oh jeez, there's a few. The front-rowers that are still alive - they're doing the work for us. We're pretty short on them. Jake Morton's standing up, doing a fair bit of hard work. There's too many to mention, really. The boys are going pretty well - the ones that are still standing."

Any injuries or niggles to manage?

"Yeah - front-rowers again. We need more of them. So, if anyone wants to..."

Who's the toughest opponent so far this season?
(Not directly answered - but Wakatipu was noted as a major challenge and highlight.)

Who reckons they're the next big thing in New Zealand rugby?

"Coach Ken - he's all over it. He could take on the All Blacks, I reckon."

How important has community support been this season?

"Massive. We bloody love to see all the cars parked around the field and the cheering. Then the few people that come into the clubrooms for a beer and a catch-up afterwards - it's more than appreciated."

There's not many other ways for the community to get together these days, so getting everyone to rugby is pretty important for a small country town. Our sponsors dig deep too. Ranfurly Transport's our major sponsor - too many others to name, but they really look after us."

Where are things at in the season?

"Yeah, we're over halfway through. Only four round-robin games to go, including this week. We need to keep in that top four and we'll be looking pretty sharp."

Jack Wild - Team Captain



Who's most likely to show up late with their socks inside out and still have a blinder?

"Matt Horne - the halfback."

If the team had a spirit animal this season, what would it be?

"A MAGGOT."

Best sideline moment from a supporter this season?

"Anything from Quinton Smith."

Any quirky pre-game superstitions in the team?

"Anyone who turns up can get a game if they turn up."

Who's most likely to lead the team song at full volume in the changing rooms or at the pub?

"Maybe Big Chief the prop."

Any players with coaching potential? Or should they

just stick to playing?

"Probably 90% of us think we'll be good coaches."



Above photo. George Hall with the ball. Below photo. Doug Smith with the ball.



Season Snapshot

The Maggots have had a stellar season, kicking off with a strong pre-season win over Strath Taieri. On April 26, they delivered a thrilling 22–19 home victory over Wakatipu, sealed by a last-minute penalty try - a highlight mentioned by both club leadership and supporters. In May, they battled to a gritty 14–10 win against Cromwell.

Despite a 29–14 loss to Wakatipu in Queenstown on June 14, the Maggots bounced back in style with a fantastic 18–15 home triumph over defending champs Alexandra on June 21. With just one round-robin game to go, the goal? Stay in the top four - and keep the Māniatoto crowd cheering from the sidelines.

Written by: James. Photos supplied and taken by: Richard Jones



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We're excited to launch our Winter Comfort Giveaway - your chance to WIN a luxurious king-size gingham flannelette sheet set, along with a cozy fleece throw and matching decorative pillow. It's the ultimate winter comfort pack! To enter, simply email burn729am@gmail.com with the subject "Winter Comfort" and include your name and contact details. Entries close Wednesday, 30th July, with the winner announced live on-air at 8:20AM, Thursday 31st July. Get your entries in and stay snug this season!

We'd also like to give a warm welcome to Origin, who has recently joined our volunteer on-air team. It's always great to have new voices involved in the station, and we appreciate the time and commitment of every volunteer who helps keep Burn Radio running. If you've ever thought about being part of local radio - whether on-air or behind the scenes - we'd love to hear from you!

If you're a local business owner, Burn Radio offers an affordable and effective way to advertise locally and reach listeners across the region. We also encourage community groups, event organisers, and clubs to get in touch with us to share community notices or important updates - we're here to help your message get heard.

You can also catch the nationwide Rural Country Show with host Jamie Mackay - one of New Zealand's best-known rural commentators - weekdays from 12 to 1pm. It's packed with farming news, rural interviews, and rural sport - a great listen during your lunch break.

A big thank you to everyone who's been tuning in and supporting your local station. For the latest winter driving conditions and road closures, keep your radio tuned to Burn Radio. We broadcast live updates straight from NZTA Waka Kotahi and the Central Otago District Council's daily road condition reports, provided by Fulton Hogan - helping you stay informed and safe on the roads this winter.

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Written by: James Valentine

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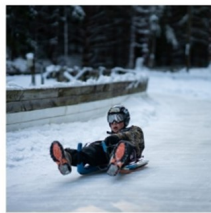
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FROM THE HEART OF MANIOTOTO HEALTH

Introduction to CEO



Now that we have introduced the Board of Directors, I thought I should take the opportunity to introduce each of the Leadership

Team here at MHSL, so will do this across the next few editions starting with myself.

My name is Tracey Kubala and I was born in Gore, descendant of Thomas and Agnes Kubala who settled in Gore 150 years ago to farm the Waimumu area. My father Derek Kubala inherited half the farm in Waimumu from his father. I am the youngest of five siblings and we moved from the farm when I was three years old to Invercargill where I lived most of my life. I trained as a Registered Nurse graduating in 1992 and went into Community Mental Health working for Friends of Ward 12 (established to support the deregulation of Cherry Farm where residents were reintegrated into the community with home-based supports). I moved on to Residential Aged Care working for Presbyterian Support, where I became the Charge Nurse Manager for Iona, the Dementia wing, for 7 years. I got married to my first husband Aaron and then moved to Dunedin to take up a role as Nurse Manager for a Dementia Home there. I got pregnant with Morgan, my son, and we returned to Invercargill.

Aaron and I separated and then divorced. I went to work for Access Home Health and eventually ended up being the Service Manager from Timaru down to Invercargill. During this time, I also gained my Bachelor of Applied Management. I moved on to Southland DHB in 2008 and took up a position in Planning and Funding as Project Manager for Chronic Conditions. I was there 6 months when the Manager for NASC services became vacant, so was seconded into this role which eventually became permanent - during this time I also became the InterRAI Lead Practitioner (national tool brought in to assess and care plan for residents). During this time there were numerous restructures which resulted in me taking on a 0.5 FTE Allied Health Manager role and dropping the InterRAI role as this was being centralised, in addition to my 0.5 FTE NASC Management role. My now husband

Brett gained employment at East Otago High School as a Social Science Teacher which resulted in us moving to Waikouaiti in 2017 and me gaining a role with MSD as Regional Health Advisor. I remained there for 6.5 years. Thelma Brown, previous General Manager, was working in Planning and Funding in 2008 and we had kept contact socially over the years, which resulted in her inviting me to apply for this position, and here I am loving it.

International Nurses Day



On the 12th of May we celebrated International Nurses Day which has a purple theme as you can tell from the photo. This is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing work our highly skilled and committed nurses do day in and day out to deliver excellent health care. They do a superb job looking after our residents. At various points throughout the year NZ has days that celebrate different vocations, so MHSL took the opportunity on the 12th May to not only celebrate our nursing team but all our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all the staff here at MHSL and to thank them very much for all their hard work, dedication and passion.

Senior Services

Ministry of Social Development Seniors Services Case Manager Clare McIntosh has been coming to Ranfurly on a monthly basis for many years to serve the needs of our older community members, supporting with issues such as applying for superannuation, residential care subsidies, accommodation supplements, disability allowances etc. The Ministry of Social Development has advised us that Rural Outreach visits are currently on hold nationwide.

I know this community really valued this service and understand how difficult it can be to have to travel to Alexandra or deal with any concerns or issues over the phone. It has been raised as a concern and as such I am happy to form a petition to go to the Ministry of Social Development to highlight how valuable and necessary this service is to us and that we want it reinstated. If you

would like to sign this petition, it will be in the main reception area at the hospital.

Ka Ora Service

I thought I would take this opportunity to remind you all of the Ka Ora Telecare Service which can be accessed as an after-hours urgent care service. I have provided details on the service below:

Ka Ora Telecare provides people living in rural areas with a quick and easy solution to connect with a healthcare professional for after-hours medical advice and treatment.

Here's how it works:

The service is open 5pm to 8.30am (evening and overnight) on weekdays, and 24 hours on weekends and public holidays. You can connect with the Kō Ora Telecare team by:

1. Calling 0800 2 KA ORA (0800 252 672)

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You will first be greeted by a Kaiawhina or a Nurse. The team will assess your health needs, and you can either see a clinician directly or you may also choose to schedule an appointment later in the evening.

2. Booking an Appointment online through the Book Appointment button

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By booking an appointment, you will have a specific appointment time to connect directly with the medical team over phone or video.

If you need an urgent appointment after 10pm, please directly call the 0800 2 KA ORA number to connect with our overnight team.

Diversional Therapists at Maniototo Health Services Ranfurly

What do we do –

Diversional Therapists (aka DTs) assist people in rest homes by providing company and a large range of activities aimed at keeping the mind and body active. Some activities include playing cards, indoor bowls or bingo. We also read the paper, talking about current and past events. Floor games like quoits, corn hole toss, throwing a ball into a bucket or hitting a balloon with a



pool noodle. We do an array of things to make them feel included. Our people especially love talking about their upbringing – what they did as kids and growing up, as these are the things they are most likely to remember. We also do activities that help to slow down the process of dementia, for example, showing them an old iron and a new iron and they tell the story with the differences, or they might remember a memory as a child with the older object. This activity opens that filing cabinet in the brain that starts to shut with dementia.



Who are we –

Amy Hope (Scott) is an Australian now living in Ranfurly with her three children, aged 12, 10 and 4. Living here with no family, working at the hospital with the residents makes her feel like she has lots of new grandparents around her; her New Zealand family.

Emily Kernot, originally from Taupo, in the North Island, has been part of the community for 12 years now. Along with personal business commitments, she works at the hospital/rest home making it a fun place (with occasional mischief) for all the residents.

Next time I will feature our Charge Nurse Manager Rebecca Crawford.

Tracey Kubala, CEO

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LIONS CLUB OF MANIOTOTO GIFT LAMB COMPETITION – 2025 A & P SHOW

At the recent Lions Club of Maniototo dinner meeting on 12th June, the winners of the Gift Lamb competition from the A & P Show in February were hosted. Once again, the competition was a success, with a total of 84 lambs donated.



The winners were:

Fine Wool:

- 1st – Rex Gibson \$547.43
- 2nd – Zoe Simpson \$484.37
- 3rd – Amy Simpson \$456.44

Long Wool:

- 1st – Bruce & Leonard Smith \$557.70
- 2nd – Sam Blakely \$536.64
- 3rd – Steve Blakely \$531.18

Terminal:

- 1st – Phil Dowling \$593.85
- 2nd – Tim O'Neill \$556.70
- 3rd – Johnny Duncan \$554.89

The overall winner was Phil Dowling. Prizes were (nominally) presented by co-ordinator Stuart Paterson, who congratulated the winners and thanked all the entrants for an outstanding effort and show of generosity. A total of \$15,000 was contributed to club funds.

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We're a super fun group, who love performing, well some of us do, others are content to help in the wings and let the stars shine bright!

Please join us as we plan the next highly anticipated karaoke night and future productions to keep our community entertained.

We're looking forward to seeing some new faces! All welcome.

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DIGGING IN: THE GARDEN CLUB

Written by: Maggie

Rain and snow of the past few weeks has left the ground sodden. Try not to walk on bare soil. Protect the earth with a board or something like a thick pad of pea straw. Treading on wet bare soil causes compaction, limiting air and water penetration, ultimately hindering root growth.

Even on foggy, frosty days there is still beauty to be enjoyed by venturing outside. Bare branches and seed heads stand out in sharp relief. Even 'weeds' have a certain appeal when rimmed with frost, so rug up and get some fresh air occasionally.



Fireside is a great place to sort through seed packets in preparation for the busy growing season which will be here before we know it. Already the green spears of early flowering bulbs are poking through the ground.

Pruning time for fruit trees and roses is almost upon us, so now is also a good time to clean and sharpen those tools.

Choose a sunny, dry day to prune. This will reduce the likelihood of spreading disease. Gather up any diseased fallen leaves and bin or burn them. Follow up with a combination spray of horticultural oil and copper-based fungicide or, alternatively, in the case of roses, you can use lime sulphur. Ensure the spray covers all stems and the surrounding soil.

If feeding wild birds over the cold months, please do not feed honey or honey water. This practice risks spreading disease to bees which may also be attracted. Instead, use a commercial nectar preparation or a homemade syrup of one cup sugar to one litre of water. Our beekeepers will thank you for it.

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




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FORWARD PLANNING

September	Father's Day (Sun 7 th), Daylight Saving (28 th), Maniototo Arts Centre Cleaning Bee, Alexandra Blossom Festival (26 th ,27 th ,28 th)
October	Labour Weekend Markets (Sat 25 th), Labour Day (Mon 27 th), Kinga Krupa Classical Pianist,
December	Ranfurly Late Night Shopping, Lions Steptoe Auction - Naseby,
January 2026	Burn Radio Pool Party, Otago/Taiari A&P Society (24 th - 25 th),
Febuary	Waitangi Day (6 th), Palmerston/Waihemo A&P Show (7 th &8 th), Maniototo A&P Show (11 th),
March	St Patrick's Day (17 th), Otago Anniversary Day (23 rd),

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The race first kicked off in 2005, started by passionate runner Jamie Sinclair, who wanted to create a challenging, scenic ultramarathon in the heart of Central Otago. What began as a low-key event with just a handful of entrants has grown steadily over the years into a major fixture on the New Zealand trail running calendar.



It's named after the historic water race built during the 1860s gold rush, a vital engineering feat that still brings water to Naseby today. The race route follows a 10km loop alongside this iconic channel, offering beautiful pine forest scenery, fresh mountain air, and a healthy dose of grit. And then there's the unpredictable August weather. We've had snow, gale-force winds, sunshine and rain. Luckily, most years there's been more need for sunscreen than raincoats.

The event is run by the Naseby Development Charitable Trust as a fundraiser for trail maintenance for the Ernslaw One Naseby Forest Recreation Area. Preparation starts in September when entries open for the following year. Volunteer work ramps up in July with vehicle management

planning, course maintenance, night lighting around the course, and setting up the community tent area ready for the influx of runners and supporters who stay on site.

There's something for everyone, from the 50km to the epic 200-mile distance, plus a 60km team relay for those who like their adventures shared. This year's events start on Wednesday, August 27, and unfold over the weekend, finishing by Saturday night.

Expect crisp winter conditions, friendly banter, and plenty of community spirit. Whether you're running, volunteering, or just coming to cheer, it's a brilliant way to be part of something truly special.

The fun wraps up at Sunday morning's prizegiving at the Naseby Town Hall.

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Visit: greatnasebywaterrace.co.nz.

Written by: Jill Wolff



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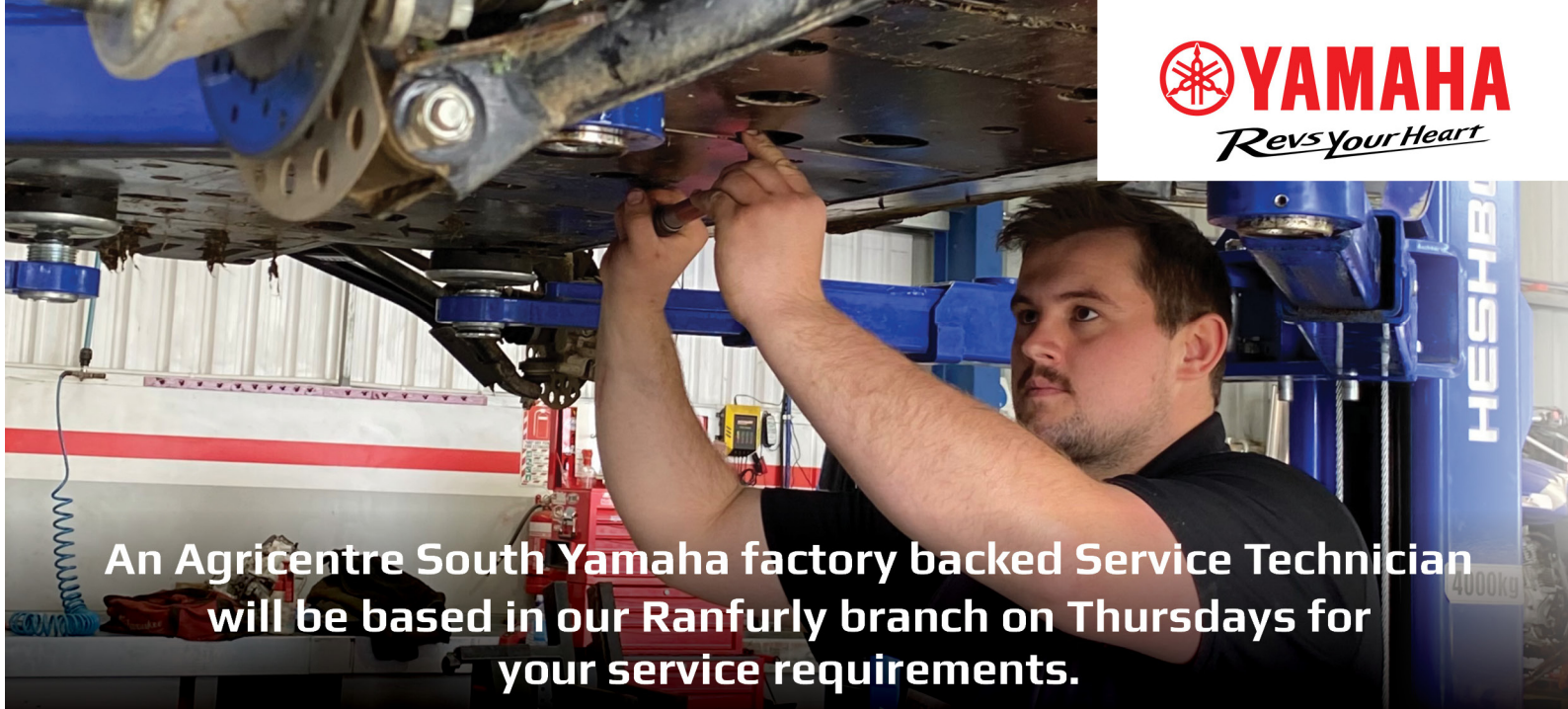
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Kapa Haka

This is the Kapa Haka performing for patients and residents at Maniototo Health Services for Matariki. It was the first time performing for our juniors (Year 5 & 6), so ka pai!



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CHANGEOVER NIGHT AT LIONS

The dinner meeting on June 12th brought my year as President of the Lions Club of Maniototo to a close. I took on the role from Tony O'Neill at the June 'handover meeting' in 2024 and was told before I started that the year in office would pass quickly - and it certainly has.

It's timely to look back over the year and acknowledge the work going on in Lions behind the scenes. A revised local phone book is under way, the club's Constitution has been updated (again), Steptoe auctions have redistributed all sorts of items, Spud Competition and Gift Lamb were run again, sheep manure bagged and sold, firewood distributed, and used batteries collected. All these activities are run by members who willingly and cheerfully give time and energy to make things happen. Socially, the year ended with a successful fishing trip out of Moeraki.

Monthly dinner meetings (usually held at Ranfurly Bowling Club) hosted a range of guest speakers. The February meeting was held at Kyeburn Station where the Mackenzie family shared history of the property. Mayor Tim Cadogan, guest speaker at the October meeting, had some words that stayed with me. He noted "how well Maniototo took care of its own, with Lions being an outstanding organisation in every way."

David Scott is the incoming president, and I wish him every success in the role - plus a warning that the year will pass very quickly. George Lindsay

The Lions Club of Maniototo meets on the second Thursday of every month. If you are interested in being part of Lions, contact any of the names below, or any club member.

Office bearers for June 2025 until June 2026 are:

- President - David Scott
- 1st Vice - Doug Graham
- 2nd Vice - Geoff Shaw
- 3rd Vice - Mark Harris
- Secretary - Jeremy Hore
- Treasurer - Sam Greer
- Lion Tamer - Wilson Wahrlich
- Tail Twisters - Ken Gillespie, Sam Inder & Geoff Shaw
- Speakers - Ken Gillespie, David Crutchley & George Lindsay



Board members: Doug Graham, Mark Harris, Sam Greer, Ken Gillespie, Geoff Shaw, Bill May, George Lindsay, Wilson Wahrlich, John Mulholland, Eric Swinbourn, Nic Clarke, Tony O'Neill & Steve Blakely.

George handing over the presidents pin to David Scott



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WATER TREATMENT UPGRADES FOR PATEAROA AND RANFURLY NOW UNDERWAY

Work is underway on major upgrades to the water treatment plants in Patearoa and Ranfurly, with both projects scheduled for completion in December 2025.

Central Otago District Council is undertaking these critical improvements as part of planned infrastructure upgrades that have been in

development since 2021, aiming to address ongoing issues with protozoa treatment. The \$4.2 million budget allocated in Council's 2024 Annual Plan and 2025 Long-term Plan allows for the treatment upgrade and necessary supporting works.

Why the upgrades are needed

The upgrades will include the installation of protozoa barriers at both facilities, to ensure compliance with New Zealand Drinking Water Quality Assurance requirements and provide more reliable, safe drinking water. The water source for both towns is prone to high turbidity, particularly after heavy rainfall, which can compromise water treatment effectiveness and require boil water notices to protect public health.

"Following direction from Taumata Arowai in April, Council has committed to closely monitor the Patearoa and Ranfurly drinking water supplies while these upgrades are being undertaken," Patrick Keenan, CODC Capital Projects Programme Manager said.

What's being installed

After evaluating all options, including building entirely new treatment plants (which would have cost approximately \$15 million for Patearoa and \$21 million for Ranfurly),



Council has opted for cartridge filter and ultraviolet (UV) protozoa barriers as the most cost-effective solution.

This technology uses ultraviolet light to neutralise harmful microorganisms including protozoa, providing a sustainable and efficient treatment solution. The UV treatment system will replace the existing treatment processes to deliver safe drinking water that meets New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.

What this means for residents

Once this work is completed, residents in both communities should see fewer boil water notices. While these improvements will greatly enhance water safety, it's important to understand that these upgrades won't solve all water quality issues. During severe weather events Council may still need to issue the occasional boil water notice as a safety precaution.

Getting the work done

Following a competitive tender process, the contract to construct the protozoa barriers was awarded to Fulton Hogan on 28 May 2025. Council has worked closely with Fulton Hogan's design team to develop a cost-effective and practical upgrade plan, with the concept design now approved and coming in well under the initial \$4.2 million budget.

Estimated investment:

- Ranfurly upgrades will be approximately \$1.7 million
- Patearoa upgrades will be approximately \$1.6 million

"These upgrades represent a significant investment in the long-term water security of our communities," Mr Keenan said. "While residents may experience some temporary inconvenience during the upgrade period, the end result will be safer drinking water that meets national standards."

The protozoa barriers are part of a nationwide strategy to prevent outbreaks of waterborne illnesses and ensure all New Zealand communities have access to safe drinking water.

Council will continue to provide updates to residents throughout the construction period.

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CASE OF THE MONTH

When it rains it pours!

Written by: Vanessa Love

In March I saw Echo—a 12-year-old heading cross pet dog who had suddenly started limping on her left hind leg the night before and was out of sorts. Her sore leg had an obvious cranial drawer in consult which meant that she had ruptured her cruciate ligament.

The cranial cruciate ligament (called the ACL) in people is a commonly damaged ligament in all sorts of dogs and fixing it is one of the most common surgeries we send to our orthopedic vet in Timaru.

The cruciate ligaments are two ligaments that connect the femur to the tibia and stabilize the knee.

The ligament can partially tear requiring rest, or completely tear often requiring surgery.

Cruciate disease is due to a combination of many factors including age, breed, obesity, genetics, limb conformation and traumatic injury.

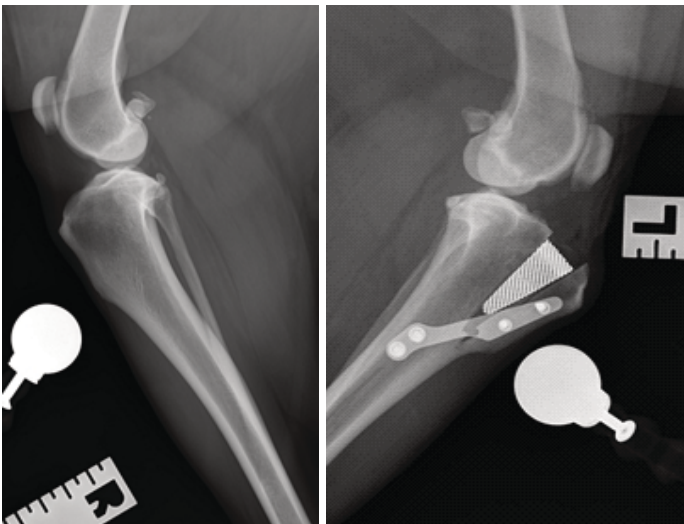
Echo went to Timaru to get a tibial tuberosity advancement (TTA), a surgery where the front of the tibia bone is cut and fitted with a special wedge to neutralize forces around the knee, so it is stable.

While Echo was recovering at home after her surgery, her owner brought in one of their other dogs Pepa, who was suddenly limping and sure enough Pepa had done the same thing.

While Pepa was at the clinic getting x-rays done for surgical planning, the owner's third dog Tehya was also limping! Pepa and Tehya went to Timaru together for their TTA surgeries on the same day and now all three dogs are recovering at home. Their owners will have a busy next few months doing the rehab exercises and slowly increasing their walking times.



Below are Echo's x-rays showing the right leg (normal) and left leg after surgery.



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- MHS Physio.....extn 53121
- Maniototo Pharmacy.....(03) 444 9111
- Peter Dick Optometrist.....(03) 444 9111
- Alice Lindemann Hearing.....0800 727 484
- Central Dental.....(03) 448 8159
- Lisa Denny Physiotherapist.....(03) 448 6688
- Podiatrist Deb Cookson022 419 9011
- Healthline.....0800 611 116
- Wax Out (ear wax removal)027 419 6463
- Rural Support Trust 0800 787 254
- Ka Ora Health (after hours telehealth service - charges may apply)0800 252 672

Free call or text 1737 any time to talk to a trained counsellor

Māniototo Community Support Hub

A place where people can connect, find help and access free services

On the last Thursday of each month, we will be in your community, if you would like to see us you can drop into the Hub space being provided at the Ranfurlly Medical Center between 10am-1pm

Free and Confidential Services that will be there are:

- Family Works: Financial mentor
- Cancer society
- Age Concern
- Work and Income
- Catholic Social Services



Upcoming dates:
Jul 31st, Aug 28th, Sep 25th

For more information, please contact
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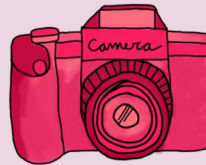
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WINTER HOURS

During winter we will be open the first Sunday and last Thursday of the month:

11am—12pm

JULY

Sunday 6th
Thursday 31st

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd
Thursday 28th

Maniototo Toy Library has some exciting new toys joining our wee library.

We have a Paw Patrol Tower, sure to be a favourite amongst the kids! A Gabby's Doll House and a Bluey House.



We were also kindly donated two Tonies Boxes and 6 figurines, these are an awesome addition to our toy library and great to reduce screen time while the kids can still listen to their fan favourite tv shows & movies - Check them out online to see what they are.

Positively MANIATOTO! OUT AND ABOUT



Maniototo Adventure Park - Matariki 'Lights on Ice' - 21/06/25 spectacular turnout and sparkling community spirit. Photo: MAP Facebook



Romdale Ewes lined up waiting to be shifted in Gimmerburn. Debbie Paterson.



Shearing time views in Gimmerburn. Debbie Paterson.



Taken in Naseby forest. Jude Clarke.



Julie Greig of Patearoa and exhibiting artist Debbie Moore of Oturehua at the Ida Valley Winter Art Show official opening. Debbie is a student of Julie's, regularly attending pastel workshops held at the Maniototo Arts Centre. Amie Pont.



Autumn garden photo. Faye-Ann Thompson.



BEFORE



AFTER

I renovated this vanity using a wooden table that had been converted into a vanity with a round basin. I replaced it with a second-hand oval basin from Marketplace. All supplies came from the always-helpful Derek. Jan MacKenzie.