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Te Kawerongo ō Bulls



JULY 2025 – ISSUE 225

Waitatapia WEAR-A-BULL ARTS

16 August 2025

SHOWS START 6PM

Licensed Bar



Te Matapihi, Bulls

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YOU HERD IT HERE

Hi everyone

Can you believe we're nearly in July? Time's flying! We have the Waitatapia Wear-A-Bull Arts in August, new A-Bull Arrow signs will be up soon, and our youth club is going strong with regular Hip Hop and Dungeons & Dragons. In July, we're adding golf skills, and once the weather warms up, we'll roll out more after-school and holiday activities.

- *Would your teen like to be part of another awesome art project?*
- *Want to help out at an event or one of our programs?*
- *Fancy a trip to the Feilding Markets one Friday?*

We've got a driver, transport for up to 11 people, and the time, just for you!

Call or text me anytime on 021 174 5951. Stay safe, stay warm.

Heidi — your Community Co-ordinator

A Fresh Take on a Christmas Tradition

After thoughtful conversations with stakeholders involved in our Annual Christmas Parade, we're exploring the idea of introducing a new community celebration: Christmas in the Park.

Over recent years, the parade has been slowly winding down. It's a significant cost to close two state highways for such a short event, and the dedicated Trust that organises it has been running with very little support. While change can be challenging, it can also bring new energy—and we think this might be the perfect time to try something different.

Imagine a vibrant community Christmas Party in the park, with our local stakeholders contributing in exciting new ways—live performances including Christmas carols, kapa haka, Jump Jam, and festive skits. We're also looking at having free family entertainment like rides, water obstacles, a lolly scramble, sausage sizzles and so much more. Picture families relaxing on picnic blankets, enjoying a fun-filled afternoon surrounded by friends, whānau, and Christmas cheer.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on this potential change.
Is this a celebration you and your whānau would be excited about?

Please complete the below form and return it to the box provided at Te Matapihi before the end of June or use the QR code.



NAME:

Christmas Celebration

OR

Christmas Parade

OR

Both

Christmas Celebration

AT

Bulls Domain

OR

Te Matapihi

Reason for my decision

Comments/Suggestions

ALIVE AND WELL IN BULLS

THE LITTLE MUSEUM THAT PUNCHES ABOVE ITS WEIGHT

As I write this article, we are nearing the end of June and have passed the shortest day.

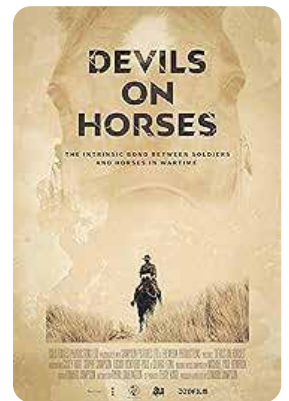
It's all go at the Bulls Museum. We had the unveiling of the Chris Amon statue at the new Bulls Commemorative Centre, formerly the Bulls Public Library, on 29th June.

The New Zealand Premiere of *Devils on Horses* doco/drama is a not to be missed production at the Globe Theatre in Palmerston North on 2nd August. Tickets for the early session are available from https://nz.patronbase.com/_GlobeTheatre/Productions/DOH/Performances Once tickets for the early session are sold out, a second session will take place at 7pm. The ANZAC Mounts will be attending as a guard of honour and we have the QAMR presence from Linton with a LAV and Bushmaster.

More details available at the Bulls Museum Facebook page.

Whilst all this busy time is happening, the Bulls Museum continues to function with visitors from far and wide. Australia, Switzerland, Canada, China, Sweden, United Kingdom, Malaysia and Ireland to name a few. The guys from Dublin, Ireland were interesting to talk to, one being a teacher and one a politician.

Another piece of Bulls History came to light this week with some manuals received from a former Bulls family member. Many of the older members of the Bulls community would remember Mr Fred Holland. Fred was the local Plumber who lived in Bridge Street for many years, a former chairman of the Bulls Town Board and local Mayor. Holland Crescent is named after him. One of the manuals gifted is a catalogue from 1923.



Chris Amon Statue

PHONE: 021 105 1327
EMAIL: BULLS.MUSEUM@GMAIL.COM

DO-A-BULLS IN AND AROUND BULLS

EVENTS COMING UP IN 2025

WEAR-A-BULL-ART - Sat 16th Aug

THE MUDDER - Sat 20th Sept
Held on Makuhou Road, Marton

TAIHAPE SPRING FESTIVAL - Sat 13th Sept

SHOCKING PINK FUNDRAISER EVENING Thurs 9th Oct

ART TRAIL MANAWATU - Sat 18th & Sun 19th Oct

HUNTERVILLE SHEMOZZLE - Sat 25th Oct

BULLS ANNUAL ROSE & FLOWER SHOW - Sat 8th Nov

BULLS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - Sat 13th Dec

DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING AND ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE IS MIDDAY 28th JULY

READ-A-BULL

Bulls Book Club meet at
the Bulls Library
at Te Matapihi
on the first Tuesday of
each month at 11am



PLAY HOUSIE

Bulls Bowling Club

3rd and 17th June

7pm Sharp

All welcome

Supper provided



Steady as you go

Falls Prevention Exercise Group

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For further details contact:
Janet Lewis, Age Concern Whanganui
06 345 1799
saygo@acwhanganui.org.nz

...or just come along & have a go!

DO-A-BULLS IN AND AROUND BULLS

BULLS YOUTH CLUB

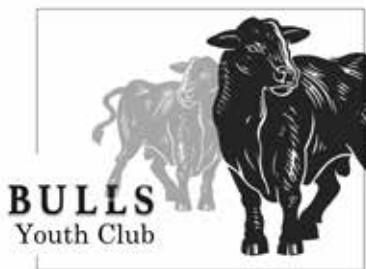
TUESDAYS - DURING SCHOOL TERM

HIP HOP 4 to 4.30pm five and under

HIP HOP 4.30 to 5pm six and over

Te Matapihi

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BULLS & DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet every Friday in our hall on the corner of Daniell and High Streets.

Our doors open at 1pm
Start Time is 1.45pm.
Entertainment starts at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow. We also have lovely raffles and a sales table to enjoy.

We always enjoy the friendship of our members and love having the entertainers each week who always lift our spirits and we all go home after a most enjoyable afternoon looking forward to the next get together every Friday.

Come along and enjoy great company and entertainment and the lovely afternoon tea

Our committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm.

Take Care everyone

Kay O'Brien
Ph: 027 471 0889

Call for Volunteers

We are preparing for our largest annual fundraiser **Daffodil Day!**

If you are keen to give 2 hours of your time for our Street Collection on **Friday 29 August**

We would LOVE to hear from you!

Bring a friend and you can do it together!



Requirements:
Have a positive, friendly and professional attitude.
All support, training and resources will be provided

Scan the QR code to register your interest or email fatima.khanzada@cancercd.org.nz



BULLS MEDICAL CENTRE

Bulls Medical Centre Ltd is open every Saturday from 8.00am to 11.45am for emergencies only.

**REMINDER THAT ON THE 12TH JULY WE WILL BE CLOSED
DUE TO DOCTORS EDUCATIONAL TRAINING**

Don't Wait Vaccinate!

Protect Yourself and Your Community. As the seasons change, it's crucial to protect yourself and loved ones from preventable illnesses.

Flu Vaccinations

Don't underestimate the flu! Annual vaccination offers the best defence against serious illness, hospitalization and spread within our Community. Ring Reception to organise your appointment for your flu vaccination.

Remember the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine and the Whooping Cough vaccine safeguard our Tamariki and Mokopuna.

Winter Wellness Planning

For those with chronic conditions come in to discuss winter planning with our team.

Protect your health

Get your cervical screening. It's a quick and simple way to check for changes that could lead to cervical cancer. Regular screening saves lives. Talk to your Doctor or nurse today to book your appointment. Your health matters!

BULLS MEDICAL CENTRE LTD

Practice Plus 0800 772 7587 and Kia Ora 0800 252 672 are available for virtual consultations

For all in person after hours care please head to Whanganui Accident and Emergency 06 348 1300

PRE-WINTER OFFICE WELLNESS TIPS

STAY HYDRATED

Use reminders, sip herbal teas

DRESS IN LAYERS

Adapt to office temps

TAKE BREAKS

20-20-20 rule for screen relief

SEEK LIGHT

Sit by windows or use light therapy

HEALTHY SNACKS

Stock fruits, nuts, vitamin D foods

STAY ACTIVE

Stretch or walk regularly

PRIORITIZE SLEEP

Aim for 7-9 hours

CONNECT

Plan team coffee breaks or chats

MANAGE STRESS

Try breathing exercises or music

EMBRACE WINTER FUN

Host cozy office events

LESSER-KNOWN TIPS

USE A HUMIDIFIER

Prevent dry skin

SNACK SEASONALLY

Citrus boosts immunity

TRY AROMATHERAPY

Peppermint for focus

GRATITUDE JOURNAL

Boosts positivity

DIGITAL DETOXES

Step away from screens

PANUI HAUORA - COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

DO YOU HAVE TIME FOR OLDER PEOPLE?



- Are you - warm, friendly, enjoy a chat, but also able to be a good listener?
- Keen to spend time with an older person?
- Can pass a police vetting check?
- Able to give around one hour per week on a regular basis?
- Respectful of confidentiality and of other cultures?
- Over 18?

Older people who feel lonely or spend too much time alone is something that can happen over time when there are changes in health and circumstances, having a regular visitor is something they can look forward to and really makes a difference to the health and happiness of an older person.

We notice many positive changes over time with regular visits. People's confidence and independence improve. They may be more interested in others and in current affairs. Sharing our interests and knowledge is always a boost. Health and wellbeing improve as life becomes more engaging, with more connections, choices and activities.

So if you'd like to have a visitor or to be one, please reach out and contact our Visiting Service Coordinator Heidi Raikes.

AGE CONCERN WHANGANUI 06 345 1799
WE OPEN MONDAY TO THURSDAY 8.30AM TO 4.30PM



Alzheimers Whanganui

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT FAMILY, WHANAU AND ANY ONE IN OUR COMMUNITY AFFECTED BY DEMENTIA

If you have concerns about Memory loss; Changes in cognitive behaviour or a Diagnosis of Dementia and would like to see Fiona to discuss your concerns, please phone to book a time to meet.

Fiona will be in the Rangitikei on
Monday 28th July 2025
Taihape - 9.30am to 11.30pm
Marton - 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Contact Fiona on 027 557 4073

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28 JUNE - 13 JULY @ BULLS COMMUNITY HUB

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
<p>SAT 28 June</p> <p><i>Build the tallest Lego building</i> 10am-4pm</p> 	<p>SAT 5 July</p> <p><i>Build the tallest Lego building</i> 10am-4pm</p> 
<p>SUN 29 June</p> 	<p>SUN 6 July</p>
<p>MON 30 June</p> 	<p>MON 7 July</p> 
<p>TUE 1 July</p> <p><i>Experience technology with VR & drawing robots</i> 10am-4pm</p> 	<p>TUE 8 July</p> <p><i>Experience technology with VR & drawing robots</i> 10am-4pm</p> 
<p>WED 2 July</p> <p><i>Slime making - 11am-12pm</i> <i>Fabric Crafting - 10am-3pm</i> with Angela and Clara</p> 	<p>WED 9 July</p> <p><i>Slime making - 11am-12pm</i></p> 
<p>THU 3 July</p> <p><i>Adventure mat coding with Kai's Clan</i> 10am-4pm <i>Fabric Crafting - 10am-3pm</i> with Angela and Clara</p> 	<p>THU 10 July</p> <p><i>Adventure mat coding with Kai's Clan</i> 10am-4pm</p>
<p>FRI 4 July</p> <p><i>Fabric Crafting - 10am-3pm</i> with Angela and Clara</p> 	<p>FRI 11 July</p> <p>SAT 12 July</p> <p><i>Maths treasure hunting</i></p> 



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL



For more information contact 06 327 0080
bullslib@rangitikei.govt.nz | www.rangitikei.govt.nz/library



Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten



At Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten we have been experiencing the rituals of the current season, with lots of leaves from our trees to take care of, learning about and celebrating Matariki and having a fantastic time at our recent animal themed disco. We have been loving meeting new friends during our Friday morning playgroup!



We invite you to our

Playgroup every Friday
11.00am - 12noon
ages 2 to school

When and where

WE HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE

If you would like your child to experience all that we have to offer at Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten, please don't hesitate to contact us.

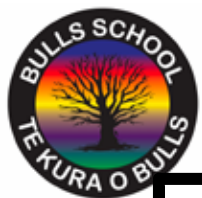
Phone: 06 322 1466 or 021 0829 6132
Email: bulls@rka.org.nz

Or pop in and see the team at 30 Wilson Street, Bulls

We look forward to meeting you!



Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten
Wilson Street, Bulls
P: 06 322 1466 M: 027 0829 6132
www.ruahinekindergartens.org.nz



Bulls School



A special Visitor

Students were treated to an unforgettable encounter with one of Aotearoa's iconic native birds – the kākā! The curious parrot made a surprise visit to our Forest classroom, giving tamariki a rare chance to observe this remarkable manu up close.

Kākā are part of the New Zealand parrot family, known for their intelligence, strong beaks, and lively personalities. As students quietly watched, they were able to see the bird's beautiful plumage and listen to its distinctive calls. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of protecting our native wildlife and the special biodiversity that surrounds us.

We're grateful for these moments that bring learning to life and help connect our ākonga with the natural world. Ka rawe!



Paws-itive Learning! Dog Safety Education Visits Our School

Our students received a special visit from Kelly Jordan and her wonderful canine companion, Rat! They shared invaluable insights into dog safety education, making the topic engaging and accessible for all our children. Kelly, a true expert in responsible pet interactions, delivered a highly informative session.

Kelly's Tips

Always ask permission from the dog's owner before you pat it

If a dog's on its own, leave it alone.

Keep your face out of its space

When you meet a dog for the first time, don't pat it on the head.



Winter Sports are all go!



Our school leaders headed off to the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) at the Regent on Broadway in Palmerston North. There were some amazing speakers. Amongst them was an award winning Kiwi singer, Georgia Lines.

Our Matariki Celebration – Festival of Lights was a great success! We're so grateful to everyone who came along to support us and share in the magic of the evening. Your presence and positivity made it truly special. Ngā mihi nui – thank you again for being part of this beautiful celebration of unity, remembrance, and new beginnings.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

TERM 2 2025 - CLIFTON SCHOOL

Welcome – Haere Mai – Alofa
Bula – Hallo – Susadei



As we draw this term to a close it is lovely to see the bright blue sky even if the days start so crisp and cool. As I write this I look back on a very busy term where the children have all done a remarkable job. We are very proud of what they have achieved and the way that they have embraced the CARE mentality here at Clifton. This was so evident in feedback from bushy park where our Ruma Tieke visited last week. The children went on a forest walk and a wander through the wetlands. They completed a predator detective activity where they had to guess what the animals on the tracking tunnels were. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt so much. The feedback from Bushy park itself was amazing and we are so proud of the way that the children carried themselves and portrayed the school values.

As we wrap up this term we will do that with our annual Whanau Soup Evening which is always very well attended and we look forward to this event next week.

We hope that you all have a great break over the July holidays and we look forward to next term with you all.

Adrian Burn - Clifton School Tumuaki





Notes from our Small Animal Vets

This month our focus is Senior Pets

Recognising Pain in Older Pets: Subtle Signs to Watch For

As pets age, their bodies change, just like ours. Conditions like arthritis, dental disease, and internal issues can cause chronic discomfort. But unlike us, pets can't tell us when something hurts, and they often hide the signs. Here's what to look out for:

- Mobility changes – Hesitation on stairs, reluctance to jump, slower movement, or stiffness after rest may all point to joint pain.
- Behaviour shifts – A friendly pet becoming withdrawn or grumpy, increased vocalising, whining, or pacing could be signs of pain or distress.
- Changes in eating or grooming – A sudden drop in appetite could signal dental pain or nausea. Cats that stop grooming, or dogs that over-groom one spot, might be experiencing discomfort.
- Sensitivity to touch – Flinching, growling, or crying out when touched can be a clear red flag.
- Posture and breathing – A hunched back, stiff body, or shallow rapid breathing may suggest internal pain.

If you notice any of these signs, don't just put it down to old age. Book a check-up with your vet. With the right support, from joint supplements to medication and lifestyle changes, your senior pet can enjoy a much more comfortable and happy life.

Notes from our Production Vets:

Most of the routine vaccinations should be well underway or completed by now, Pre-lamb clostridial for ewe flocks, and leptospirosis, salmonella, and rotavirus for both dairy and beef herds.

Pre-calving jobs are likely wrapping up too. Calf sheds cleaned and disinfected, and new staff inducted into farm protocols.

For those bottle-feeding lambs or calves for Ag Day, swing by our clinics for everything you need to get them off to a great start.

If there's anything we can assist with as the season ramps up, please don't hesitate to contact our team, we're here to help.

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HAPORI WHANUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Recently we held our Club Championships. It was a very testing day with challenging weather, rain and cold and then some sunshine. Congratulations to the Champions and also the runner ups, who in some matches made the win very closely contested, with some players only winning on the 36th hole.

Senior Mens Champion: Martin Field

Runner Up: Warren Herbert

Intermediate Mens Champion: Alan Wix

Runner Up: Joe Ferrier

Junior A Mens Champion: Chris Gledhill

Runner Up: Neville Berendt

Junior B Mens Champion: John Luckham

Runner Up: Clive Robinson

Silver Womens Champion: Jamie Gledhill

Runner Up: Karen Yorke

Bronze 1 Womens Champion: JayJay Thompson

Runner Up: Wendal Masters

Bronze 11 Womens Champion: Bronwyn Ewens

Runner Up: Stella Berendt

Well done to everyone. It was great to see people out there following players, despite the weather. It was a long day for most, finishing off at 4.30pm in the afternoon. Hot food in the clubhouse was appreciated by the players.



Champions. From left to right Chris Gledhill, Alan Wix, Martin Field, Jamie Gledhill, JayJay Thompson, Bronwyn Ewens

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on the first Tuesday of each month at 11am

Everyone is Welcome



FREE LEGAL ADVICE - BULLS

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12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm



Clinic 19th June

Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre
Criterion Street, Bulls

To book a one hour appointment
call 06 348 8288
or email claw@claw.co.nz

BULLS AIR SCOUTS

Leaders and Adult Helpers over 18 years are always
welcome (*Police vetting is required for youth safety*).

Phone: Lynell on 027 431 2184

Email: bulls@group.scouts.nz



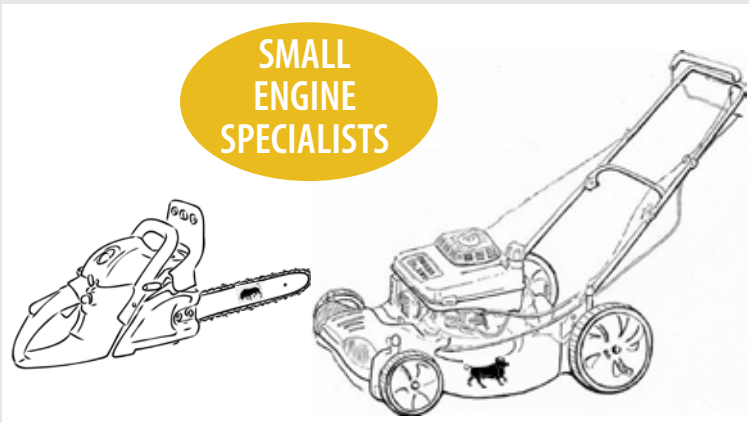
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Rangitikei District Council, Pub Charity, Lotteries, Catalytic Foundation
Whanganui Community Foundation, Dudding's Trust, COG's and DIA

HAPORI WHANUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

SOUTH RANGITIKEI DOG TRAINING CLUB

Our next term will start at the Bulls Scout and Guide Hall on Tuesday 15th July at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome

**FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT
MARGARET ROBINSON ON 06 322 1085**



BULLS RSA LADIES



Our committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the RSA Lounge Bulls at 1pm.

On the 8th June we had our Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner at *Delish* In Fielding and was enjoyed by 36 Members. On Saturday 2nd August is the upcoming *Movie Devils on Horses* in Palmerston North. You can get your tickets from the Bulls Museum. On the 14th July we have a *Soup and Bun Evening*, to be held in the RSA Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

Stay warm and cosy. For further information contact Elizabeth Taylor (Liz) on 027 229 8980



WELCOME TO THE BULLS RSA

55 High Street, Bulls. New members are always welcome. Come on in and have a look around. Annual Subscription is \$40. **Our opening hours are as follows: Mon closed except for Public Holidays. Tues-Wed-Thurs 4pm till close. Fri from 3pm. Open Sat & Sun from 2.30pm**

RSA COURTESY VAN

Available. Donations welcome to help with the upkeep and fuel costs.

Our low membership fee of \$40 gives you the following benefits:

- Monthly birthday draw: put your names into the container, if it's your name drawn a \$30 bar tab is loaded to your membership card. Membership Draw: Fri nights between 6.15 and 6.30pm. and second draw Sat nights between 4pm and 6pm.
- Access to all affiliated clubs in NZ. – Courtesy Van available. – Karaoke the last Fri of the month.



Eric and Cath Beeby - Bulls RSA Support Services. Mobile: 0212 390 776 - Email: ewcabeeby@gmail.com



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Bulls Youth Club

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GOLF SKILLS

Mondays for 6 weeks
Starting 21st July

@ Rangitikei
Golf Course

**Community van leaves Te Matapihi
3.30pm returns @ 5pm**

Email office@bulls.kiwi to register interest





LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2025

“Your District is calling”

Rangitikei residents encouraged to stand for Council



With the 2025 local elections fast approaching, it's time for people to start thinking about standing for Council. In the 2022 local elections, three ward seats were won uncontested because there weren't enough candidates to hold an election.

“Local government is in a delicate position with lots of change happening at speed. Balancing council commitments and your own work or personal responsibilities can be tough, so we want to make sure people know what it's like to be an elected member,” says Rangitikei District Council Deputy Electoral Officer, Katrina Gray.

Nationally, the number of uncontested seats at the last local elections reached an all-time high. Low pay, increasing time commitment and public abuse were cited as the main reasons why outgoing elected members were choosing not to stand again.

“Being an elected member can be hard, but there are many reasons why elected members find real fulfilment and purpose in their roles. Contributing to and serving your community is incredibly rewarding, especially when you see the benefits of the projects and initiatives you've advocated for, realised,” adds Katrina.

Many believe that you must be business orientated to be a successful elected member, but Rangitikei District Council Chief

Executive, Carol Gordon says a passion for your community and desire to see Rangitikei thrive shouldn't be underestimated.

“Financial and business acumen are valuable skills to have – understanding governance is also important, but these are skills that can be learnt and developed throughout your term.

An open mind, critical thinking and analysis, relationship building, collaboration, communication, and a genuine care for Rangitikei residents is necessary.

“People who are community minded and want to leave our district in a good place for future generations tend to be the ones who connect the most with voters and make for good elected members around the Council table,” adds Carol.

Nominations open Friday 4 July 2025.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/local-elections-stand

ENROLLING FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Enrolling to vote is easy to do! And there's plenty of ways you can do it as well.

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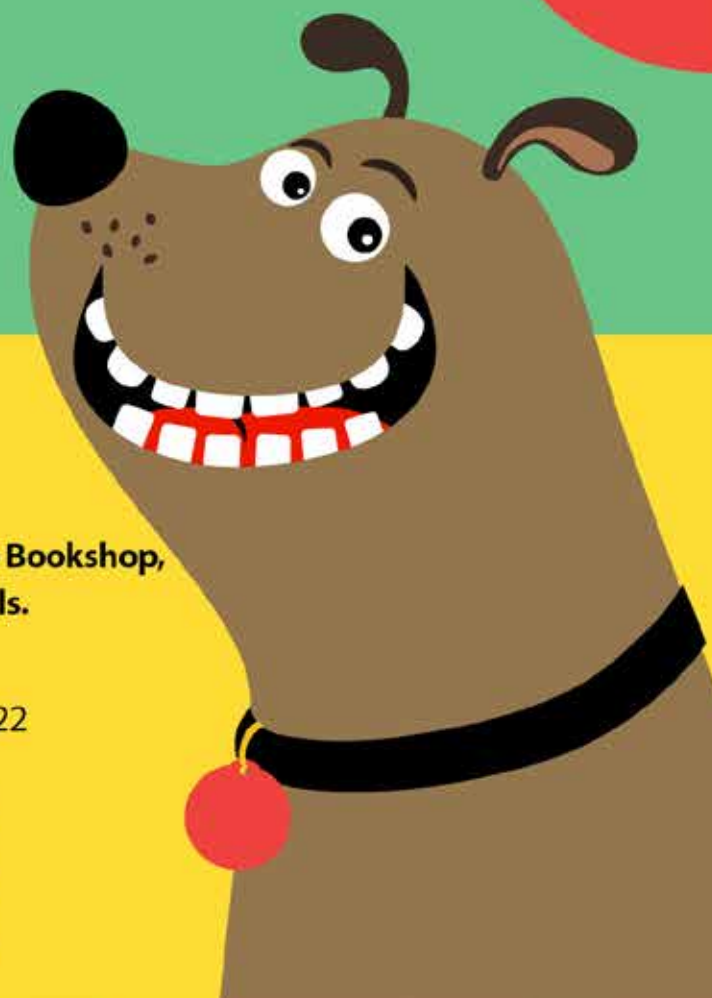
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RANGITIKEI
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PĀNUI HĀKINAKINA - SPORTS UPDATES



BULLS
HEALTHY
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BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB

WE ARE HOSTING THE HURRICANES
HEARTLAND UNDER 20 TOURNAMENT 9 & 10 AUGUST

Bulls Healthy Bastards Senior Bs faced COB on Club Day in a top-of-the-table clash. Bulls started strong with direct running and offloads leading to the first try, dominating the opening 15 minutes.

COB responded with smart kicks and wide play, gaining control and carrying that momentum into the second half. Bulls fought back with strong efforts off the bench, showing real character to stay in the game.

Final score: Bulls 26 to 48 COB.

Senior B's round is now complete. The team finishes 4th "Congratulations!" They now host a quarter final against Feilding yellows.



CLUB DAY was a fantastic success!

It was wonderful to see such strong support from our community, thank you to everyone who came along. A special shout-out to our incredible volunteers and generous sponsors for making the day possible.

In particular, we'd like to thank Bulls Four Square, Farmland Foods and our major sponsors: Bulls Healthy Bastards, Whisker Harvesting, NZ Grazing, Fox Pine, Heidi Macaulay REAA, and Waitatapia Farming. **We couldn't have done it without you!**



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- ◇ Saturday 26th July 2025
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