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Te Kawerongo ō Bulls

BULLS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Bulls Domain – Saturday 13th December – 3pm to 7pm
Festive fun, laughter & Christmas cheer

- Lots of FREE things to do
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- Bring a deck chair or blanket
- Enjoy live entertainment and Christmas music
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- Santa visit & photo opportunities
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- Exciting raffles & more to enjoy



Merry Christmas

Wishing you a joyful Christmas with whanau and friends. Let's celebrate together!

Heidi & The Bulls & District Community Trust



YOU HERD IT HERE

What a Year! Wow wee, we're almost at the end of 2025! It has been a huge year within and around the Bulls community, filled with events, achievements, and plenty of community spirit.

ROSE SHOW SUCCESS

The Bulls Annual Rose Show was a fantastic success despite the wind, with hundreds of flowers and artworks proudly on display.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS

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A big thank you also to everyone who helped behind the scenes and on the day, you are incredibly appreciated. And Michelle Brown, you are an absolute legend. We couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations to all our entrants, we can't wait to see what you bring next year.



BULLS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

DOG DRESS UP COMPETITION

🎅 Sat 13th December 2025

🎅 4pm

🎅 Bulls Domain



YOU HERD IT HERE



Bulls Community Christmas Celebration

Get ready! In just a few weeks, we gather for our Bulls Community Christmas Celebration
Held at the Bulls Domain on Saturday 13th December, from 3 to 7pm

This year features:

- Local stalls
- Free activities including a waterslide, face painting, a climbing tower and more
- Photos with Santa
- SRVS Dress Your Dog competition
- Crafts, food, baking, candy floss, wooden toys, and more
- Performances from our Tamariki
- Christmas carols throughout the evening

It's shaping up to be a wonderful afternoon and evening for the whole whānau.

JANUARY BREAK

There will be no Bull-it-inn for January.
We'll be back refreshed and ready in February 2026

FEST-A-BULL RETURNS – 28th FEBRUARY 2026

Mark your calendar! Fest-a-Bull is back with live music, food, and free activities all day.

The legendary Teams Challenge returns with a trophy and cash prize up for grabs!
We are also looking for sponsors of this fun competition. Expect a mix of edible challenges, team coordination, mental tasks, and mild physical activities.

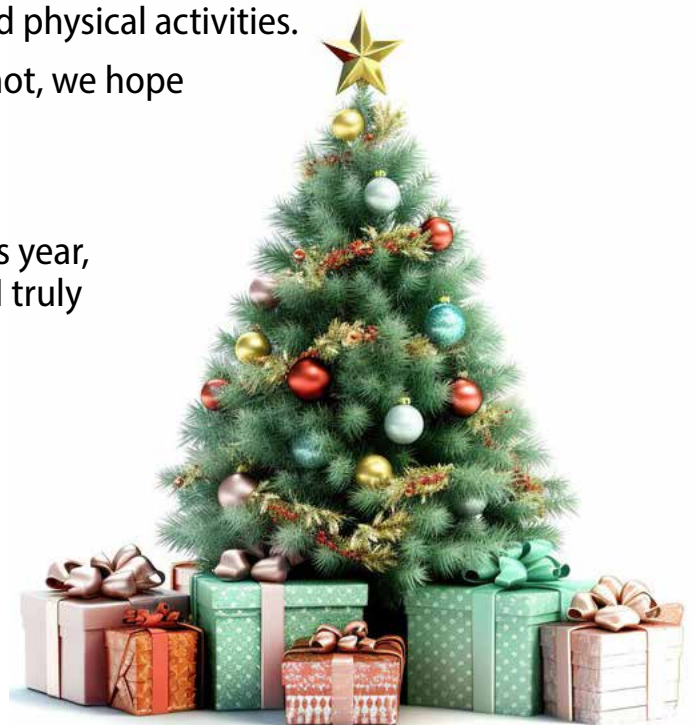
If you entered last year, we're ready for a rematch! If not, we hope to see your team enter this year.

THANK YOU

To everyone who has supported me and the Trust this year, thank you! As the saying goes, it takes a village, and I truly cannot do what I do without my village.

Merry
Christmas

Heidi Macaulay
Community Development Co-ordinator



2025 EVENTS

DECEMBER

Marton Market Day, 6th Dec
Christmas Parades x 3 – Marton 7th,
Taihape 13th, Hunterville 24th Dec
Bulls Christmas Celebrations – 13th Dec



2026 EVENTS

JANUARY

Marton Country Music Festival, 16th to 18th Jan (Ticketed)
Kiwiburn Hunterville, 21st to 26th Jan (Ticketed)
Turakina Highland Games, 31st Jan

FEBRUARY

Rangitikei Shearing Sports, early Feb
Fest-a-Bull, 28th Feb, Bulls

MARCH

CampFest Bulls, 6th to 8th Mar
Rangitikei Adventure Race
– North Island Secondary Schools Champs, 21st Mar (Ticketed)

APRIL

Bulls Rugby Club 150th Celebration – 3rd to 5th April
Marton Harvest Festival & Pedal 4 Pleasure, 12th April
Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge, late April

AUGUST

Wear-A-Bull Arts Festival, mid Aug – Ticketed, but mainly locals
Rangitikei Tough Kids
Bulls Junior Rugby Tournament



**DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING AND ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE IS
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Merry Christmas
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Bulls Friendship Club

We have our last Meeting
for 2025 on the 12th
December with our
Christmas Theme and
entertainment from Just
Jammin, a visit from
Santa Claus and of course
our wonderful raffles and
afternoon tea.

We start again on the
23rd January 2026 with
another great year in
front of us.

Everyone is welcome to
come along and join in the
fun.

Happy New Year to all

Greetings Kay O'Brien
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CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

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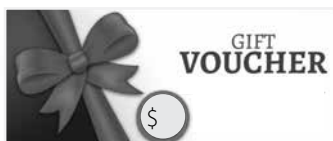
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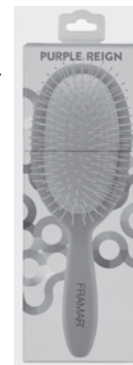
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CHRISTMAS COOKING

MEAT & CHEESE CHRISTMAS TREES

An Easy Holiday Appetizer. Check out this simple recipe for Meat and Cheese Christmas Trees! Only three ingredients are needed to make this festive snack. Makes 10 trees – Prep time: 20 minutes

INGREDIENTS – 15 slices pepperoni, 15 slices salami, Toothpicks
1 pound block of cheddar cheese, Small star cookie cutter

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the cheese into $\frac{1}{4}$ inch slices, then use a small star cookie cutter to cut out 10 stars. Set the stars aside.
2. Cut the remaining cheese into 10 cubes.
3. Stick one toothpick into each cheese cube.
4. Fold each slice of pepperoni and salami into quarters (in half, then in half again) and slice three pieces of folded meat onto the toothpick on top of the cheese cube.
5. Place one cheese star on top of each tree.
6. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.

Variations – You can use other cheeses – cheddar, American, Mozzarella, Pepperjack, or any other flavor of cheese that you want. This keeps the edible trees looking unique and gives them a delicious new taste.

Use different meats – thinly sliced ham, turkey, salami, or even cooked chicken breast would all work!

Serving – cover them with plastic wrap so that they stay as fresh as possible. You can also cut the meat and cheese ahead of time and then put everything together right before serving.



GINGERBREAD COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter—softened, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cloves,
1 cup sugar, plus additional for rolling, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 large egg, room temperature, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup molasses
2- $\frac{1}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon baking soda, $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, cream butter and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy (5-7 minutes). Beat in egg and molasses.
2. Combine the flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt and gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well.
3. Roll into 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch balls, then roll in additional sugar.
4. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets
Bake at 350° until puffy and lightly browned (10-12 min)
5. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Top with icing and sprinkles if desired.



CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS & JOKES

HANGING STOCKINGS STARTED BY ACCIDENT



The historic St Nicholas heard about the plight of a local man who did not have enough dowry money to marry off his three daughters. The generous St Nick tossed some money down the chimney that landed in the ladies' stockings that were drying by the fire. After that, the tradition stuck!



SILENT NIGHT

Silent Night is the most recorded Christmas song. It has been adapted more than any others. It's had more than 733 different versions copyrighted since 1978

TINSEL HAS AN INTERESTING HISTORY

Tinsel was invented in 1610 in Germany. It was spun from real silver and then hammered out and was more of a luxury decoration than the cheap tree trimming it is today.

SANTAS REINDEERS

The eight tiny reindeer have had lots of names. Rudolph was almost named Rollo or Reginald and his crew also had lots of other names. They've previously been called Flossie, Glossie, Racer, Pacer, Scratcher, Feckless, Ready, Steady and Fireball



CHRISTMAS JOKES



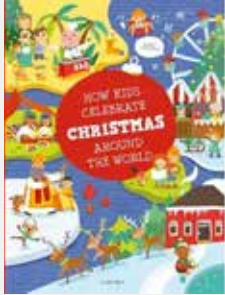
- What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him? **The cold shoulder**
- What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs? **Candy canes**
- Why is everyone thirsty at the North Pole? **No well**
- How did the reindeer learn to play piano? **He was elf-taught**
- What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot? **"Get out of my face."**
- What do you call an old snowman? **Water**
- Why did the Little Drummer Boy put his drum to bed? **He was beat**
- What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? **An abdominal snowman**
- What is green, covered in Christmas lights and Christmas bulbs, and goes ribbit? **A mistle-toad**
- How do sheep say Merry Christmas to each other? **Fleece Navidad**
- Why did Rudolph have to attend summer school?
Because he went down in history
- Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?
Because every buck is dear to him!



CHRISTMAS BOOK TREATS

HOW KIDS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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- ★ Climbing Tower ★ Mini Jeeps ★ Obstacle Course ★ Play Trailer ★
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0 MartonMarketDay

For more info email
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Law Corner Team

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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

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Just a reminder that 65-year-olds are entitled to free Shingles and Tetanus boosters. Please phone us to make an appointment with our fabulous nursing team.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOURS

- Christmas Eve: Open until 2pm
- Christmas Day: CLOSED
- Boxing Day: CLOSED
- Saturday 27th December: Open 8 to 11:45am
- Sunday 28th December: CLOSED
- Monday & Tuesday: Open normal hours
- Wednesday 31 December: Open until 2pm
- Thursday 1st January 2026: CLOSED
- Friday 2nd January 2026: CLOSED
- Saturday 3rd January 2026: Open 8 to 11:45am
- Sunday: CLOSED
- Back to normal business hours from Monday 5th January 2026

From all the team at Bulls Medical Centre Ltd, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and keep safe

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PANUI HAUORA - COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS



Alheimers Whanganui

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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 or email her to book a time to meet.



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**DO YOU SPEND A LOT OF
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**WOULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW LIKE MORE COMPANY?
ARE YOU 65 OR OLDER?**

Maybe you can't get out much these days due to changes in health and circumstances and would enjoy some company. Age Concern Whanganui has a Free Visiting Service that is now available in Marton, Bulls, Hunterville, Raetihi, and Ohakune. Our Visiting Service has caring volunteer visitors who are keen to spend time with an older person for about an hour each week, the volunteer visitors also enjoy the opportunity to get to know someone and benefit and learn from the experience.

If you or someone you know would like further information about this service, and to see if this is the right fit for you and your situation, simply call our Visiting Service Coordinator Heidi. We're open Monday-Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm



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Our curious learners at Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten have been exploring knowledge of living things and how to care for them as we use our new incubator to incubate eggs and raise chicks. This supports development of working theories about life cycles. So exciting!

The team at Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten wish our community a safe and happy holiday season. Kindergarten will close for the holidays at 2.30pm on Friday 19th December and reopen on Monday 12th of January.



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When
and
where



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

“Kia Tū, Kia Kaha, Kia Manawanui” - Stand firm, Be Strong, Be your best.

Kia ora e te whānau,
Salaam, Kamusta, Namaste, Bula, and Hello to all our families!

The end of the term is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time here at Sanson School! Camp, beach day, Ki o Rahi, swimming, and our end-of-year prize giving are all ahead; and throw in a bit of Christmas cheer, there is never a dull moment here.

We're kicking off this week with a whole-school Camp Day on Monday, filled with tent-building challenges, team games, and a splash in the pool. Room 1 will then be off to Sixtus Lodge to explore the bush, and glow worms before heading up to Awastone for a day full of rafting fun.

Last week we had the amazing Megan from Hato Hone St John, teaching all our students valuable first aid training. Our senior students found this particularly helpful ahead of camp.

Our tamariki gave it their all at Small Schools Athletics recently, showing determination and amazing sportsmanship. Huge congratulations to Jacob and Heath for qualifying for the Massey cluster event – ka rawe, boys!

Staffing Updates for 2026

It is with both sadness and deep gratitude that we farewell Mr. K at the end of this year. His years of dedication and care have left an indelible mark on Sanson School, and we wish him a retirement full of whānau, fun, and well-earned relaxation.

We're also delighted to welcome Whaea Mel as a permanent member of our teaching team in 2026 – she's already doing fantastic work in our junior class. Recruitment is underway for our senior teaching position for 2026, and we'll share more soon.

Pool Season Is Nearly Here!

Our school pool is almost ready thanks to some dedicated volunteers and a good bit of suction pumping. Community keys are now available from the office. If you're able to help with weekly checks and general upkeep, we'd love to hear from you.

Wishing you all a joyful, restful, and sunshine-filled Christmas season! Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and enthusiasm throughout 2025. We can't wait to welcome you back to Sanson School in 2026 for another year of learning, growth, and community.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Grayson Marsh
Principal – Sanson School





Bulls School



As we head into the last few weeks of the school year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our whānau and community for your ongoing support. This year has been full of wonderful opportunities and experiences for our tamariki—many of which would not have been possible without your involvement, encouragement, and generosity.

We're also delighted to invite you to join us for our Carols by Candlelight End-of-Year Celebration on Wednesday, 10th December at 5.30pm here at school. Come along and enjoy kai, music, and entertainment—an evening not to be missed as we celebrate the end of the year together.

We are grateful for the strong partnerships we share and the positive impact they have on our learners.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2026, refreshed and ready for another great year of learning.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa.



CLIFTON SCHOOL



Welcome to the December issue of the Bull-it-inn. December is always a frantic time for us all, and yet it is a time that we all look forward to as well. Here at Clifton we are all going leading up to the end of the school year. We have just held our Musical showcase at Te Matapihi which was a wonderful success. A huge thank you for this has to go to Mrs Sheila Beckers for all her hard work and time that she puts into these events. It was nothing short of amazing. I am sure there was a proud tear shed through the evening while watching the children perform. The juniors started with their beating of the buckets right up to the seniors playing and singing to Sweet Child of Mine by Guns and Roses. If you want to see the clips in full then feel free to jump to our facebook page and watch them.



Clifton School would like to thank you for your support and for everything you do for us and the community. We all hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and a great time with family and friends.



Have a wonderful New Year and we will see you all back at the beginning of February.

Adrian and the Clifton team
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HAPORI WHĀNUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

BULLS RSA LADIES



It is with great sadness to let you know Mihi Olsson, long time member of the RSA. Women's Section has passed away. Bulls Fundraiser (Social-A-Bull) day went really well and the entertainment once again topped off a wonderful afternoon with our sister sections. Dessert Evening went off with a bang and we all got to enjoy many different Desserts (Yummy evening). Our next outing is Christmas Dinner at *Delish Cafe* in Fielding on Sunday 7th December at 1pm (Come early) Raffles will be available, Partners Welcome, BYO. RSVP: by Wednesday 26th November. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas with Family and Friends. Stay safe especially if travelling during Christmas and New Year. Keep smiling and be happy as the lovely weather has now arrived.

For further information please 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



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FROM THE *Mayor's Desk*

Happy Holidays!

Christmas is nearly upon us. It has snuck up really quickly. I take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to follow.

Please take care this holiday season especially around water and roads – we need to see you and your whānau back safe and sound early next year.

Andy Watson,
Mayor of Rangitikei.



Building and Resource Consenting over the Christmas/New Year period

- Any Building Consents and Resource Consents submitted after 19 December 2025, will not start to be processed until 12 January 2026 due to the Christmas/New Year Shutdown period. (as per Section 7 Building Act 2004).

For further information contact our team on 0800 422 522 or info@rangitikei.govt.nz



Rangitikei District Council Temporary Holiday Hours



The operating hours for our council offices, community hubs and waste transfer stations will be changing over the Christmas period.

- Council offices will be closed from 12 noon Wednesday 24 December 2025 and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2026.
- All waste transfer stations will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2025, and 1 and 2 of January 2026. Operating hours may also differ slightly outside of these days.

Taihape Community Hub	Closed 25 & 26 December
Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Hub	Closed 25 & 26 December
Marton Community Hub	Closed 25 & 26 December Closed 1 & 2 January 2026

If you have an urgent issue to report, please remember you can always call us on our 24/7 phone number 0800 422 522.

SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS





Festive Toxins to Avoid

Notes from our Small Animal Vets

As December brings holiday festivities, pet owners must stay mindful of common toxins and hazards that can harm cats and dogs. Chocolate, a seasonal favourite, contains theobromine, which can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, and even seizures. Ham and other rich holiday foods are high in salt and fat, increasing the risk of pancreatitis and digestive upset. Rawhides, often given as treats, should also be avoided — they can swell in the stomach, cause choking, or lead to dangerous blockages. Be cautious with holiday decorations too, as many contain harmful substances. Keep all these items well out of reach, and contact your vet immediately if you're concerned your pet has eaten something unsafe.

A Merry, Fly-Free Flock

Notes from our Production Vets:

With the warmer weather comes flies! Protecting your sheep from strike is a two part process:

Reducing exposure through non-chemical controls

- Shearing
- Prevent dagginess – crutch sheep to remove contamination & ensure adequate parasite control
- Timely removal of fly breeding grounds e.g. dead animals
- Dock at an appropriate length – tails too long or too short increase strike risk
- Treat/prevent wounds & other diseases e.g. footrot, shearing cuts etc
- Consider Fly traps— both for monitoring & reducing numbers

Reducing exposure/consequence through chemical controls (fly products)

We have options for lifestylers to buy smaller quantities of products that prevent &/OR treat fly strike. Though be aware, that all of these products are only as good as their application (read the label) & there is now some resistance to certain actives so still keep a close eye on your sheep.

Treat Lightly This Festive Season

Notes from our Equine Vets:

As a veterinary clinic, we see first hand how the holiday season can pose risks for horses. Over December, it's tempting to give extra treats, but too many treats can lead to weight gain, increasing the risk of laminitis and joint issues. If you're planning to be away, please arrange for someone to check on your horse daily—many accidents happen when horses are left unsupervised. Ensure they have fresh water, safe fencing, and are monitored for any signs of discomfort. With careful attention to diet, exercise, and supervision, you can help your horse stay healthy and safe throughout the festive season.

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PĀNUI HĀKINAKINA - SPORTS UPDATES



BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB



Register now for the Sesquicentennial to be held at the clubrooms on Bulls Domain, Friday April 3rd to Sunday April 5th (Easter) 2026.

Each day there will be rugby matches for your entertainment, with guest referees, food to satisfy your palate, and an opportunity to mingle with your peers.

On the Saturday night, a celebration dinner will be held with a guest MC, guest speakers, and a band.

Memorabilia are available to order on our website, with an option to personalise your own special rugby jersey.

Further details will be forthcoming when you register.
Register now at bullsrugby.co.nz.



RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Recently we held our AGM and welcomed in a new President Pete Masters. In late November we held the Spring and Co Xmas Cheer, and close to 100 players enjoyed our stunning course and the hospitality of the club. We have been very busy with events and we held another popular club event Toyota Cup last month. This year one of the young local Bulls male players Angus Hammond won the mens cup which is amazing for someone so young. A big congrats to Angus. Other notables from Bulls in the Xmas cheer was Karen Yorke winning the ladies competition with a 85 gross. Well done to Karen.



The day after the Xmas cheer we held a "She Loves Golf" event with a great number of women players coming out to have a go and learn the basics of playing golf. The clubhouse was open after and lots of fun was had. Thinking about joining, but don't have lots of time to be a full member, as we do have summer and social membership packages. Please check out our website and facebook to learn more or send us an email or call.

**We would like to wish you all a very
Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.
We thank everyone who has supported us
during the year with either sponsorship,
volunteering, among other duties.
We are excited about what
2026 will bring us.**





Do you have livestock or animals?

In November and December, we'll be using a low flying helicopter in the **Manawatū-Whanganui region** to inspect our power poles. This allows us to find and fix any problems and help keep your lights on.

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Merry Christmas
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Here's to new beginnings, new
homes, and new goals in 2026.

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