



# BULL·IT·INN

Te Kawerongo ō Bulls

APRIL 2026 - ISSUE 233



## Maraton Harvest Festival

FOOD DRINK STALLS MUSIC

Join us for a day to celebrate the incredibly talented artisans, food and beverage producers locally and regionally and to enjoy the harvest in the myriad forms it takes in our region.

Giant Pumpkin and Pumpkin Pie competition  
Home Brew competition | Around 150 stalls | Live music  
Inflatable activities and rides for kids.  
Celebrity guest to MC the day and competitions.

**Sir James Wilson Park, Marton**  
**10am-3pm | Sunday 12th April 2026**

# YOU HERD IT HERE

Hi Everyone,

April already eeekkkk! The Fest-a-Bull 2026 was an amazing day for the Bulls community, with hundreds of people turning out to enjoy the fun, food, and festivities. The atmosphere was buzzing from start to finish, with families, friends, and visitors all coming together to celebrate.

The team relay was a definite highlight, teams of all ages gave it their all, with plenty of cheering, laughter, and friendly competition. Alongside the relay, there were games, activities, and delicious food, keeping everyone entertained throughout the day. Relay winners were The Bulls Senior Bs, second place went to Bulls Wāhine and third was The Bulls Fire Brigade.

A huge shoutout to our incredible sponsors and supporters who made it all possible: The Law Corner, Team Lewis Innovation, Bulls Motels & Holiday Park, Signature Homes Manawatu, Corrinna Bunning, Heidi & Lucy Real Estate, The Cancer Society, Central House Movers, Sport Whanganui, Raukawa Whānau Ora Ltd, as well as all the volunteers and committee members who gave their time and energy to make the day such a success. Bring on 2027 Fest-a-Bull.

As the weather turns, it's also a good reminder to look after ourselves and our homes, check your heating, keep warm, and make time for the little comforts that make winter feel special.

Special thanks to  
our major sponsor

Kind regards, Heidi Macaulay  
Community Development Co-ordinator

**JBS Dudding**  
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### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

A huge congratulations to Alistair Stewart on an incredible 50 years of service with the Bulls Volunteer Brigade. Alistair's dedication, commitment, and willingness to serve the community over five decades is truly inspiring. Through countless callouts, long nights, and challenging moments, he has always been there when needed most.

His leadership, experience, and camaraderie have made a lasting impact on the brigade, setting a remarkable example for generations of volunteers.

We thank Alistair for everything he has given to the brigade and the wider community. Reaching 50 years of service is an outstanding achievement and something to be truly proud of.

*Information from FaceBook*



### RANGITIKEI READS – A COMMUNITY BOOK HUNT

A new reading initiative has popped up around Bulls, and it's already getting tamariki and whānau excited about books.

Rangitikei Reads, a Bulls School initiative, encourages children and families to discover books hidden in locations around our town. If you're out and about and spot a Rangitikei Reads book, you can take it home, read it, and enjoy the adventure before passing it on for someone else to discover.

**THE GOAL IS SIMPLE, TO SPARK A LOVE OF READING AND  
CREATE A FUN WAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO SHARE BOOKS.**

Bulls School would like to thank Freedom Plus for printing the stickers that help identify the books, and the Rangitikei District Council for supporting the initiative and helping bring the idea to life.

So next time you're out grabbing groceries, heading to the park, or walking through town, keep your eyes open... you might just discover your next great read!

Ngā Mihi,  
Leigh Hanson – Teacher, Bulls School

Bulls School presents

**Rangitikei Reads**



These books are on a journey!

Take me home, read me, then hide me again for someone else to find.

Let's make reading an adventure across Rangitikei!

Share where you found me on Facebook.

#RangitikeiReads

Ngā kōrero hei tiritiri – stories are for sharing



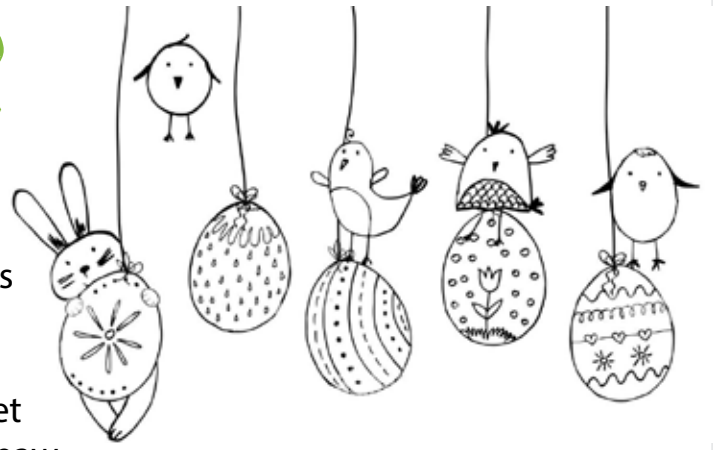
# HAPPY EASTER

## BUNNY BUTT CUPCAKES

Prep: 8 mins. Cook: 23 mins. Resting Time: 15 mins

Servings: 24 cupcakes

A plate of seven cupcakes decorated to look like bunny bottoms with cute marshmallow bunny feet and tails, white frosting, coconut flakes, and pink paw prints made from icing. A fun Easter dessert that kids love helping decorate! Equipment - One or two cupcake tins, 24 cupcake liners, 1 Kitchen Scissors



### Ingredients

- 1 or 2 boxes of cupcake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 12 oz pink candy melts
- 16 oz Creamy Vanilla Frosting
- 1 1/2 cups sweetened shredded coconut
- 12 large marshmallows
- 12 small marshmallows

### Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350F.
- Prepare cupcake batter according to the box's instructions.
- Line one or two cupcake pans with liners and fill each liner half way with batter.
- Bake according to cupcake box's instructions, usually about 19-23 minutes.
- Let cupcakes cool then frost with vanilla frosting. The frosting will act as glue for the coconut so a thin layer will do.
- Dip each frosted cupcake in a bowl of shredded coconut.
- Gently squeeze a large marshmallow on the top to create the shape of the bunny foot then cut small two small slices about 1/4" from the marshmallow for the feet.

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# Waitatapia WEAR-A-BULL ARTS 27 August 2026

ENTRIES CLOSE 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Sections:

- Juniors only: BOXED - One out of the box - using boxes only
- Open to all: BLUE DENIM - PLASTIC - PAINTED KIMONO  
TIME TRAVELLER based on a decade & worldwide event

WIN TICKETS TO **WOW**

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-Press two marshmallow slices (sticky side down) onto the base of each cupcake to create the bunny feet.

-Cut each small marshmallow in half and place (sticky side down) onto the center of each cupcake for the bunny tails.

-Melt pink candy melts in the microwave for 30-second intervals, stirring in between until melted. Make sure not to overheat. Melt just until there are still small clumps of unmelted wafers remaining, then continue stirring. The residual heat will continue to melt the candy melts.

-Place melted pink candy into a piping or ziploc bag, snip the tip and pipe on the bunny feet, one large paw and 3 small paws. (a piping tip can be used to aid in accuracy)

-Allow the candy melts to harden on the marshmallow feet before serving.



## Easter School Holiday Activity

### Can you find these in your home?

The items below can make your pet unwell. See if you can find any in your home over these Easter School Holidays. Take a photo with what you have found and have an adult either upload to our FB event or email to us via [reception@srvs.co.nz](mailto:reception@srvs.co.nz)



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**Cooked Bones**  
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**Compost/Scrap bins**  
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**Nuts**  
Unsafe for Cats and Dogs

Go in the draw to win one of two 'paint your own' prizes  
Entries close 19<sup>th</sup> April 11.59pm

happy  
**EASTER**



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## DO-A-BULLS IN AND AROUND BULLS

# EVENT CALENDAR

## APRIL

3rd to 5th – BULLS RUGBY CLUB 150TH CELEBRATION

11th – TAIHAPE GUMBOOT DAY

12th – MARTON HARVEST FESTIVAL

12th – PEDAL 4 PLEASURE

Late April – SUZUKI EXTREME 4X4 CHALLENGE

## JULY

13th to 24 July – ART 4 ARTS SAKE

## AUGUST

27th – WAITATAPIA WEAR-A-BULL ARTS

TBA – BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

TBA – RANGITIKEI TOUGH KIDS

TBA – BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

## OCTOBER

22nd – SHOCKING PINK FUNDRAISER

## NOVEMBER

14th – BULLA ANNUAL ROSE & FLOWER SHOW

# The148th BULLS

*Saturday 14 November 2026*

Please return any **trophies** from previous Bulls Rose & Flower Shows to Heidi at Te Matapihi. Cleaned & Engraved before Monday 1st of November 2025

*Thank you*



# DO-A-BULLS IN AND AROUND BULLS



Special thanks  
to our sponsor

## BULLS & DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our AGM will be held on 27th March 2026 at 1pm. We meet every Friday in our hall on the corner of Daniell and High Streets. Doors open at 1pm. Start Time 1.45pm.

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

Come along and enjoy great company and entertaining not to forget the lovely afternoon tea

Take Care everyone

Kay O'Brien – 027 471 0889

## GARAGE SALE SCOTT'S FERRY COMMUNITY EASTER SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

Lawn mower, tools, clothes and more

9am

At the Fireshed

Thanks so much for your support

Scotts Ferry Beach Community Committee

1945 Parewanui Road

Scotts Ferry, Bulls 4894

Email: [scottsferrybeach@gmail.com](mailto:scottsferrybeach@gmail.com)

Phone: 02102836123



DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING AND ARTICLES FOR THE MAY ISSUE  
IS 5PM 27TH APRIL

## BULLS BOWLING CLUB

# HOUSIE

7pm Sharp.

Every two weeks.

All welcome. Supper provided



# BULLS MEDICAL CENTRE

*Bulls Medical Centre Ltd  
A reminder that we are open  
Saturday mornings from 8am - 1145am  
for emergencies only please call reception on  
06 3221 222*

## Smear Clinic

There will be a smear clinic running on the 13th June between 8:15am - 11:30am please call reception to book an appointment. Or call a nurse if you are unsure if you are due for one.

## Flu Vaccinations

It's almost that time again to think about the flu vaccination this will be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. 65+ and some individuals will be funded.

## Same day Appointments

Please be kind and understanding if we cannot give you an appointment on the day or with the Doctor you require.

# PĀNUI HAUORA - COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS



## Alzheimer's Whanganui

We are here to support family and whānau 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 Mary to discuss your concerns, please phone to book a time to meet.

Mary will be in the Rangitīkei on Taihape on Tuesday 7th April 2026  
Marton – 9.30am to 11.30pm  
Marton – 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**CONTACT MARY ON 022 694 4978**

## DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO GIVE PER WEEK OR FORTNIGHT?

We connect older people with caring volunteers for regular, friendly home visits. If you are warm, friendly, a good listener, and can offer around one hour a week – you could make a real difference in an older person's life.

The Visiting Service is available in Marton, Bulls, Hunterville, Raetihi and Ohakune. For more information please contact Heidi at Age Concern on 06 345 1799 or 021 0273 2901.

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saygo@acwhanganui.org.nz

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

# Brain injury

## Need to learn more?



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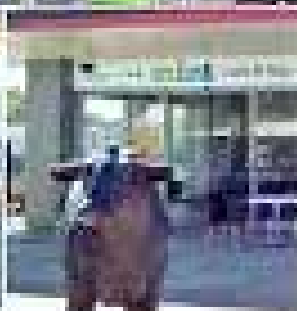
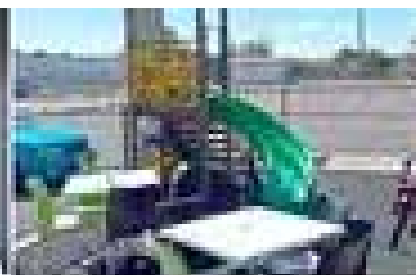


# Mint Cafe Bulls

**WE ARE EXTENDING OUR SERVICE HOURS  
AND WILL BE OPEN 7 DAYS  
FROM 8:30 AM TO 7.00 PM – FROM 1ST OF APRIL 2026**

We are also adding some exciting items in our Lunch and Dinner menu and inviting our local community – Sanson, Ohakea, Bulls and Marton to enjoy a huge 50% off on new Kitchen meals from 1st to 5th of April.

All gold card holders get a 10% discount on everything and all uniformed customers also get a 10% discount



# Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten

Ruahine  
Kindergartens  
early learning  
Te Pūtahi Kura Pūhou o Ruahine



A highlight of March at Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten was our annual visit from teaching students from Japan through the International Pacific College. This is such a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to make connections to the wider world and learn about aspects of another culture. Our children welcomed our visitors and loved talking and playing with them as they learned some new origami skills and fun games.



We invite you to our

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

When and where



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

**Come and discover for yourself the difference that Kindergarten makes. We would love to show you and your tamariki around.**

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

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

We are already into April with a quarter of the year already gone - time flies when we're having fun. The past few weeks here at Clifton have been amazing as have the children.

Looking back on last week and our Open day it was so nice to see such a large amount of parents and whanau here at school to share in the learning.

Many children were rapt to see parents and grandparents come and take part and join in with what was happening. The satisfaction on some children's faces when they beat parents at maths tests or such like was priceless. We will be doing this for a day each term so keep an eye out for the next one next term and you are all welcome to come and join in.

Marton Christian Welfare do an amazing job for the community across the Rangitikei. They provide grants to many of the schools as well as Milo and any other support that we ask for. They are very much appreciated. We had a group of children go to Marton last weekend and celebrate with them as part of their 50 year celebrations. These children did a range of dances, by Charlotte as well as musical recitals and the school song. They all did us proud. It was a lovely way to start the day for MCW and I hope that any of you who were there enjoyed it as much as the kids enjoyed performing. A special and huge thank you to Mrs Beckers for the effort that she put into this day. Sheila is only a part time teacher here at Clifton but consistently goes over and above to ensure that our children are prepared and ready for performances like this. We are very lucky to have her here at Clifton.

By the time you read this you should have all received some Easter Buns in your letter boxes. This is always something that the kids love to do, walk the streets and deliver these to each household. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter and enjoy the buns and any eggs that you may also have.

See you all for next terms Open Day.



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

Kia ora e te whānau, hello to all our families,

It has been an start to 2026! We are nearing the end of term and we have certainly jammed a lot in. It is wonderful to see our students' genuine love for learning growing. A huge welcome to Ricki and your whānau—it is exciting to see our junior room growing!

### Classroom Discoveries

We've been fortunate to host several visitors helping students explore future careers and the world of opportunities awaiting them.

*Junior Room:* Our juniors met Senior Constable Sarah Cree. They explored a police car, tested the sirens, and tried on the uniform while learning how police support our hapori (community). They then got a special visit from Kevin and Leah from Hato Hone, St Johns with their Ambulance to teach us all about what it means to be a paramedic.

*Senior Room:* During Fossil Week, seniors interviewed a real expert, Mamlambo! The students were buzzing as they learned about ancient marine life and how to hunt for fossils, connecting deeply with the history of Ancient Earth.

### Life Education

Tim and Harold from the Life Education Truck visited to teach us about healthy eating and making positive decisions. Tim shared a glowing message:

"The response of the students was so heart-warming, enthusiastic, and honest. It was fantastic being around you all."

### Sports and Community

It was amazing to see over 150 athletes from our cluster pushing their limits at our Interschool Triathlon. Everyone put in a massive effort.

Blowcars: Our Year 7/8 students had a blast racing at the track next to the school. A big thank you to the Lions Club for organising this experience.

We hope you all have had an amazing term, happy easter, and as always, please pop in for a visit any time!

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Grayson Marsh  
Principal – Sanson School



### Interview with a Fossil Expert!



We just Zoom called a REAL fossil expert! Thank you so, so much to Morne (Mamlambo Fossils), who took time out of his day to call Room 3 and tell us all about the Fossils he finds in NZ!



Room 1 was shown how paramedics help people who are sick get in and out of the ambulance safely.



We loved it!



Everyone had a turn trying out the electric stretcher!





# Bulls School



Over the past few weeks there has been plenty of excitement and activity happening around our school!

Our senior students recently attended the PAL (Physical Activity Leader) Leaders Day with Sport Whanganui. During this day they learned valuable leadership skills and ways to encourage others to stay active and involved in physical activity at school. They have already begun putting these skills into action by helping to organise and lead some of our recent events.

One highlight was our Swimming Carnival. Students enjoyed a range of fun events including boogie board races, water skills challenges, relays, and plenty of opportunities to show off their house spirit. It was wonderful to see students continuing to practise the water safety skills they have been learning, while also cheering on their classmates and having lots of fun.

Another exciting event was the Bulls School Triathlon. Students competed within their year groups, taking part in a bike, run, and swim course. The event was filled with enthusiasm, determination, and lots of smiles as students earned house points and encouraged one another throughout the races.

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise these events and to our fantastic senior leaders who stepped up to support younger students. It has been great to see so much participation, teamwork, and school spirit!

Our talented Kapa Haka and Siva Samoa groups took the stage at the Marton Christian Community Showcase and made us incredibly proud.



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*Starting again on 2nd March 2026*



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## FREE LEGAL ADVICE - BULLS

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of every month from  
12 midday to 4pm.**

Appointments at  
12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm



**Clinic dates 2025 - 19th June  
Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre  
Criterion Street, Bulls**

**To book a one hour appointment  
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TE WHAEA AROHA NOA

## Parish of Our Lady of Grace

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10 Daniell Street, Bulls

Ph: 021 201 1203

E: rocc.grace@gmail.com

## BULLS BOOK CLUB

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



## BULLS YOUTH CLUB

MON, TUES & WED AFTER SCHOOL

HIP HOP 4.15 to 4.45pm

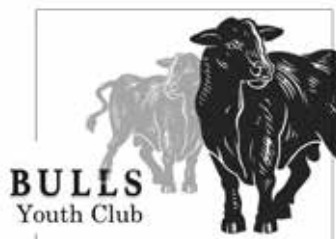
five and under Juniors

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New members welcome.  
Coaching available.  
Friendly club.

ST JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HALL ON DANIELL STREET  
PHONE KEVIN ELLERY  
ON 06 322 1362



## SCOTTS FERRY COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Sunday 15th March

A large variety of items for sale.  
Sausage sizzle. Starts at 9am

SCOTTS FERRY FIRE SHED

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### ST ANDREWS IN BULLS

Invites everyone to join us for a

### Eucharist Service

on the first Sunday of every month  
starting from 1st February 2026  
from 9.30am to 10.30am.  
*Refreshments to follow*

## BULLS SCOUT GROUP

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](mailto:bulls@group.scouts.nz)



## SOUTH RANGITIKEI DOG TRAINING CLUB

Tuesday 31st of March will be our last day of training  
for this term. Next term will start on 21st April  
at 5.30pm.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT MARGARET ROBINSON  
ON 021 0222 8626



# HAPORI WHĀNUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

## THE BULLS TOY LIBRARY

Contact: [admin@bullstoylibrary.co.nz](mailto:admin@bullstoylibrary.co.nz). FB: @Bullstoylibrary

St Andrews Anglican Church Hall, 198 Bridge Street, Bulls. Hours: Tues 3pm to 5pm and Sat 9:30am to 11:30am

Why join us? Play is really important! Playing is the foundation of learning for children.

### MEMBERSHIP

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## BULLS RSA LADIES



Our Committee Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month in the Bulls RSA Lounge at 1pm. Our AGM is on the 13th May at 1pm in the Bulls RSA Lounge. Please Ladies put your hands up to join the Committee. We will put out further information after our Committee Meeting on the 8th of April.

We have some Casual Polo Shirts for sale. If anyone is interested please check out the notice board at the RSA. They have the embroidered NZ Service Animals, the Poppy and Bulls RSA Logo with Women's Section on them. They are black with Gold Piping for \$40.

A roster will be put out at a later date for the selling of Poppies at Four Square. Please keep an eye out. The days will be the Friday 17th April and Friday 24th April.

Updates will follow, but in the meantime we hope you all stay safe and well with the lovely weather we have been experiencing. 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.

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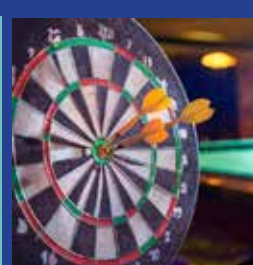
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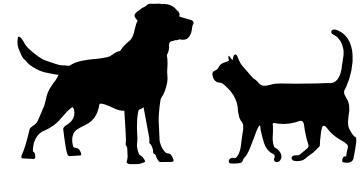
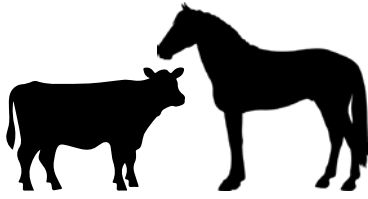


Our low membership fee of \$40 gives you the following benefits:

– 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. A second draw on Sat nights between 4pm and 6pm.

Access to all affiliated clubs in NZ – Courtesy Van available – Karaoke the last Fri of the month





## Nutrition and Toxins

### Notes from our Small Animal Vets

Proper nutrition is essential for the health and longevity of both cats and dogs. A balanced diet should include high-quality protein, healthy fats, vitamins, and minerals tailored to the species—cats being obligate carnivores and dogs more omnivorous. Feeding inappropriate foods or poor-quality diets can lead to deficiencies, obesity, and chronic disease.

Equally important is awareness of common toxins. Many everyday foods are harmful or even fatal to pets. Chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic, xylitol (a sugar substitute), and alcohol are all dangerous. Certain plants, medications, and household chemicals can also pose serious risks if ingested.

Pet owners should ensure fresh water is always available and avoid feeding table scraps. Reading ingredient labels and consulting a veterinarian can help guide proper dietary choices. By combining good nutrition with toxin awareness, owners can significantly improve their pets' overall wellbeing and prevent avoidable health emergencies.

## Barbers Pole, Vaccinations and Drenching

### Notes from our Production Vets:

In New Zealand conditions, the highest risk period for Barbers Pole is usually November to April. Barber's Pole worm is a serious parasite affecting livestock, particularly sheep and goats, causing anemia, weakness, and even death if left untreated. Regular monitoring and proactive management are essential to protect animal health and maintain productivity. Alongside parasite control, annual boosters for Leptospirosis (Lepto) and Salmonella play a vital role in safeguarding your herd against preventable diseases that can impact both animal welfare and farm profitability.

It's also important to remember to drench your stock as part of your routine health program. However, unnecessary drenching can contribute to resistance, making treatments less effective over time. That's where we can help. We offer Fecal Egg Count testing to determine parasite burdens and assess whether drenching is actually needed. This targeted approach ensures you only treat when necessary, helping to preserve drench effectiveness while keeping your animals in optimal condition year-round.

## Equine Vaccinations

### Notes from our Equine Vets:

We are busy at the moment branding foals, which is often the time of their first vaccines. Horses can be vaccinated from foals 3 months of age onwards, and tetanus is considered a core vaccine for all horses in New Zealand. Tetanus lives in the soil, entering via any broken skin – even minor wounds or foot abscesses create susceptibility, and horses tend to be more susceptible to tetanus than many other species. If contracted, it is often fatal, hence vaccination is important. An initial course is 2 doses 4 weeks apart, followed by an annual booster. From there, a booster is recommended every 5 years, but in the face of an injury a booster sooner is often a good idea. If vaccinating for strangles as well (a contagious respiratory infection), which requires an annual booster, an annual dose of 2in1 (tetanus and strangles) is an easy way to keep immunity strong. More on strangles next month!

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# Council News

APRIL 2026

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Council is currently consulting on our Annual Plan & Co 2026/27 and proposed changes to our District Plan. Get a quick overview of both.

## Annual Plan & Co 2026/27

This is the third and last annual plan of the current Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034.

***Council is proposing an average rates increase of 6.4%, which is down from the predicted 10.75% at the start of the Long Term Plan.***

This reduction has been achieved thanks to staff finding cost reductions and efficiencies.

Despite the reduced average rates increase from 10.75% to 6.4%, this will not lead to any reductions in the levels of service for residents. This is something that residents will need to consider when they submit their feedback on the plan.

The focus for Council is to make progress on Marton's new water source, improvements to the Taihape wastewater network, the Marton Swim Centre, and planning for long term growth in the district.

*Submissions close at 5pm, Friday 17 April 2026.*

### KŌRERO MAI

We need to receive your feedback by 5pm on Friday 17 April 2026



[www.rangitikei.govt.nz/wheres-annualplan-andco](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/wheres-annualplan-andco)

## Proposed Plan Change 3

Did you know the population of Rangitikei could grow as high as 25,000 people by 2050!



So to make sure that there's enough homes for people here, we're proposing changes to the District Plan!

### What's being proposed?

- More intense housing options close to town centres in Taihape, Marton and Bulls
- Rezoning land on the edges of Marton and Bulls
- A structured plan for the Marton Northwest Development Area
- Amendments to General Residential Zone, Rural Lifestyle Zone and Subdivisions

### What do these changes aim to do?

- Remove unnecessary barriers to future residential and rural lifestyle development
- Enable more efficient land use
- Provide clearer standards
- Support appropriate urban intensification

*Submissions close at 5pm, Monday, 13 April 2026.*

**Kōrero Mai**  
Have your say



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# PĀNUI HĀKINAKINA - SPORTS UPDATES



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## BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB

### NEW MURAL



A big thank you to Raewyn Turner & Rangitīkei District Council's Creative Communities Funding for their support in bringing the Club's new mural to life.

We truly appreciate your contribution in helping brighten and enrich our space for everyone to enjoy.

## Bulls Rugby & Sports Club 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee



**VS**



**Saturday 4th April**

**11am**

**Bulls Domain**

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# PĀNUI HĀKINAKINA - SPORTS UPDATES



## BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB

Membership renewal for the new season is now due and remains at \$25 for non - players, and \$75 for players.

***We look forward to welcoming new, and existing members in our 150th anniversary year.***

Payment can be made at the club rooms, or by direct bank transfer, contact secretary on [brscsecretary23@gmail.com](mailto:brscsecretary23@gmail.com) or 027 848 9125 for a registration form.



We're on the lookout for **parents and community members** to help support our junior rugby teams this season!

### **Coaching/Managing Support Needed:**

- Year 2 (Under 7) – alongside *Mick Scott*
- Year 7 (Under 12) – alongside *Nick Field*

No experience needed – just a willingness to get involved and support our kids.

### **Players Wanted:**

- **Year 3 (Under 8)** – this is their **first year of tackle rugby**, so we're looking for some keen, energetic 7-year-olds ready to give it a go!

### **Interested in Coaching?**

Please contact Mick on 021 635 379, and he'll guide you through the process.

### **Player Registrations:**

Players can be registered with Bulls Rugby via the **Rugby Xplor app**.

### **Important:**

We'd love all registrations completed by **6th April** so we can confirm team numbers and register with the union before the **10th April**.

Thanks everyone – we appreciate your support in making junior rugby happen!



# PĀNUI HĀKINAKINA - SPORTS UPDATES



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## BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB

*Dates to put in the calendar:*



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### BULLS 150TH JUBILEE

<b>Easter Weekend</b>	<b>COMP.</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>TIME</b>	
	Women's	Rangitikei	Whanganui	Friday	6.30pm	
	Netball	Bulls	Bunnythorpe	Saturday	11am	
	Men's	Bulls Senior Bs	Bulls Thirds	Saturday	12noon	
	Men's	Bulls Pressies	Parliamentary	Saturday	1.30pm	
	Ripper	Adult fun game	Adult fun game	Sunday	1pm	
	<b>10 April</b>	<b>COMP.</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>11 April</b>	Women's	Ratana	Rangitikei	Cooks Garden	6.30pm	
	Senior Bs	Bulls	Freyberg	Bulls	12pm	
<b>17 April</b>	Women's	Rangitikei	Freyberg	Bulls	5.30pm	
	Women's	WWT	Ratana	Bulls	7.30pm	
	<b>18 April</b>	Senior Bs	Bunnythorpe	Bulls	Bunnythorpe	12pm
		Thirds	Ashurst	Bulls	Ashurst	1.20pm
<b>24 April</b>	Women's	Kia Toa	Rangitikei	CET Arena 3	6.30pm	
	<b>25 April</b>	Senior Bs	COB	Bulls	CET Areana	12pm
		Thirds	FOBO	Bulls	Kimbolton	1.20pm
<b>2 May</b>	Senior Bs	Marist	Bulls	CET Arena	12pm	
	Thirds	Marist	Bulls	CET Arena	1.20pm	



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6.00am Dawn service



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Please let us know your preference by emailing us at [office@bulls.kiwi](mailto:office@bulls.kiwi), or by completing the form below and dropping it into the box at Te Matapihi.

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