



BULL·IT·INN

Te Kawerongo ō Bulls

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DEATH WITHOUT DEBT



DEATH
WITHOUT
DEBT



Marton



Bulls Workshop



Why are funerals so expensive? What can we do about it?

The average cost of a funeral is now \$13 000 - more than ten times the cost of family-led funeral. This workshop covers:

- Funeral planning, Wills, Powers of Attorney, Advance Care Plans, Probate
- Avoiding paperwork traps, "professional service fees" and being hooked into unwanted or unnecessary services.
- Care and transport of the body
- When you need a coffin and when you don't. Coffin alternatives
- Steps to reduce unhealthy dependence on the funeral industry
- Pros and cons of burial, cremation. New ecological methods.
- Community initiatives

Sat. 13 June, 11am to 3pm. R.S.A. Rooms

\$15 p/p OR BY DONATION.

Includes 60 page DIY funeral guide.

Death Without Debt is a national network of volunteers campaigning and educating around funeral debt and dignity. See www.deathwithoutdebt.org.nz

Your presenters: Suzanne Chelius (DWD exec) and Mel Hemi (Health Coach for Bestcare Whakapai Hauora:

Register at www.deathwithoutdebt.org.nz OR info@deathwithoutdebt.org.nz



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April, as always, has been full of events and activity planning!

Our Youth Club now has a place to call home thanks to the Bulls Rugby Club. Your Tamariki are welcome at the Bulls Domain for fun activities, cooking, games, sports, or just a safe space to hang out while supervised. Sessions run Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the school term from 3:00–4:30pm for ages 8 and up.

Tuesday evenings are buzzing with energy, offering Hip Hop classes alongside Dungeons & Dragons role play, something for everyone! Please reach out if you'd like to know more.

Recently, some of our Hip Hop dancers performed in a showcase in Palmerston North. Thank you to all the parents who supported the extra practice time and got their dancers there. A huge shout-out to the wonderful Elsa for organising this and sharing her incredible dancing talent for this performance and every week. Also, a big thank you to Elle from eg. for sponsoring the tops and helping paint them, you rock!!

The Waitatapia Wear-a-Bull Arts event is coming up on 27 August. Handbooks are now available for anyone interested in entering, just ask. If you're not quite ready to enter but would like to help, we're looking for volunteers to assist with setup and running the event on the night.

Art 4 Arts Sake is back and will take over Te Matapihi Hall from 13–23 July. All art forms are welcome! Handbooks are available at the front desk of Te Matapihi, or feel free to ask me.

Our Pink Ribbon event is set for 22 October. This year's theme is a Masquerade Murder Mystery, promising to be a fun and memorable night for a wonderful cause, supporting "Shocking Pink" (young women with breast cancer).

That's all from me for now, stay warm in the evenings and enjoy the sunny days when they come!

Contact me on office@bulls.kiwi or on mobile 021 174 5951

Kind regards,
Heidi Macaulay
Community Development Co-ordinator



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR



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HERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY RESOURCE – THE BULL-IT-INN

The Bull-it-inn is produced by the Bulls & District Community Trust, a not-for-profit organization.

- **We do not receive funding for the Bull-it-inn specifically.** However, we are incredibly grateful to Lamberts in Palmerston North for providing a free lease of the printer.
- We still need to cover the costs of paper, staples, ink/toner, and a small rural delivery fee.
- Business advertising only just covers the cost of producing the Bull-it-inn, we are thankful for those adds.
- Delivery is made possible by our amazing team of volunteers.
- The editor generously creates the Bull-it-inn remotely, entirely as a volunteer.
- Another dedicated volunteer handles sorting for distribution.
- As a booklet-style newsletter, the Bull-it-inn must be produced in page counts divisible by four, this means we can't simply add an extra page or two.
- The editor and I, Heidi Macaulay, reserve the right to alter or amend content to ensure everything fits correctly.
- Putting the Bull-it-inn together is like solving a puzzle. It can be challenging to make everything fit while keeping costs covered.
- While we are based in Bulls, we proudly support and promote the surrounding districts as well.
- To ensure the Bull-it-inn remains relevant, we conduct an annual survey to confirm the community still supports a printed version (which it always does, but it's important we keep asking!).
- My door at Te Matapihi is usually open, I may not always be there but more than happy to discuss any concerns or questions you may have, you can reach me on email office@bulls.kiwi

Kind regards,

Heidi Macaulay – Community Development Co-ordinator



BULLS AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRUST PROUDLY PRESENTS...

ART 4 ARTS SAKE EXHIBITION

Inviting artists from in and around the Rangitikei to exhibit their work.

Exhibition Open 13 to 23 July 2026

Registration form available @ office@bulls.kiwi or contact 021 174 5951

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NEEDLE & THREADED SIN

A big welcome to the Bulls Business Community, Morgan! We're excited to have you"

My name is Morgan, owner and artist behind Needle & Threaded Sin, a newly opened private tattoo studio here in Bulls. I'm actually a Bulls local , I went to Bulls School before moving away for a few years, and now I'm back and ready to stay. It feels really special to be returning home and opening my own business in the community I grew up in.

I offer custom tattooing in a calm, comfortable one-on-one studio space, specialising in fine line, floral and blackwork tattoos, id love to branch out and have the opportunity to do more different styles aswell while , I love to create everything from meaningful custom pieces to fun spontaneous tattoos. My focus is on quality work, creativity, and providing a clean, welcoming and personal experience for every client.

Opening this studio has been a dream of mine for awhile now , and I'm excited to bring something unique to Bulls.

A private, professional tattoo space where people can feel comfortable, inspired and cared for. I'm passionate about creating tattoos people will love for life, and about building something lasting here in the community.

If helpful, I'd be happy to send through photos of my work, my logo, or any other information you may need for the feature. Thank you again for this opportunity it means a lot to have local support as a new small business.

Morgan Donnelly

Needle & Threaded Sin

021 0852 3541

Needleandthreadedsin@gmail.com



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Let's make reading an adventure across Rangitikei!

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Ngā kōrero hei tiritiri – stories are for sharing



BULLS AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRUST AND THE CATALYTIC FOUNDATION

The Bulls and District Community Trust is grateful to have received a generous grant from the Catalytic Foundation, which will support our new youth initiative. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to their main donor, Lady Tindall, and the entire team at the Catalytic Foundation for their unwavering commitment and investment in improving the lives of our community's youth. This support will significantly enhance our efforts to empower and inspire the young people of Bulls.



Teresa Moore and CEO Catalytic Foundation and Helen Sully, Chair of Bulls and District Community Trust



LIKE MUSIC? WANT TO LEAVE HOME? WANT TO LIVE RENT FREE? WANT TO LEARN HOW TO FIX AND RESTORE CARS?

We are a group of retired tradesmen out near Santoft Forest. Close to the very secluded coast. We have a professional wood workshop and retired builder, Full mechanics workshop and hoist and retired A grade mechanic, A vehicle trimmers set up and a retired motor trimmer, small hand made publishing house and a retired poet. We have a lot of skills to pass on . We all play music and spend many hours jamming and have a band called the Beamish Road Batchelors. We have a collection of classic cars and some older Motorhomes , House trucks, caravans and also a boat (for accom not sea going.). We are keen on making compost and are developing an Orchard and have purchased a large solar power system, yet to be installed.

We are looking for a young person to come and give a days work a week for free rent. Accommodation would be a house bus or similar. Internet, power and water supplied for free with access to a communal laundry area and showers as well as the outdoor bushbath. We have compost toilets . Horses my arrive next summer. We have a small venue here with musicians passing thru, so although a quiet surround there is often music played late. Your rent would be a days work, mostly vehicle servicing and repair. But you may do days helping on the many projects and learn some basic, gardening, building, compost making and also some vehicle body repairs and paint , including basic mig welding. We see the place as the Minstrels rest and have WWOOFers (willing Workers On Organic Farms) over the summer. The premise for them is a love of music.

So in a nutshell you will have to want firstly to learn about cars and secondly enjoy live music. You don't have to know how to play, but a desire to learn would be a bonus. We have a drum kit, electric piano, bass, many guitars, a sax player and trumpet player. We appreciate it may appeal to someone wanting some practical experience to get an apprenticeship or job so there would be no problem if the term was short, we could give another young person a start in their working life. If this sounds like you then email a bit about yourself and where you currently live and we will go from there. Please send details to – moamusic@hotmail.com. All emails will be replied too.

Entries Open Now!

Waitatapia WEAR-A-BULL ARTS 27 August 2026

Sections:

Juniors only: BOXED - One out of the box - using boxes only
Open to all: BLUE DENIM - PLASTIC - PAINTED KIMONO
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ENTRIES CLOSE 27TH JUNE



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DO-A-BULLS IN AND AROUND BULLS

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY

16th – TIAHAPE COMMUNITY MARKET

JUNE

15th – ART 4 ARTS SAKE

18th – TIAHAPE COMMUNITY MARKET

JULY

13th to 24 July – ART 4 ARTS SAKE

18th – TIAHAPE COMMUNITY MARKET

AUGUST

27th – WAITATAPIA WEAR-A-BULL ARTS

15th – TIAHAPE COMMUNITY MARKET

TBA – BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

TBA – RANGITIKEI TOUGH KIDS

TBA – BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER

14th – BULLS ANNUAL ROSE & FLOWER SHOW

19th – TIAHAPE COMMUNITY MARKET

OCTOBER

22nd – SHOCKING PINK FUNDRAISER

17th – TIAHAPE COMMUNITY MARKET

NOVEMBER

14th – BULLS ANNUAL ROSE & FLOWER SHOW

21st – TIAHAPE COMMUNITY MARKET

BOOK NEWS

A YEAR AT AWAKINO STATION By Jaz Mathisen

Set amongst the breathtaking landscape of North Otago, A Year At Awakino Station encourages you to slow down, live alongside the land and embrace the seasons. As the station cook, Jaz Mathisen knows that a warm meal at the kitchen table or opening a tin of baking makes all the difference to a busy day. From carving a roast mutton to serving a fruit tart or stocking up the pantry shelves with homemade preserves, this book welcomes you into the heart of their historic Kurow homestead.



RRP
\$45

DO-A-BULLS IN AND AROUND BULLS

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 1.45pm. Entertainment starts at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow. We also have lovely raffles and a sales table to enjoy.

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

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 entertaining not to forget the lovely afternoon tea

Take Care everyone

Kay O'Brien – 027 471 0889

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2026

APPLICATIONS OPEN!

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BULLS BOWLING CLUB

HOUSIE

7pm Sharp.
Every two weeks.
All welcome. Supper provided



**DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING AND ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE ISSUE
IS 5PM 26TH MAY**

BULLS MEDICAL CENTRE

**BULLS MEDICAL CENTRE LTD IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY
FROM 8.00AM TO 11.45AM FOR EMERGENCIES**

SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS

The surgery has grown quite a bit. Please be kind and understanding if we cannot give an appointment on the same day.

MANAGEMYHEALTH

As you may be aware that there was a cyber-attack on Managemyhealth. The current system environment has been confirmed as secure and operating as intended. Access to your account is safe. You are still available to use MMH for all appointments, scripts and advice.

DON'T WAIT VACCINATE! PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY

As the seasons change, its crucial to protect yourself and loved ones from preventable illnesses. Stay warm and look after yourself.

FLU VACCINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Flu vaccinations are now available and some individuals will be funded. Give us a ring and get your flu vaccination today.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Every three months our nurses will be running Saturday clinic for Cervical Screening. Our first clinic will be the 13 June 2026. So please ring reception and make an appointment. We will advise you when our next clinic will be.

WEEKEND CERVICAL SMEAR CLINIC

**Saturday 13 June
8.15am to 11.45am**

This is an invitation for woman who are overdue or due for their Cervical Smear Test.

We appreciate that during the week it can be difficult to organise your Cervical Smear appointment because of work and family commitments.

**Book an appointment at
Reception or ring
06 322 1222**

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

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Ruahine Bulls Kindergarten



Tamariki have been reconnecting with one another as they build strong relationships and a sense of belonging within our learning environment. Our tamariki enjoy working alongside each other, offering support and encouragement. Through collaboration and play, they are building confidence, resilience and social skills while having fun



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

Phone: 06 322 1466
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Or pop in and see the team at
30 Wilson Street, Bulls



Bulls School



Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope you and your whānau had a fantastic break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We're excited to be back and are looking forward to all the opportunities and experiences this term will bring.

There's plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. We'll have the Dental Unit on site, our Junior Hub will be heading out on a trip to Te Manawa, and some of our students will be attending National Young Leaders Day. We also have the Year 7 & 8 Careers Expo coming up, along with many other engaging activities and learning experiences.

As we head into ANZAC weekend, we take a moment to remember those who have fallen and pay tribute to their service and sacrifice. Lest we forget.

It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting term, and we can't wait to share it with you all!



Here we are already in May. The last few days have been amazing with the weather coming right just in time for ANZAC day and the commemorations. Such an important time in NZ history and a day worth celebrating. Even though it was so crisp the morning at the cenotaph was filled with reflection and celebration and as a community it is always



wonderful to come together at times like this. The children from both schools did a great job reading out the names of soldiers and we are very proud of them all.

Here at Clifton the term has started well. Linked to of course ANZAC day we did a variety of art activities for display which always come out so well. A big focus here at Clifton is to have the children strive and develop themselves so they reach their full potential. In as much as that is what we want for the students we also want this for the staff and it is with joy for her that we celebrate Anna Cullen getting a Principal role at Baines school starting next term. We are lucky enough to have her till the end of this term and then will farewell her onto her next adventure.

These times are always a chance to celebrate with others even though it will be sad to see her go. Anna is and has always had Clifton school in her heart and put her heart and mind into it and I am sure that Baines will benefit from this same passion.

Adrian Burn - Clifton School Tumuaki - principal@clifton.school.nz



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

Kia ora e te whānau, hello to all our families, and welcome back to term 2.

We are super excited to see everyone back and cannot wait to see what is in store for everyone.

A special welcome must go to our new students and their whānau (family) starting with us this term. It is amazing to see both our junior and senior classrooms growing and getting stuck straight into Sanson School life and learning!

What’s happening in Room 4 this Term - Whaea Mel

What an amazing first week we have had in Room 4, all of the tamariki arrived to school happy, eager to learn and are loving our new learning space. We have been learning about Anzac Day and how on this important day we celebrate and show thanks for the soldiers who went to war. Our book this week is ‘Anzac Ted’ and the tamariki have made some amazing art work about the story that will be displayed with their writing down the hallway.

What’s Happening in Room 3 this Term - Miss Foot

This term, our learning will focus on Natural Sciences and the Geography of the natural world. Our students will explore topics such as energy, ecosystems and genetics. To support this learning in Reading and Writing, students will practise writing scientific explanations and reports. They will also learn how to present their ideas in a variety of ways, including diagrams, leaflets, and interactive online posters. In Maths, we will be working on subtraction, multiplication, and division. Students will also apply these skills to measurement activities connected to our science topics.

ANZAC Day.

ANZAC day was a very special day where we honoured all our service men and women from over the years. Kasey and Quinn did an amazing job reading a poem on the day, and was so special to see such a great turn out on the day.

Lest we forget.

As always, please feel free to pop in at any time, and come and see all the incredible things going on at Sanson School.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Grayson Marsh
Principal – Sanson School



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ART 4 ARTS SAKE EXHIBITION

Trust-a-Bull



Macrame Class

FRIDAY 17 JULY



11am to 2pm



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Includes 1 plant hanger

Limited spots available.

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MACRAMÉ DESIGNS

By Kim



Email office@bulls.kiwi to register

FEILDING ARMY CADETS

Parade nights on Wednesdays during school terms at the Feilding Aerodrome from 6 to 9pm.

For more information contact **simon.dean@cadetforces.org.nz** or **brittanybenseman@cadetforces.org.nz**

We also have a Support Committee to help with fundraising for the non profit Cadet Unit. Anyone is welcome to join to help.

Contact **chairpersonfeu@gmail.com**



04 May - 22 June | Mondays



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5:30 - 6:00 PM



9 - 12 YEARS
6:00 - 6:30 PM



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Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre
Criterion Street, Bulls**

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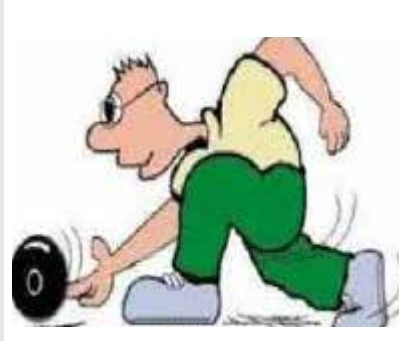
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HAPORI WHĀNUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

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ON 06 322 1362



SCOTTS FERRY COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Sunday 15th March

A large variety of items for sale.
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SCOTTS FERRY FIRE SHED

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BULLS SCOUT GROUP

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over 18 years
are always welcome

(Police vetting is required for youth safety)

Phone: Lynell on 027 431 2184

Email: bulls@group.scouts.nz



SOUTH RANGITIKEI DOG TRAINING CLUB

Join us for training at the Bulls Scout Hall.
5.30pm every Tuesday during the school term.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT MARGARET ROBINSON
ON 021 0222 8626



HAPORI WHĀNUI - COMMUNITY GROUPS

THE BULLS TOY LIBRARY

Contact: 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.

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BULLS RSA LADIES



Our AGM is 13th May at 1.30pm in the Bulls RSA Lounge. There will be Raffles and a speaker from St Johns will be in attendance. Please bring a plate for Afternoon Tea. All Members have received a Nomination Form for Elections. Nomination forms need to be handed back to Elizabeth Taylor (Liz) by 1st May. I will be at the RSA on Friday April 10th, 17th, 24th and 1st May from 4pm to 6.30 or you can scan and email it back to me. Memberships are due at the same time as our AGM in May and our Treasurer Margaret Robinson will accept your Membership with pleasure. The Fees stay the same at \$10 per person. Members for the Selling of Poppies at Four Square has been well organised. Thank you to Chris Jeffree. Raewyn Turner has organised an event for Saturday June 13th "Death without Debt" at the RSA Rooms. 11am to 3pm. Food will be provided (\$15 p/p). "Bess" of Bulls Anzac Service is at 9am 25th April down Forest Road. We hope you all stay safe, well and warm. For further information or enquiries 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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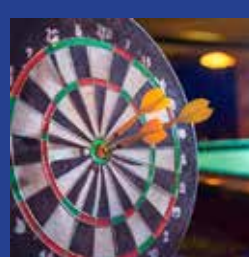
Donations welcome to help with the upkeep and fuel costs.



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. 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





Protecting Your Pet's Oral Health

Notes from our Small Animal Vets

Dental disease in cats and dogs is often described as an iceberg, what you see above the surface, like tartar and bad breath, is only a small part of the problem. Below the gumline, there can be significant infection, inflammation, and damage that isn't visible but can impact your pet's overall health, including the heart, liver, and kidneys.

This is why dental care is so important. Untreated dental disease can lead to chronic pain, reduced appetite, and serious health complications over time.

Watch for signs such as bad breath, red or bleeding gums, drooling, difficulty eating, dropping food, pawing at the mouth, or loose and missing teeth. Some pets may also become quieter or less active.

Regular tooth brushing or diets, and routine veterinary check-ups are key to prevention. Early detection and treatment can make a significant difference to your pet's comfort and long-term health.

Time to Test Nitrate Levels

Notes from our Production Vets:

With changing conditions, now is the time to stay ahead of key animal health risks. Nitrate levels in rapidly growing feeds, especially new grasses and crops, can reach toxic levels quickly during autumn and winter. Cows that are stressed, unwell, pregnant, or very hungry are most at risk of toxicity but all classes of grazing ruminants can be affected. Symptoms can appear within 1–4 hours and include lethargy, panting, excessive salivation, a "drunk" appearance, or sudden death. Nitrate toxicity is a true emergency so please get in touch if you're at all concerned! As always prevention is more effective than cure. Testing nitrate levels is quick and cost effective, simply pick a small bag of the feed in question (before feeding) and bring it into the clinic for testing.

Recent moisture and low grazing levels will likely have increased parasite larvae consumption. Stay on top of parasite control in your young stock, utilise faecal egg counts (FECs) to ensure drench treatments are necessary and effective.

Equine Vaccinations

Notes from our Equine Vets:

Strangles (*Streptococcus equi*) is contagious bacteria spread by contact with infected horses – whether that be nose to nose contact between horses or carried on hands, clothing, shoes, feed buckets and tack. It causes respiratory disease with thick nasal discharge, swollen lymph nodes under the jaw that may burst with pus, fever and lethargy. Immediate isolation of strangles cases is important to prevent spread as it is highly contagious. Vaccination helps prevent spread and reduces level of clinical signs if horses do get exposed, so they don't get as sick. The vaccine is 3 doses, 2 weeks apart, followed by annual boosters. Any horses living in an environment where horses are coming and going, such as training yards, polo ponies, racehorses, competition horses and hunters – whether all horses leave the property themselves or not – are potentially at risk of exposure from other horses. Risk is lower if horses live at home, do not travel, and no new horses are arriving. While not often fatal, it can be in some cases, and does take a long time to recover, with horses requiring time off for up to 3 months.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2026

And the winners are...

It's been a hard slog for our committee to find this year's recipients of the Community Volunteer Awards, but they've managed it.

And whilst everyone nominated is worthy of recognition, these people were selected due to their outstanding service across a number of different organisations.

Congratulations to:

- Katie Deere (Marton)
- Lowie Harrison (Marton)
- Alan & Fay Giles (Bulls)

- Gary Johnson (Taihape)
- Jo Rangooni (Mayor's Award Winner)

Over the next month or so, we'll be presenting those above with their awards at specially organised morning teas/ lunches with their friends, whānau and colleagues in attendance.

You'll also be able to hear from them through video interviews and written profiles on our website and in our Rangitikei Connect.

NZ Defence Force Caution to residents, Live Ammunition Notice

The NZDF are conducting activities using LIVE AMMUNITION in the area of Raumai Range/Santoft Forest area on **Saturday 16 May 2026**.

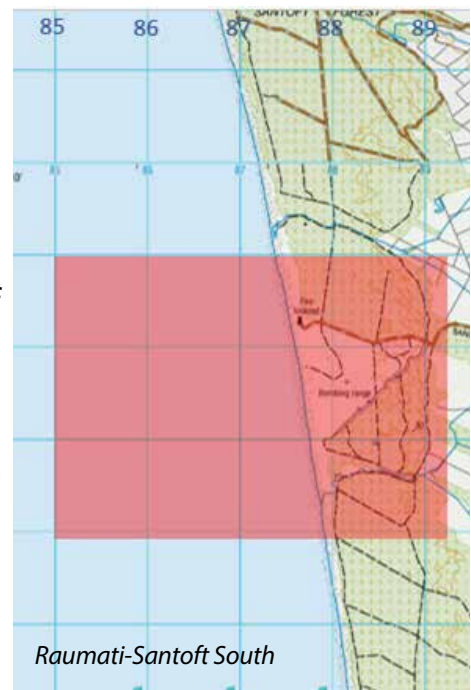
We would like to inform residents that there is to be STRICTLY NO USE of the beach or sea in the marked area of the map during this time, due to the risk of serious injury.

The access gates to Santoft Forest will be locked. Please do not attempt to bypass the gates or access the area.

There will be notice boards and NZDF personal monitoring the beach to the north and south of the marked area.

Please do not attempt to bypass these personnel or ignore them.

There will be numerous loud explosions and gunfire during this time.



ARE YOU PREPARED?

HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

Food and water for 5+ days

- Water (at least 3L per person per day) for drinking
- Water for washing and cooking
- Non-perishable food (canned or dried)
- A primus or gas bbq to cook on
- A can opener

Emergency supplies

- First aid kit and medications
- Wind and waterproof clothing along with strong outdoor shoes
- Face masks
- Pet supplies
- Torch with spare batteries
- Emergency toilet - toilet paper and rubbish bag

Resources



Your local
Community Response Plan



Make a plan: [getready.govt.nz](https://www.getready.govt.nz)

www.getthru.govt.nz

Emergency grab bag

Everyone in the house should have a packed bag in an easily accessible place which includes:

- Emergency water and easy to carry food
- Extra supplies of dietary requirements
- Formula, food, and nappies for young children
- First aid kit and medications
- Hearing aids with spare batteries, glasses, and mobility aids
- Face masks
- Toiletries- towel, soap, toothbrush, sanitary items, toilet paper etc
- Change of clothes
- Pet supplies
- Torch with spare batteries
- Important documents such as:
 - Identification- birth certificate, passport, drivers license etc
 - Precious family photos
 - Financial- insurance and mortgage documents

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PĀNUI HĀKINAKINA - SPORTS UPDATES

Pānui Hākinakina/Sports Updates



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BULLS RUGBY FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB
Dates to put in the calendar:



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	COMP.	HOME	AWAY	WHERE	TIME
1 May	Women's	Huntermville	Marist	Huntermville	6.30pm
2 May	Senior Bs	Marist	Bulls	CET 3	12.45pm
	Thirds	Bush	Bulls	Bush	12.45pm
8 May	Women's	Taihape	Rangitikei	Taihape	6.30pm
9 May	Senior Bs	Bulls	Yellows	Bulls	12.45pm
	Thirds	Ashurst	Bulls	Ashurst	12.45pm
15 May	Women's	Bush	Rangitikei	Bush	7.30pm
16 May	Senior Bs	FOBO	Bulls	Kimbolton	12.45pm
	Thirds	Bulls	Kia Toa	Bulls	12.45pm
13 June	Bulls Club Day				
8 August	Hurricanes U20 Tournament				
9 August					

Club Memberships available

Remains at \$25 for non - players, and \$75 for players.

We welcome new, and existing members in our 150th year.

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