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THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE

The Friday night Pride in Putaruru Christmas Parade saw families lining the route from Glenshea Park to Princes Street and return. It was a beautifully warm fine evening.

Police, Fire Brigade and St John vehicles headed the parade and Floats were free to choose their own theme this year.

A large number of vintage cars and various vehicles also joined in.

Sections representing *Commercial*, *Youth and Children* and *Services, Clubs and Societies* entered the float competition.

Of course there's no parade without Santa and naturally he was there in style, greeting and waving to all he passed, as were his assistants.

At Glenshea Park, after the parade, families were able to get up close to the floats, see the presentation of the parade awards, browse the food stalls, enjoy the free play equipment that was provided by Pride in Putaruru and hear the traditional Christmas music being played by the Cambridge Brass Band and the Te Awamutu and District Highland Pipe Band. The Pipe Band also marched and played in the parade.

The Float Parade winners in 2017 were:

- **Commercial**
Putaruru Tyres
- **Youth and Children**
Owlets Forest Early Learning Centre
- **Services, Clubs and Societies**
St Pauls Church

The award for the overall winner's trophy went to **Owlets Forest Early Learning Centre**.

In conjunction with the parade, a shop window competition was held from the beginning of December - see page 4 for pictures of all the entries.

Congratulations to all those who participated and assisted in this community event.

Full photo coverage of the parade is on theprattler.org.nz website and PiP TV.



Owlets Forest Early Learning Centre FIRST in the Youth and Childhood section and OVERALL WINNER.



Putaruru Tyres: FIRST in the Commercial section.



St Pauls Church: FIRST in the Services, Clubs and Societies section.

AT THE CHRISTMAS PARADE...



Putaruru Scout Group.



Owlets Forest Early Learning Centre.



Putaruru Primary School.



Saint Mary's.



Putaruru Electrical.



Farmlands.



Putaruru Tyres.



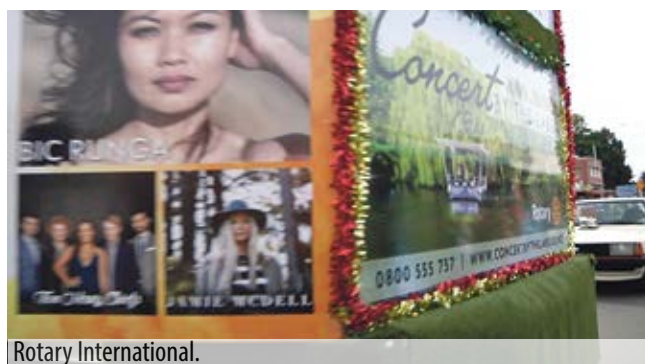
GoFox.



Honda Shop.



Blue Light Ventures.



Rotary International.



Cardrona Rest Home.



Baptist Church.



Diane Willcox School of Dance.



St Pauls Church.



Putaruru Fire Brigade.



Some of the many vintage cars.



Putaruru Timber Museum.



St John Ambulance.



Te Awamutu and District Highland Pipe Band.



Cambridge Brass Band.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A year on, and what a year it has been! A busy, exciting, sometimes frustrating and challenging but always rewarding year and one in which I am privileged to have led



SWDC Mayor Jenny Shattock.

a team of dedicated elected members. Councillors are working well together, having robust discussions and making brave decisions. For many years, our Council has been in a period of consolidation, but all that is changing. This is especially true in Putaruru where we are seeing some good growth statistics and new people moving into the town. Council staff working alongside Putaruru Moving Forward and Pride in Putaruru are making great progress on the District Plan re-zoning project. Business and residential growth is here and we must take advantage of this but we do need to balance community wants and needs with affordability.

As a Council we are focussed on Growth, Relationships and Resilience. We must ensure manageable growth. Our resilience must be multi-pronged with sound financial management, quality infrastructure, environmental protection and affordable rates. And building strong relationships with iwi, Pacific people, business and community groups and other sectors is crucial to our continued success as a district.

Our economic profile is trending strongly upwards, our business profile is growing, we launched our Business Prospectus for the district and we revamped the CCTV cameras in Putaruru.

Council introduced a new mobile phone notification app Antenno and a new library management system that is easier to use and has more bells and whistles than the last system. A small change to the Mayoral Scholarship meant we were able to award two \$10,000 scholarships this year.

Over the past year we have taken a firm stance on the Healthy Rivers Plan Change. Our Council agrees with the aspirations of the proposed plan change to clean up our rivers, but the cost of this proposed legislation on our community we feel is too high so we have taken the lead to work with other parties in a submission to Regional Council. We hope we will be successful with our submission although the outcome of the plan change process is several years away.

Four times a year we survey our communities for feedback on council operations and this last year we were pleased that our Customer Perceptions Survey showed an overall satisfaction rating of 88% of council services. This is an increase of 8% over last year.

Our Long Term Plan engagement with our communities was based around our new goals of growth, resilience and relationships. We held 14 meetings all up including public meetings in Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau and Arapuni and targeted sector meetings including Pacific Islands, Maori, education, business, health, elderly, sports, clubs and Raukawa. These sessions were tremendous and certainly showed that targeted engagement is the best way to go.

Finally I want to acknowledge the many people and groups in the Putaruru Ward who volunteer so much of their time and energy. I want to make particular mention of the team Pride in Putaruru and Putaruru Moving Forward for their continued support, drive and passion for Putaruru. I also want to acknowledge Arapuni residents that are in the process of setting up a similar town promotion group. Council cannot build resilient communities and district without the help and support from those who live here.

Christmas is nearly here and as we head for the Christmas break I ask that we all pause and remember just what Christmas is really about. Too often with all the hype and commercialism we can easily forget the message of peace and goodwill. That means not only peace in the world, but peace in our homes. Let's have a Christmas in the South Waikato devoid of any violence. What a great Christmas that would be.

I would like to wish every resident a restful and safe break over the festive season. It's a great opportunity to slow down, smell the roses and enjoy the sunshine.

Have a safe Christmas break with family and friends.

And now I'm looking forward to Putaruru's Christmas celebrations and the Christmas Parade as Putaruru always turns on a fantastic parade.

SPOTTED DURING THE CHRISTMAS PARADE



PRIDE IN PUTARURU AND PUTARURU MOVING FORWARD COMMENTS

Council have recently been working with Pride in Putaruru and Putaruru Moving Forward to establish funding for the future development of Putaruru. All of this is to ensure ongoing progress in the Putaruru Ward and to promote Putaruru as a vibrant South Waikato community with businesses being supported and events being organised.

Pride in Putaruru has had no funding increase for 8 years and while the members as volunteers continue to promote our town it is essential we have a professional manager to keep the profile of the town, implement the concept plan and provide the day to day services to keep growth happening.

Putaruru's business area size has increased over the last 20 plus years with some big businesses being established. Some of these have not until now been included in the business rating and the proposed change will create consistency throughout our town. While the increase maybe an initial surprise and create concern, for some it results in fairness for all businesses and allows the town to continue to develop and be upgraded.

The new system actually proves cheaper rating than the previous system for many of the current business community.

The Council document on funding model changes, (available at the PIP office and the library), and on pages 13 - 15 of this Prattler and the on-line Prattler, explains clearly the changes and gives some examples. In many cases increases amount to less than \$20 a month.

It has been said that if we do not capitalise on current housing and business development demands we will struggle as a town. Both Pride in Putaruru and Putaruru Moving Forward are enthusiastic about the potential of our town and seeing the responses to our last community survey coming to fruition.

Let's take this opportunity, focus on the future and move forward.

Please contact Stu Edmeades, (PiP and PMF), or Ben Smit at the South Waikato District Council for further information.

We thank you for your support in 2017 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a restful holiday break. We look forward to working with you in 2018.

MANAGERS MEMO

As I sit here writing my introduction I have no doubt that you will all be busy preparing for Christmas and the upcoming holiday season.

My name is Rebecca Sanson and I'm back as the Manager for Pride In Putaruru and have been in this position for just two weeks so far. Lee has now taken retirement and I hope he is enjoying his leisure time.



Rebecca Sanson, the new Manager at Pride in Putaruru.

I was born in Putaruru and have lived here the majority of my life. I moved to Tauranga briefly to study Tourism, found a man, bought him home and we now have three teenage boys.

I first started working at Pride In Putaruru in mid 2009 with Annie Waterworth. I continued on as Manager for a time after she left and now I'm back again!

I'm looking forward to the challenges this job brings and being back involved with the community and local businesses.

From all of us here at Pride In Putaruru, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAYS

Congratulations to those Putaruru Businesses that entered the PiP Business window display competition. Reflections in the glass don't help this photographic record of the windows, so it's best to visit the shops themselves to experience the full effect of their decorations. Judging is from the street view of the display. The PiP Business window display winner was **Quilt 'n' Knit 2**

The participating shops were:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Putaruru Hotel Workshop | 2. Putaruru Hotel Entrance | 3. Fresh Start | 4. Krazed Barber and Tattoos |
| 5. Arts & Crafts | 6. Unichem Pharmacy | 7. The Last Tangle | 8. Nanas Toy Shop |
| 9. Planet Computers | 10. Waikato River Trails | 11. St Pauls Opportunity Shop | |
| 12. Quilt 'n' Knit2 | 13. Van Dyks | 14. Sheridan Real Estate | |

The winning window display: Quilt 'n' Knit2



Putaruru Hotel - Santa's Workshop.



Putaruru Hotel - Entrance.



Fresh Start.



Krazed Barber and Tattoos.



Arts & Crafts.



Unichem Pharmacy.



The Last Tangle.



Nanas Toy Shop.



Planet Computers.



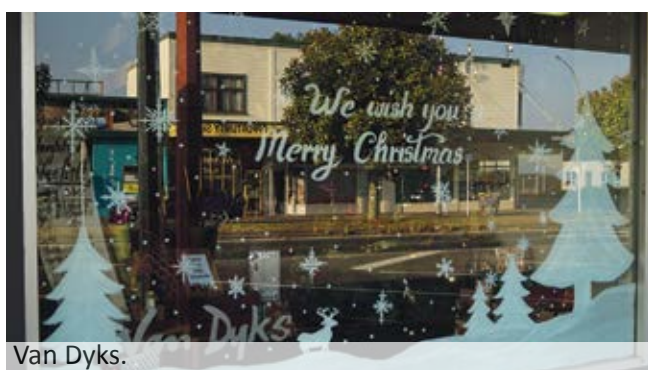
Waikato River Trails.



St Pauls Opportunity Shop.



Quilt 'n' Knit2.



Van Dyks.



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DECK THE HALL...

Recently the Deck the Hall Christmas event at St Patrick's Hall, Kensington Street, Putaruru opened for a week. For the first night only there was also a BBQ and sing along in the appealing tree area out-side the staff room.



There were plenty of families there enjoying the Christmas Spirit arranged by St Mary's School, the Parish Community and Local Businesses, for just a gold coin entry. Inside, the hall was adorned with great displays and decorations. Deck the Halls was fully immersive with painstakingly planned and arranged displays of all types.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY BAND

The main role of the Royal New Zealand Navy Band is to perform as a Military Band providing music for the ceremonial, public relations, recruiting and entertainment requirements of the Royal New Zealand Navy, the New Zealand Defence Force and the New Zealand Government. During the afternoon there were a great variety of styles and compositions that are not necessarily associated with bands - a tribute to the works chosen.

The audience was put into quiz mode with the piece that featured music of the 1970's. Yes we knew the tune snippets but just what was the name of that 'bit' again? Some snatches were themes associated with; The Muppet Show, Butch Cassidy, Deliverance, Simon and Garfunkle and Scot Joplin as we were transported downtown by locomotion. The familiar Chuck Mansion piece, used as a soundtrack to the film *Children of Sanchez*, arranged for guitar and trumpet, concluded the first half of the concert. A small Dixie group from the band opened the second half and featured, *Won't you Go Home Bill Bailey*, and *Chicago*.

It was a professionally polished afternoon of music, no actual marching, but the

beat was there thanks to the musicianship of the Royal New Zealand Navy Band.



DAVIDSON MAGIC

Delaney Davidson's Magic Lightbox travelling one man show cast it's spell recently to a transfixed Plaza audience. The visuals to many of the songs were presented in glorious Plazarama that dwarfed Delaney but never removed the focus from his original music. It was an evening mix of dark side trips, self cut montages and apocalypse now heart of darkness.

In one piece, using carefully crafted footage from the film noir, *Detour*, (now a cult



classic), Delaney focused on the inevitable drama of the film and the death 'chord' that results in an imagined conviction. Providing his own score to the images, Delaney highlighted the obvious back projection and reversals of the film as he performed to his own back projection. The deadpan chat from Delaney also contributed to this night of music and cinema. Get out season 1 of *Brokenwood* and re-listen to the soundtrack again.

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Upcoming Events ... set aside these important dates:

29th January: Auckland Anniversary

30th January: First Day of the New School Year

6th February: Waitangi Day

Term 4:

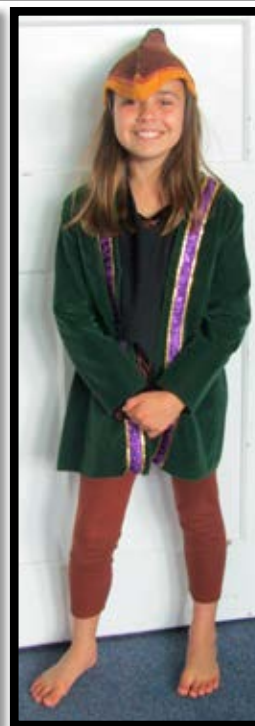
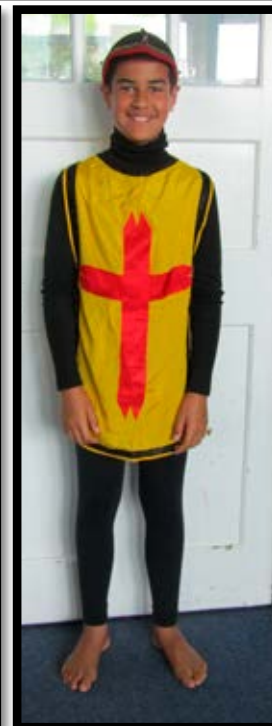
Here we are already at the end of another year! As I am writing this we are very busy rehearsing for our big school production called 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. It is looking amazing and we are very excited to see it on stage. By the time you read this we would have performed it at the Plaza on the 7th Dec. Hopefully some of you would have come along and seen it. It's been a great way to finish off another very busy year! I have included some photos of the children.

Have a safe and very Merry Christmas everyone!



Our School Production – 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies':

Here are some photos of our children dressed up for their parts in our big school production. It is coming along really well. The children have worked very hard along with our fantastic Principal Mrs Paula Hastings, aka director, choreography, costume manager, scenery advisor just to name a few of the many hats she has worn to put together this show. The children are sounding amazing. Wonderful singing, lines studied and memorised! It's been very exciting for the children who have never done anything like this before.



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PTA & Sovereign Trust help to provide new playground equipment



Over the past two years our amazing PTA have been fundraising to improve our playground. Alongside the Sovereign Trust who gave us a grant for \$10442 and the over \$10000 from our PTA our students are now enjoying these two new activities in our playground

Tirau Tamariki Tour

What fantastically talented students and staff we have at Tirau Primary, it was great to see them on display at The Plaza in Putaruru on Thursday 2nd November. Many thanks to our hardworking and dedicated staff for the preparation of our performers and the performance.



Congratulations to our Tirau students who entertained the crowds with their acting, singing and dancing talents. We would also like to thank our school community for coming out on Thursday evening to support the school, we have had many positive comments from many who enjoyed the performance and look forward to staging another extravaganza in the future.

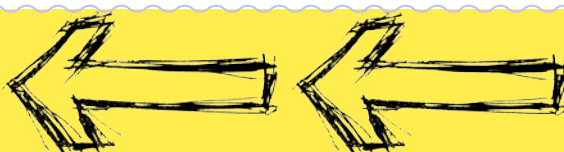


Ruben the Road Safety Bear

On Monday 20th November Ruben visited the junior students at Tirau Primary to remind us about being safe when walking about in our community. He talked to us about being aware of sneaky driveways and about using the pedestrian crossing safely. Please remember to stop if you see us waiting at the crossing.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GRAEME MCCABE

3 NOVEMBER 1939 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

Graeme McCabe of Mt Maunganui who has given a life time of service to athletics, died on Wednesday 13 September 2017 aged 77.



Graeme was born in New Plymouth to parents Bill and Una McCabe in 1939. His father was a projectionist at the State Cinema and he and his brother Lindsay grew up in Brooklands, with iconic Pukekura Park on their doorstep.

He met and married Brenda Cochrane in New Plymouth in 1965. They moved to Taruru in 1967 and had sons Andrew in 1969, Mark in 1971 and Grant in 1978. For many years he and Brenda owned and managed McCabes Toyworld stores in Putaruru and Matamata and on retirement in 2008 they shifted to Mt Maunganui. His grandsons Mason and Cillian were born in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

An outstanding manager of New Zealand teams to international competition, Graeme oversaw teams to three Olympic and three Commonwealth Games.

He was athletic section manager to the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games and the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. He was assistant general manager to the 1986 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, assistant chef de mission to the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, general manager of the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games team and athletic section manager to the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games and four other New Zealand teams over a period of 11 years.



Graeme was a hurdler for the New Plymouth, Hawera and Putaruru clubs, competing at the New Zealand championships for 14 years until 1971, winning a national championship medal in 1969. He was coached by Arthur Eustace.

After finishing his competitive days he went on to officiating, managing teams and administration for Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty.

He was president for two years and was made a life member of Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty. Of late he has been on the committee of the Tauranga Ramblers Club.

Graeme was a long standing council member of the NZAAA and Athletics New Zealand representing Waikato Bay of Plenty from 1972 to 1986. In 1986 he was appointed to the Board of Athletics New Zealand, a position he held right through to 1996.

During that period he served on various committees, chairing the tours and outfitting committee, the international competitions committee, and later the marketing and promotion committee.

St Paul's Co-operating Parish, Putaruru 2017 Christmas Services and Activities

December	
Saturday 9th	Christmas Messy Church - 4pm
Sunday 10th	8am & 10am - Holy Communion
Thursday 14th	Combined Churches Rest home Services at Fernhaven, Rangitikei and Cardrona
Friday 15th	Putaruru Float Parade
Sunday 17th	8am & 10am - Holy Communion 8 pm - Nine Lessons and Carols
Thursday 21st	Musie & More Christmas Service - 1.30pm
Sunday 24th	10am Holy Communion 9.30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist - note new time
Monday 25th	Christmas Day Service 9.30am - with St Aidan's at St Aidan's 10am Service - at St Paul's with St Aidan's
Sunday 31st	
2018	
Sunday	January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and February 4th 10am Service - at St Paul's with St Aidan's

CONTACT: Rev. Jan Tarrant 07 883 7591
St Paul's Anglican-Methodist Church, 64 Kensington Street, Putaruru

He was an Athletics New Zealand Track and Field Selector from 1972 for 14 years and the Athletics New Zealand Delegate to the NZ Olympic Committee from 1986 to 1993.

Graeme was currently a member of the Athletics NZ awards committee. He received one of the inaugural Athletics New Zealand merit awards in 1988 and was vice-president of Athletics New Zealand 1999 - 2000 and president in 2000. He was made a life member of Athletics New Zealand in 2004.

Graeme was working on one last Athletics project before he passed, raising funds to resurface and upgrade the Tauranga Domain Athletics Track on Cameron Road.

THE PARKINSON'S TINMAN CLUB

The Parkinson's Tinman Club is a fund-raising project which came about after a simple, "I will if you will" conversation with Martin Bennett's daughter Steph. The concept of fundraising came shortly after that. The Tinman Triathlon was held at Mt Maunganui on the 19th November and we entered as the Parkinson's Tinman Club.



Martin Bennett in training.

The willingness of friends and family to get involved by entering the Tinman has been quite amazing to say the least. A large number competed in some shape or form in the event, with the aim of raising awareness of Parkinson's and the need to push back against this disease so sufferers can maintain a better quality of life. The financial support is also critical for any organization that relies so much on donations to function well.

Parkinson's is a progressive neurodegenerative condition. It is caused by insufficient quantities of Dopamine - a chemical in the brain. Dopamine enables quick, well-coordinated movement. When Dopamine production slows you start to have trouble with so many of the movement things that you have taken for granted for as long as you can remember, as well as a range of other symptoms that affect your quality of life. At this stage there is no known cure on the horizon. If you would like to know more just go to Parkinson New Zealand <http://www.parkinsons.org.nz>

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Van Dam Plumbing Ltd

As the year comes to an end we would like to take this opportunity to thank our customers for their support in 2017. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a successful 2018. We look forward to your business in the New Year.

We will be finishing the year on Friday the 22nd December at 12noon. We will reopen for business Monday 8th January 2018 at 8am.

One of our servicemen will be available during this holiday period. Any jobs required to be done on the statutory days a call out fee will apply.

For Emergencies during this time, please call 07 883 8074 and follow the instructions on the voice recording.

Van Dam Plumbing Ltd
Steven, Julie,
Linda, Peter, Stephen, Jaime & Denise.

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Putaruru College – LEARNING FOR LIFE

2017 has been a phenomenal year for Putaruru College. We have celebrated many success in the academic, sporting and cultural areas. We have hosted four Japanese school visits this term and these are loved by our students. The Maibiz Te Kai Year 10 food designing experience took place over three days and was greatly enjoyed by students and judges!

PC Films has continued to achieve at a national level – being nominated as finalists for the Fair Go and Outlook for Someday Awards. Awesome!

NZQA exams will have finished by the time this Prattler is printed and Junior Prizegiving will have come and gone as well. We have a wonderful time at school with loads of experiences and endeavours but we always value the academic achievements of our students.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to a fantastic 2018!!



Left – Parehuia Walker – Adrienne Marr Cup for All Round Excellence
Centre – Runner Up to Dux – Nicole Canato
Right – Hanneke Stegen - 2017 Dux of Putaruru College



Head Boy 2018
Tom Burgoyne-Smith and
Head Girl 2018
Sophie Meszaros



Recipient of the
Doreen Gregory Cup
for Top Academic
Maori Student –
Kaydain Kawhena



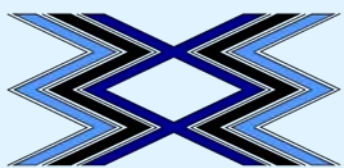
L-R: Girls' Leadership – Parehuia Walker,
Boys' Leadership – Michael Flavell and
Sportsperson of the Year – Tyra Begbie



Some Year 10 students experienced cycling at the Avantidrome in Cambridge



TE WHAREKURA O TE KAOKAOROA O PĀTETERE



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National Kapa Haka Competition

After qualifying at Regionals last year, our Kura Waenga team competed with NZ's best in the national kapa haka competition held in Gisbourne.



House Competition

Students have been celebrating team spirit by participating house competitions. Special events held have been the my kitchen rules food competition, wearable arts, & haka competition.



Hauraki Festival

Two of our school teams braved the stormy weather in Paeroa to perform in this annual festival, both teams gained multiple placing and our senior team won their section!



Athletics day.

Juniors students taking part in the obstacle course event.



Pink Day fundraiser

Students raised awareness of Breast Cancer, and a \$300 donation

Song writers win award.

To celebrate Maori language week Te Poari o Raukawa ran a songwriting competition. "Te Kuru Tongarewa.", a song composed by Gabriel Anderson & Tyriq senior won and the school received a music prize pack. The song was also performed at the Hauraki festival and won its category.



Whāngai te iti kahurangi

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WHAT'S UP

- we have been invited to several school productions recently, and the enjoyment of children live on stage is obvious. Congratulations to all the schools concerned.
- the increased number of businesses having Christmas themed displays
- the continuing work being carried out to enhance shop fronts



WHAT'S DOWN

- truck parking in Tirau Street - parked cars often have to wait even though they are signalling to pull out before some trucks stop in the driving lanes!



- is lack of respect for others the reason behind these signs being ignored?



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW PUTARURU?

Where in Putaruru would you find this item located?

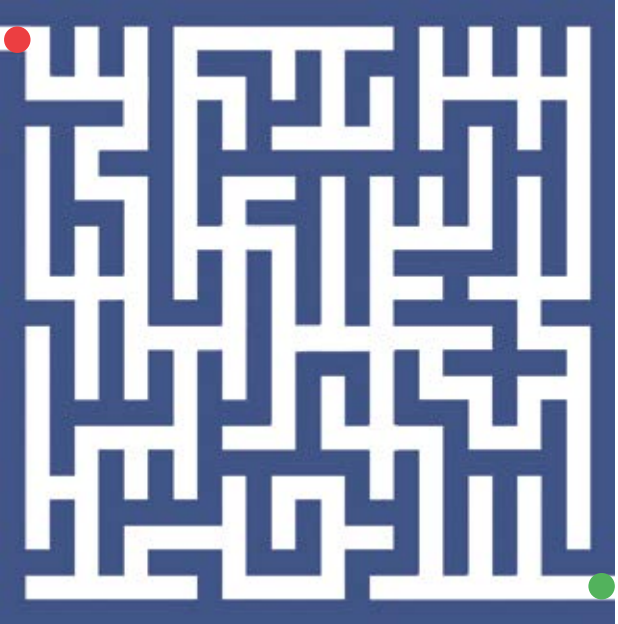


The September location, (below), was the top of the entrance monument memorial at Glenshea Park. Congratulations to the 37 people who emailed this location.



To make a suggestion about a mystery object simply email, The Prattler at this address: theprattler@prideinputaruru.com

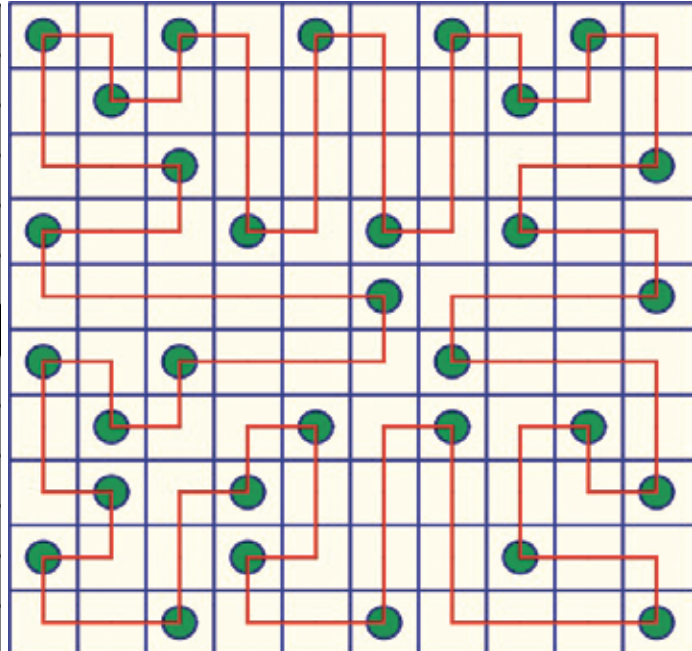
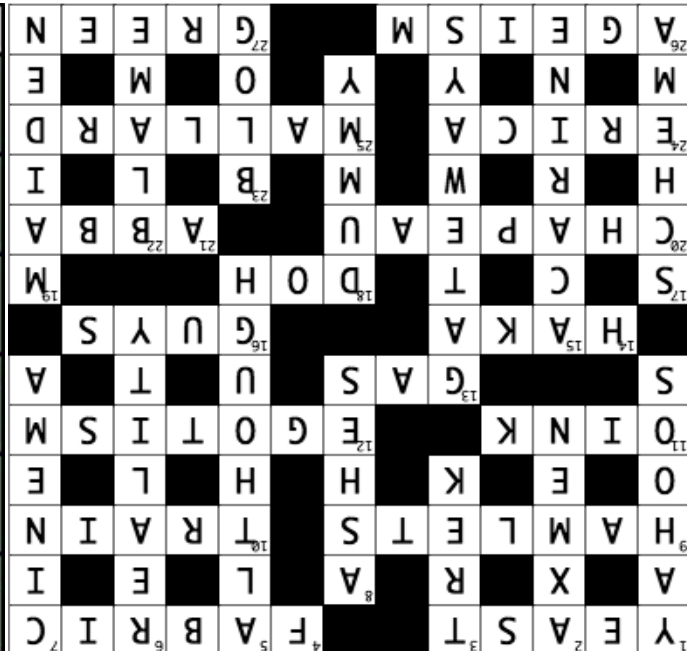
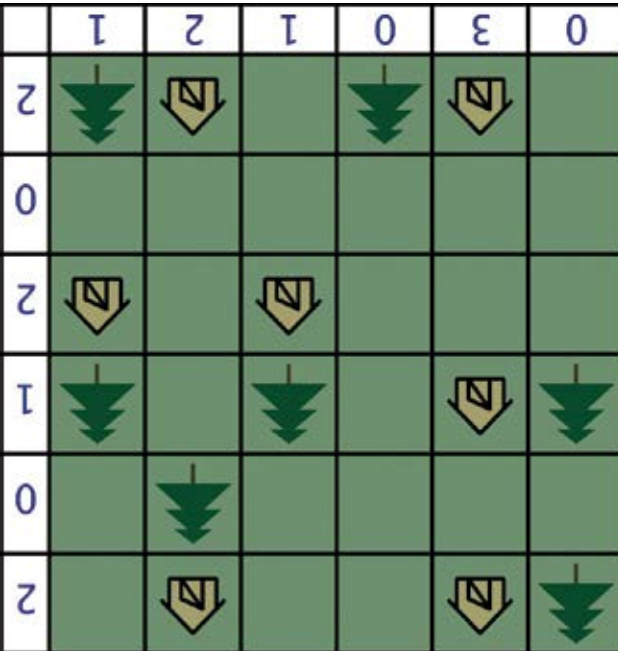
Answers to the Puzzles from pages 30 and 31 of The Prattler



- 1 Jacket added.
- 2 Gloves not on seat.
- 3 Carrier colour changed.
- 4 Design wings shorter.
- 5 Control box added.
- 6 Grass added both sides.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

All these original puzzles are the copyright of Pride in Putaruru.



WARD REPRESENTATIVES SWDC: COUNCILLOR COLUMN

Putaruru Ward *Gray Baldwin*



With the national election season now behind us, I'm grateful that we have such a functional democracy in New Zealand. The National Party has returned to the opposition benches graciously to let the "other guys have their turn" - this doesn't happen so easily in many other countries. We all wait to see what the new government will deliver.

One concern I would like to air is the huge impact that decisions made by Central Government can have on Local Government. South Waikato District Council is required to meet many standards and comply with agendas that are set either in Wellington or in Hamilton by the Waikato Regional Council.

Putaruru residents who use the dump regularly will note the presence of a flash new digger which lifts the waste into the truck, we used to all just chuck it over the side ourselves. This increases council's costs, ultimately paid for by ratepayers, but it is now deemed to be too dangerous to let people near the dump face.

Another example is wastewater. Council is currently consulting on our 10 year plan which includes the need to renew consents for our sewage ponds in Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau and Arapuni. The new standards we have to meet could mean significant capital upgrades for ratepayers when Council's environmental footprint is small compared with farming and other industries in our district.

So as the costs for all these new ideas filter through to ratepayers in coming years, hold your elected councillors accountable sure, but take a wider look at where some of the agendas are being set.

Tirau Ward *Peter Schulte*



It has been an enjoyable and busy past year serving on Council. I am certainly pleased that I put my hand up for this role. Being more involved in Council and our community has been interesting, challenging and rewarding.

I would also like to flag to our community that our Government is putting more and more burden on all Councils, such as the chlorination of our tap water

and the treatment of wastewater. It comes at a cost to all of us.

We're all keen to see the rail crossing completed so that we can get started on the Tirau Walkway development and ultimately development of the Tirau Domain. This project hinges on the crossing and it has been a bit frustrating working through this given it is out of our hands, both as a community and a Council. Rome wasn't built in a day - nor the rail crossing, but we are getting there.

Council is committed to increasing maintenance on our roads. We're aware that the extended wet winter months have created significant issues across the district and the teams are working hard and long to get repairs done now that the weather has cleared up.

On that summer is here note, a reminder to our Tirau community that the Tirau pool in Goodwin Street is open for the summer. Our community needs to support the pool by getting out there and taking a dip. Given we're heading for a hot summer I'm sure visits will increase.

A reminder too that the Library link service is available during the summer period, operating out of The Dog.

It's great to see that the entire district is moving into a growth phase. Property values have increased, population is on the increase and business development is tracking along. This growth presents some challenges, but with challenges come opportunities. We have growth plans in place to rise to these challenges.

I would also like to welcome two new Businesses to Tirau. One is One Road Ice Cream across the Highway from our 'DOG' and the other is Trelise Cooper on the Top the Hill.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

OBITUARY PUBLICATION

An obituary tells the story and honours a life recently lost. It acknowledges the persons passing, their life accomplishments and the people left behind. It both informs and commemorates, expressing the pain of their loss and the joy that their presence among us brought.

The Prattler is pleased to offer free obituary publication in either the print edition or the daily on-line edition.

The PiP website has full details and assistance on this matter.

Feel free to contact us for more information at: theprattler@prideinputaruru.com



Putaruru Ward *Herman Van Rooijen*

Kia ora katoa and greetings. December already, where has the year gone, so much to do still! But also a lot has been achieved. It's a year since the last election and our team has jelled well and lucky it's so because the workload is enormous. It seems like life is getting more complicated every year. We have to account for health and safety and manage risks to a degree which is putting a whole new perspective on everything council does, right through the whole organisation, the penalties for getting it wrong are humongous.

The big work pieces lately are annual plan, ten year plan, Wai ora/Healthy Rivers and all it's implications and the plan change for Putaruru Moving Forward. We have had a number of hui with our treaty partners, Raukawa, and need to consult with other interested Maori groups about the way forward to meet the new standards for our treatment stations. It will be very challenging to get consent from Regional Council in a way that will improve water but not make our society unsustainable, and also not damage the environment by using extra resources to attain the desired outcome.

I'd like to touch on Putaruru Moving Forward. Much work is going on behind the scenes to make sure we have enough infrastructure in place to support the proposed new subdivisions. I have become council's representative on the committee. The job is to make sure everything ties together, all aspects are looked at so once the plan change is notified, we have the best chance for the change to be acceptable. We all know the pressure there is on housing and Putaruru and the South Waikato don't want to be left behind in the growth stakes.

I wish to thank our mayor Jenny and fellow councillors and staff for the great positive working environment we operate in, look forward to a break over Christmas and wish all residents but particularly my beloved Putaruru Ward a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED!

The Putaruru School of Music is looking to find some enthusiastic music teachers, to share their skills in a fun environment for the children of South Waikato.

The school of music runs classes for an hour or so on a Monday afternoons, and we need both a new guitar teacher and a new brass teacher.

We want someone who is keen and talented, with a great attitude and able to relate to kids and share a love for music. Prior teaching experience is preferred but not essential.

Music Teachers, contact Richard with your CV for more information at; heslop@xtra.co.nz

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What a year it has been at The Plaza! Our calendar boasted a full and varied list of events for 2017. Here are the numbers associated with a Performing Arts Theatre in rural New Zealand:

- 21 Public performing arts events hosted and/or presented
- 16 Movies screened
- 60 Hires of The Plaza for Community, Commercial and School events
- 145 'Regular User' events hosted

We are keen to even further develop the use of the theatre so please feel free to get in contact with us if you have an event coming up in 2018.

We have some great regular events on at The Plaza that the community can get involved with:

- Mah Jong: Mondays 1pm Contact Marie Way 07 883 6820
- Putaruru 50+ Group: Tuesdays 1pm Contact Leo Houben 07 883 8518
- Putaruru Plaza Indoor Bowling Club: Thursday, 7:30pm (March - October 2017)
- Contact Julie Still 07 883 3197

South Waikato Country Music: usually the 4th Friday of every month

South Waikato Grey Power: last Thursday of every second month from 1:30pm

South Waikato Music Society: dates scheduled for 2018 are:

Katherine Olsen (Pianist) 11th August 2018

South Waikato Music Society: NZ Chamber Soloist Trio 8th September 2018

South Waikato Music Society: Richard Mapp (Pianist)

Contact Bernard Hobbs 021 100 5838 for more information.

There is no monthly movie in December 2017 or January 2018 however our monthly Sunday movies will start from February and will continue on the last Sunday of each month throughout the year.

Our first scheduled event for 2018 is:

Jubilation 24th February 7pm Tickets on sale for \$30 from Eventfinda,* The Plaza, iSITE Tokoroa and Diamond Jewellers Matamata (*booking fees may apply).

Jubilation is a unique beast - an acapella gospel choir with a rock & roll heart. A 33 strong vocal supergroup, *Jubilation* sing soul, blues and country-infused gospel from the songbooks of Nina Simone, Tom Waits, Curtis Mayfield, Don McGlashan, Isaac Hayes, Blind Willie Johnson and Emmy Lou Harris.

Featuring well known singers Rick Bryant, Jackie Clarke and Jennifer Ward-Lealand, the choir's diverse ensemble includes several professional musicians, a psychologist, a builder, a maker of super yachts, a handful of actors and a lecturer in Russian.

Jubilation has performed all over New Zealand to crowds large and small - from 10,000 plus on the main stage at WOMAD to an intimate 60 - something at The Old Cheese Factory near Arrowtown.

They can also be heard singing backing vocals behind Hollie Smith on *Bathe In The River*, Don McGlashan's Silver Scroll award winning hit from the movie *Number 2*.

"*Jubilation* have brought heart and soul - and a damned fine choir and soloists - to festival audiences up and down the country." Philip Tremewan - Festival Director - Wanaka, Tauranga, Taupo and Christchurch.

Events and Movies will all be listed on The Plaza's website (www.plaza.org.nz) and our Facebook Page (The Plaza).

The South Waikato Arts Trust and The Plaza Staff wish you a happy and safe holiday. The Plaza will have a shutdown period over the holiday season from 22nd December 2017 - 30th January 2018. We hope to see you soon at The Plaza!

DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PUTARURU DISTRICT

This list was compiled by the Putaruru Lions' Club as a Community Service.



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|-----------------------|---|
| Arapuni Bowling Club | 1 |
| Bunnings | 1 |
| Countdown | 1 |
| Medical Centre | 1 |
| Putaruru Fire Station | 1 |
| Putaruru Golf Club | 1 |
| Putaruru Rugby Club | 1 |
| St John | 5 |
| SW Dental | 1 |
| Tirau Golf Club | 1 |
| Z Energy | 1 |



The defibrillator at Bunnings, Putaruru.

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Reflecting on 2017, this has been a very busy and change driven year for Rangiura.

On the 1st July the carers received a long awaited pay increase which recognised long Service and Qualifications. This came about as a result of a long fought battle by Kristine Bartlett and the Union ETU. The wage increase has been funded by the government via the District Health Board and in the increase of fees for the Residents. It has been a challenging time for Rangiura due to the fact that we are well staffed and the funding we have received is based on averages across the country, Rangiura being above average. This has meant a short fall in the amount we receive per resident and this has put significant strain on our overall budget. We continue to work with the District Health Board to try and resolve some of these issues. A number of community based, not for profit Homes and Hospitals are also struggling as they are predominately the Homes which are well staffed and offer services as part of the ordinary standard of care whereas others charge privately for this. The increase in pay is staged over a five-year period to a maximum of \$27 per hour in 2022.

In planning and consultation for some time, in August we split the care staff into Teams so depending on where you are in the Home will depend on the Team who supports you. The reasoning behind this was to improve relationships and communication between all parties. It is also about affording our residents respect and dignity as they are always supported by the same small group of people as opposed to not knowing who was going to be assigned to what area. Despite a few hiccups in the beginning, this seems to be working well and our staff and Residents are seeing the benefit of the smaller teams. It also allows our staff to spend more quality time with our Residents and for them to get to know their families as well. Relationships sit at the heart of our Eden philosophy and this enhances our daily support.

We were privileged to have Chris McMahon from Australia and Marg Brown join us at Rangiura to provide Eden training to 19 of our staff. They also gave an informative talk to our Villagers and interested family members as well as our Board. It was a very full on 3 days but we now have 28% of our staff trained in the Eden philosophy and this can only improve the support we give to our Residents.

Christmas is fast approaching and there is hardly a day in December where we do not have something going on. Our day support programme is full and our respite beds are booked well in advance. This year we are having to have three separate Christmas parties for our Residents as our Hall just cannot hold everyone anymore and rather than have the big squeeze we have split this up and will be holding more intimate, family and fun filled gatherings. We look forward to our Hall being renovated and having a big Rangiura Christmas in 2018 as well as being able to

enjoy more meeting rooms and having a new multipurpose space.

The Rangiura management team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2018.

A message from the chairman, Jos van Loon:

Having been in the position of chairman for 9 months now I am still learning a lot about Rangiura, the people who work there, our residents, Rangiura's place in the community and the list goes on.

It has been a satisfying start for me personally and we have a very busy 2018 coming up and we can look back at a year where we quietly have achieved a lot and are positioning ourselves very nicely for the next few years.

It has been a very busy year for management, all the staff and the Board of Trustees of Rangiura. Our staff worked tirelessly through an outbreak of Norovirus in September which really showed how great the Rangiura family is.

I want to thank all the staff at Rangiura, the wider community and all the supporters of Rangiura and all the volunteers. Without you, all our residents wouldn't be experiencing the comfort and facilities that they currently do - remember that we all do it for them.

Some of our projects and goals ahead of us are:

- Start our community hall expansion and upgrade. We are finalizing quotes for an early 2018 start to this project. Once finished we can accommodate up to 270 people in the Hall.
- The board will be deciding shortly on a mixture of serviced apartments and/or expanding the village through more villa's.
- We need to recruit and appoint more suitable trustees for Rangiura Trust Board.
- Focus on our financial and operational resources and structure ourselves so the Trust is well positioned going forward. Our CTCA structure and friends will be an important part of going forward by continuously looking at procuring goods and services to achieve a better outcome for all the Charitable Trusts involved. No doubt this will be done through a mixture of in-sourcing and out-sourcing of services. CTCA is a formation of 8 Waikato based not-for-profit retirement trusts that are increasingly combining resources and looking for better outcomes for all the shareholders.
- Discussions are taking place regarding expanding our services into our wider community. This will be carefully considered by the Board.

Clearly interesting times ahead for the age care sector and our Rangiura Trust.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2018.



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PRIDE IN PUTARURU & PUTARURU MOVING FORWARD FUNDING MODEL CHANGES

"IF WE DON'T
DO THIS, NOTHING
WILL HAPPEN,"
STU EDMEADES,
CHAIRPERSON PMF

OUR FOCUS

We are currently considering the future focus of Pride in Putāruru (PIP) and Putāruru Moving Forward (PMF). This is driven by a changing vision, community engagement and changing times. This engagement document outlines the new focus and the funding required to ensure we deliver on the Putāruru Concept Plan. Add to this, a change in staff, some funding anomalies and other changes and it makes this an ideal time to do a complete review.

This document runs you through this review.

CURRENT SITUATION

The PIP contract with Council is up for renewal. The contract is currently \$66,125 (incl GST) and has not been increased for a decade.

The scope and current level of funding does not cover the full extent of activities that both groups are now involved in. These new areas were developed over the last few years in response to community and business feedback. Some of these larger projects include the tidy up of the town centre (CBD area), the development of the Putāruru Concept Plan, involvement in the Putāruru Growth Plan and attracting new business to Putāruru.

The Putāruru Concept Plan needs further development to achieve the outcomes that came from community feedback.

THE BACKGROUND

PIP has been part of Putāruru for over 20 years. The activity is half funded by Putāruru Ward residents and half by (some) businesses (ie those currently being rated under the Putāruru Business Rate). It delivers a range of services including but not limited to the Putāruru Business Awards, Christmas Parade, Information Service, Business After 5 Ladies Breakfast, picnic tables, among other events and initiatives.

PMF is a newer group working closely with PIP to prepare Putāruru to meet the demands of the future, foster economic growth and drive community vibrancy.

Both PIP and PMF enjoy an excellent relationship with Elected Members and Council staff. This relationship ensures that together we can make significant positive changes in Putāruru.

The activities of PIP and PMF contribute greatly to the economic and community development of Putāruru.

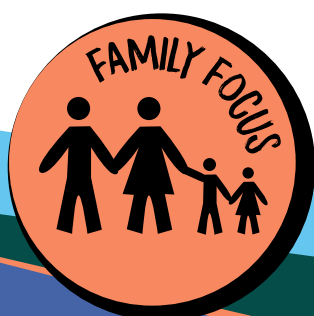


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FEEDBACK

Please by 17 January 2018

SURVEY

See back page or online at
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GOT QUESTIONS?

Contact Stu Edmeades (PMF) on 0274 409 899 or Ben Smit (Council) on 021 436 580

THE FUTURE

The Putāruru Concept Plan identifies five work streams:

- Facilitating a strong sense of community
- Planning for residential growth
- Supporting existing businesses (eg, shop frontages, mentoring, etc)
- Managing community events, information centre and the community focused Prattler
- Encouraging new business development

EXTRA RESOURCE & DIRECTION

PIP's current funding employs a part time manager. Our current manager has retired. We have appointed a temporary manager to coordinate events and manage PIP until the end of June 2018.

We believe it is timely for us to employ a full time manager to:

- Further develop and support the implementation of the Putāruru Concept Plan.
- Provide a community support function, eg extra community events, information service, websites and The Prattler.
- Support business by facilitating mentoring programmes, improved alignment with Waikato Innovation Park, project coordination with PMF and a business development and investment link.
- Develop and maintain a database of land for sale and business opportunities together with a business investment website to highlight our strengths, our good news and the marketing of Putāruru.

The new manager will work closely with PIP and PMF and with Council Elected Members and staff, the SWIF Trust, Waikato River Trails, local business people, Economic Development Agencies and others to develop Putāruru.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

To employ a full time manager with the experience to drive business development, facilitate business and community connections, deliver events, develop the website, deliver the information service and other functions we need to increase our funding.

To cover the cost of a full time manager and other increases in costs over the last ten years we are looking for additional funding of \$64,400 (incl GST).

As part of the total review we are also recommending a change in the rates funding model based on the benefits and equity.

The current rating model is:

- Putāruru Ward rate – charged at a fixed rate of \$24.86 to each property in the Ward.
- Putāruru Business rate – charged on capital value to all properties currently rated on a designated list. The list of business properties is out of date.



GoFox owners Rachel and Robbie Winterson won the New Business Award

COMMUNITY BENEFIT VERSUS BUSINESS BENEFIT?

Given the focus of the Putāruru Concept Plan, it is felt that the 'community in general' and the 'business community' will benefit equally from the outcomes of these activities so it is proposed that the current split of the PIP funding being 50% from the Ward and 50% as a business rate remains status quo.

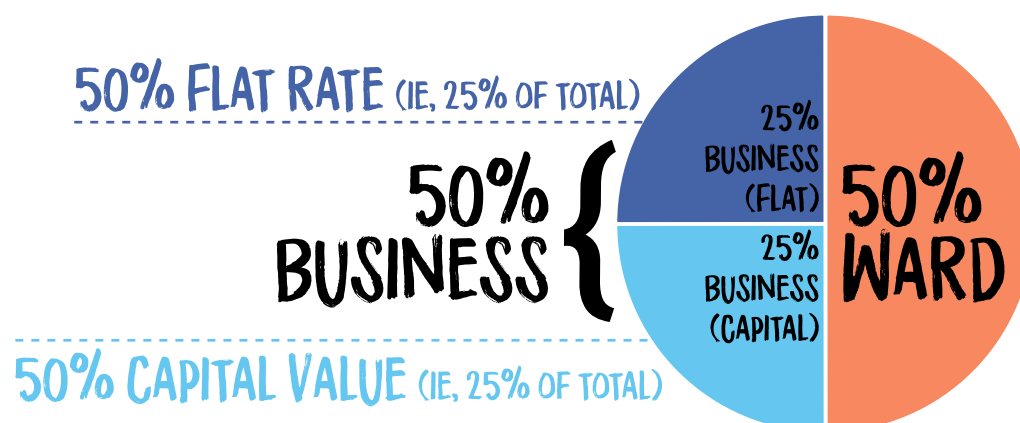
THE BUSINESS RATE

The current list doesn't include a number of businesses that it should and includes some properties that it shouldn't.

Most notably we are proposing to exclude the Rangiora units as they are residential properties, and include some businesses that should be rated. These businesses will be approached individually.

Currently the business portion of the funding works on capital value only. This could be seen to be inequitable, resulting in a small number of higher value properties paying a significant portion of the funding and lower valued properties paying very little.

To make it more equitable it is proposed that half of the Putāruru Business Rate (ie 25% of total funding) be based on capital value; and half as a flat rate per property (ie, 25% of the total funding). This means the split is more equitable across all businesses.



Business frontage spruce-ups are making a real difference



FUNDING MODEL – NOW AND PROPOSED

All business rates will be different depending on its capital value (see examples below). Figures, incl GST.

Most properties fall into either the Property B or C example below. It is impossible to detail the specifics.

If you have a question, contact details are on the front cover.

Property example	Current (one charge)	Proposed (split charge)
Property A - capital value \$2,485,000	\$1,540.70	\$1,338.93
Property B - capital value \$250,000	\$155.00	\$336.31
Property C - capital value \$150,000	\$93.00	\$291.45
Property D - capital value \$74,000	\$45.88	\$257.36

Below are the rating options that compares 2017-18 rates with proposed rates going forward. Figures, incl GST.

Properties in the Ward (ie, not the businesses) will see an annual increase in rates of just under \$10.

Rates summary	Current rate structure	Proposed rate structure
Putāruru Ward rate		
Ward rate funding	\$64,189	\$90,019
Per property charge	\$24.86	\$34.80
Putāruru Business rate		
Rate requirement	\$39,026	\$73,524
Business rate based on property (capital) value	.062 cents per dollar of capital value	.04486 cents per dollar of capital value
Business rate - fixed charge portion	n/a <i>(currently full Business rate on capital value, see line above)</i>	\$224.16 <i>(as a result of the proposal to split the Business rate)</i>

** not all of this funding goes to PIP, there are some additional elements funded, eg CCTV cameras, administration costs*

SURVEY – YOUR FEEDBACK IS VALUED!

1. Tick the statement that best suits you (only one tick):

☐ I live in Putāruru

☐ I work in Putāruru

☐ I live and work in Putāruru

☐ I am a business owner in Putāruru

☐ I do not live in Putāruru

☐ I neither live nor work in Putāruru

2. Do you agree with increased funding of \$64,400 to support PIP and PMF moving Putāruru forward?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Why?

3. Do you agree that the PIP/PMF cost should be unded by 50% Ward rate (ie by the community) and 50% by business rate on defined businesses?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Why?

4. Do you agree that the business rate portion is split 50/50 between capital value and a flat rate?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Why?

5. Do you have any additional comments?

6. Name and/or Business Name

7. If you would like to receive a copy of the survey results please include your email address (please print clearly)

Thank you for completing this survey. Your time and thoughts are appreciated.

Please drop your survey in at the Council office or Pride in Putaruru office or scan and email to info@prideinputaruru.co.nz

THIS SURVEY CAN ALSO BE COMPLETED ON LINE AT www.surveymonkey.com/r/PutaruruFundingModelChanges

Feedback please by 17 January 2018

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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL.

ATHLETICS DAY

After being rained off the first day our second attempt at Athletics Day turned out a lovely sunny day. All the children took part at a huge variety of sports and it was pleasing to see all the parents and caregivers who came and cheered them on.



LETTER FROM A SQUIRREL

Recently E5 watched a video clip of a squirrel escaping from a dangerous hawk. Then the children had to choose whether they wanted to be either the hawk or the squirrel. Next they were asked to write a letter to someone telling them about their day as either the hawk or the squirrel. Some of the letters were amazing and the one below was written by Taejah.

Dear Aunty Opal,
I had a devastating day today. I was playing around then suddenly the sun reflected off my eye. A hawk swooped down on me. It was the bully from my school. He wanted to serve me as dinner. I ran and ran. Then I climbed up a tree and leapt from branch to branch. At last I found a mini leaf heart to hide in. The hawk was still on my track. It tore the mini leaf heart to pieces. I fell on all four paws. I scampered and scampered. Then I came to a dead end. I had no other choice but to jump. I took a deep breath and jumped. I thought I could not make it but luckily I did. Then I found a hole in the tree. I leapt into it. There was one problem. I couldn't fit in it! I knew the hawk wouldn't be far behind. Then I started to panic. I didn't know what to do. He spotted me again. I wriggled and wriggled. Just as he got his claws out ready to catch me. I made it. He tried to wreck it but it was too thick. I waited very quietly. The hawk gave up. That was the last time I saw him.
From Taejah



WAIKATO RIVER TRAILS: THE OUTLANDER

Mercury and Waikato River Trails have recently celebrated the extension of their partnership, with a further three year sponsorship agreement, demonstrating the company's ongoing commitment to the Trails.

"We're proud to have been a supporter of the Waikato River Trails for thirteen years now, showcasing this wonderful part of the Waikato to our customers and the public," says Mercury Chief Marketing Officer, Julia Jack.

A new addition to the Trails includes an electric plug-in hybrid Mitsubishi Outlander from Mercury. Waikato River Trails' General Manager, Glyn Wooller, has been using the electric vehicle (EV) for a wide range of activities already, including transporting trail users and bikes.



"The Outlander has just been incredible. The fully-branded EV has certainly got people talking and is a great way to help raise the profile of the Trails. It's pretty cool to think that the renewable energy produced by the hydro stations we see from the Trails, like Arapuni, could also be powering the EV," says Glyn.

The Outlander isn't the only electric transportation around the Trails; electric mountain bikes are now available for hire too.

"The e-bikes are brilliant," says Glyn. "You can get as much or as little boost as you need. It helps flatten out the hills and means we're seeing people who might not be able to do the Trails get out there and have an amazing experience."

The Waikato River Trails is a free walking and cycling track that opens up 105 km of native bush, historical landmarks and wetlands along the Waikato River and hydro lakes. Mercury has worked with the Waikato River Trails Trust since 2004 to help build the Trails.

Last year 42,000 walkers and cyclists enjoyed the Trails, with a flow on economic benefit for the South Waikato. Mercury is also a major sponsor of The Generator, the Trails' multi-sport event, taking place on Saturday 24th March next year.

PIP TV



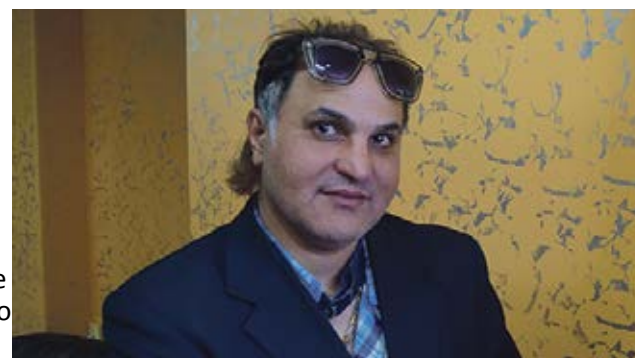
Have you checked out the Putaruru Choir or the Putaruru Service Centre launching of the library Kotui service. Some members of the Putaruru Primary School kapa haka group performed at the launch and there were a number of childcare children at the event too, along with the public.

There are also videos about Putaruru Moving Forward and the 2017 Business Awards at theprattler.org.nz - click on the sidebar PiP TV icon to be taken to the videos.



NEW BUSINESS AWARD WINNER

Martino of Venice1 took out the New Business Award at the 2017 Pride in Putaruru, Business Awards held in September this year. See the September Prattler for all the other award winners and also PiP TV.



MYSTERY ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS: A GREAT SHOW

The Orient Express departed from the Putaruru Theatre Players Station, right on signal, on its European journey for 2 weeks in November. All classes of Putaruru society were aboard, from first, to second and none - perhaps from the wrong side of the tracks.



Once the express began its locomotion, a travelling countess announced that she had been wobbled. Although the audience always seemed to consist of several shady characters, it took the deductive powers of Holmes and Watson, conveniently on holiday from 221b, to see that the audience were not actually on the train.



Across Europe, many of the passengers came under suspicion. There were the Senior Cit bowlers in their whites who progressively became more like Senior Sips. Luckily the guard did not evict them.

In France, love was in the air and one can never trust those gendarmes.

The Von Crapp family entertained while passing through Switzerland looking very high on the hillside indeed. Heidi was instantly converted in Rome to the charms of the Pope who unfrocked to take Heidi on a gondola experience - but takes an unplanned dip.

Luckily for the countess, the hunt for her string of pearls was assisted by other famous characters including Garter Hari and Inspector Gadget. Even Miss Cast was not all that she appeared.



The Vatican Rag would certainly have met with Tom Lehrer's approval.

Tina Ward has again directed a great show. From the railway carriage windows, many picture perfect postcard, (well A3), views flashed by, along with country themed backdrops and props. The impressive Orient Express engine itself was on stage for the whole journey.

Mention must also be made of the yummy treats served to all passengers during the interval. This service at the Kensington was much more civilised than a pie stop at Taumarunui in the day when passenger trains were a feature of New Zealand travel.

PUTARURU ROTARY EDUCATION TRUST



The Putaruru Rotary Education Trust invites applications for scholarships for the year 2018. This is open to students residing within the catchment area for Putaruru College who will be attending any tertiary training in New Zealand. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and determination to succeed, as well as evidence of some involvement in the community.

The trust is keen to support potentially successful students who may be facing financial difficulty in entering tertiary education. One or two scholarships of around \$1000 - \$1500 will be awarded. Smaller amounts may also be allocated.

Applications close on January 12, 2018. Interviews will be held in late January.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from the Secretary (Gavin Muckle), jlmuckle@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 074 4937.

Completed applications and CV's should be posted to:

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KURANUI SCHOOL: ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES

Kuranui School staged their end of year production at the Plaza. *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*, a new musical comedy, was a humorous re-telling of the Robin Hood legend that involves the rescue of Maid Marion from the Sheriff of Nottingham and the overthrow of King John. Was this really merry England?



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TRANSFORM AOTEAROA NEWS

As the year comes rapidly to a close, we would like to extend a huge thank-you to all those that have supported us and helped out throughout 2017. We are greatly encouraged by the growth we have seen in our people this year, and the support from the local community.

Our Men's and Women's personal development and leadership programmes have continued to run each term this year, and we are amazed with the personal growth in participants in our recent programmes. At our last Te Kaupapa Whakamana graduation, seven men stood proudly in front of a room of family and friends to receive their certificates. Each of the graduates took the opportunity to share their journey and what the course has meant to them over the past nine weeks, and a message of encouragement and inspiration was delivered by Ian Elliott. We are greatly encouraged by the steps forward that our men and women are taking as they step up in their whanau, relationships and community.

Our 2017 ShineGIRL programme in Putaruru College finished in September with a special graduation dinner at The Wooden Farmer. Many of the girls shared a short speech on the value ShineGIRL has been to them and how they have grown in confidence and learning about their uniqueness as individuals and that dreams can be reached if you set your mind to it. Mrs Hirumi, Assistant Principal at Putaruru College was present for the graduation and charged the graduates "to carry what



Marilyn Baldwin and Amber Hohaia with some of the 2017 ShineGIRL graduates at The Wooden Farmer. they have learnt into the rest of their lives and never stop reaching for the stars." Seeing the girls grow in confidence as they discover who they are and the person they want to become, along with growing in strength and courage to make healthy choices, is what ShineGIRL is all about.

The Rangatahi Creative Arts Dance Summit was held at the end of September and November months, and witnessed the highest number of new faces this year. These summits will start again in the new year, for children aged 7 to 15 who have a passion for the arts and creativity, and who want to develop their skills or try something new in this area. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Driver Licensing was held in the second week of the October school holidays, with 12 young people studying and sitting for their Learner Licence. Two half-days in a classroom style setting were followed by the licence test at AA Tokoroa. A number of students said that Matamata tutor, James Turney, explained the questions so well and how it now made sense. Youth licencing will run again in January: 17-18 (Defensive Driving Course) and 23-25 (Learner Licencing). Booking is essential with only 12 positions available in each programme. Adult licencing continues every week during the term and we are extremely proud of all those who have obtained their driver's licence this year.

Term four saw the pilot of a new programme: Personal Presentation in the Workplace, run by Kath Cortesi from Literacy Tokoroa. This is a 10 week course offering skills and knowledge on personal hygiene, physical presentation and body maintenance to project a positive self-image and self-esteem at home or in the work place. Participants have talked about personal image and had to answer questions about who are you? What do you look like? What's your personality? Transform Aotearoa's community sharing and report-back evening was held in November, to celebrate the last twelve months. Many visitors and supporters



Kath Cortesi from Literacy Tokoroa talking about the importance of body language.

were in attendance as some of our participants shared their personal journey with us and what they have learnt through Transform Aotearoa. It was a very special evening and marks three years of working in the Putaruru community.

Next year is looking to be full of activity, with planning well underway. We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

PUKETURUA HALL FAREWELL MAIL DELIVERY BUSINESS OWNERS

Residents of the RD1 mail delivery run came together in the winter to acknowledge and farewell Ely & Richard Rutgers on their retirement. Ely, (the main postie), has been delivering our mail for approximately 24 years, (previously it was her Dad).



What a great night we all had sharing a pot luck meal in the Puketurua Hall and then thanking them and sharing memories of Ely and Richard's superb service.

They went beyond the call of duty to ensure our mail was successfully delivered, parcels to the door (some of our driveways are pretty long and bumpy)! A huge thanks from all resident's past and present and we hope you enjoy your retirement.

MR DON HUGHES SPECIAL PRESENTATION 2017

Lynette Baigent, on behalf of the Principals Group and Putaruru Schools made a presentation to Don Hughes to thank him for his volunteer work and the many years of service given to Putaruru sport, in particular basketball. Mr Hughes was awarded the Service to Sport medal by Sport Waikato.



Lynette Baigent making a presentation to Don Hughes.

He was a driving force in the Putaruru Basketball Association to get the soccer clubrooms to a suitable standard to play basketball in. Then Don became the drive behind the Putaruru stadium where basketball is now. "At the time I doubt if things would have got going if it wasn't for Don," said Lynette.



Don Hughes at Kuranui School.



Don with year 5&6 students.

community of Putaruru. The town was very fortunate to have him involved for such a long time. Schools wish him and Anne well for their retirement in Tauranga.

Don said it was nice to receive the medal and the coat will certainly be put to good use as the weather over in Tauranga is as wet as or wetter than the Waikato.

"The travel voucher is way over the top, but we would like to thank everyone, and we will certainly enjoy going over to see the kids and grandchildren," concluded Don.

This medal is presented to an individual who has given 20 plus years of service to a club. Obviously Don fitted the criteria over and over, a person who has dedicated their time to sport and put their hand up, not out. He is the true meaning of volunteer, a very humble, dedicated man who has given so much to the sporting



Don and TC.

PUTARURU GROWTH PLAN - RE-ZONE PROJECT UPDATE

Guesstimating the Future Population of Putaruru

Council normally relies on the Department of Statistics to provide statistics and projections for current and future populations in the District. However, its projections for some time have indicated continuing overall decline in population. To create a customised set of projections that reflect a more positive and buoyant future for Putaruru, Council has reviewed recent data for building consents, anecdotal evidence from the community consultation and from Putaruru Moving Forward (PMF) along with data provided by Infometrics (Infometrics prepare an Annual Economic Profile of the District)

From this we have assumed on average, up to a 1% annual average increase in population over the next 30 years (out to 2048). This could translate to:

- Population growing from 4,030 in 2016 to about 5,500 in 2048 - an increase of 1,500 people.
- Houses increasing over the same period from about 1,700 to 2,300 houses - an increase of 600 houses.
- Each year about 50 new residents would settle in Putaruru.
- Each year about 20 new houses would be built on new residential lots.

Consulting with Tangata Whenua

Council continues to strengthen its working relationships with tangata whenua groups in the District. Council was pleased to be able to discuss the project with the Raukawa Trustees at a meeting on 23 November, and TARIT (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust) on 20 November.

Resulting from those meetings, ongoing engagement processes will be set up to ensure that Council can meet expectations of Iwi and legislation. We will work together to ensure that proposed development will not adversely impact the quality of waterways in the vicinity.

Project Team Visits to the Development Areas proposed for rezoning

On Thursday 2 November, the project team completed site visits and inspections of the infrastructure network in Putaruru. This brings together planning, engineering and modelling information to assess the future needs for services like water supply along with the suitability of the proposed development areas.



Site inspections feed into the planning model around suitability of site and infrastructure requirements. Here Sam Marshall, Community Group Manager, Planning consultant Murray Kivell and Senior Planner Patrick McHardy review one of the sites.

Two landowners took time out to take the team over their properties that have been earmarked for rezoning off Lichfield Road and Overdale Road respectively. The team appreciated this opportunity.

The engineering consultancy team met earlier this month to provide their overview of the present system's performance. This will provide a 'sensitivity check' and assess the capacity of the networks to cater for the population growth anticipated.

Keeping Putaruru Moving Forward (PMF) informed

The Community Group Manager and Planning Manager attended the November PMF meeting to update the group on progress with the project. Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne says PMF has been working alongside Council from the beginning. PMF understand that it is a lengthy and complex process. The group appreciate continuing to work together and for the regular updates.

Meetings of the Steering Group

Mayor Jenny Shattock chaired the first monthly meeting of the Steering Group on Wednesday 25 October. The Group comprises key members of the project team (who meet fortnightly) including the Chief Executive, Councillor Van Rooijen and Bruce Sherman representing PMF.

Mayor Jenny emphasized the need for urgency to get through the resource management planning process and to do it properly. The desire for further future public consultation and allowing the market to dictate affordable housing was discussed. The team continues to assess the merits of a PLAN CHANGE to follow the Streamlined Planning Process established by government earlier this year, as a quicker means to the end goal - getting new house building underway.

At the second meeting on Friday 24 November where Raewyn represented PMF, the topics of conversation included updates on site visits, infrastructure modelling, Iwi engagement, land suitability, balancing the cost to ratepayers and the



Charlotte Broadbent - Watershed Engineering Ltd, Tristan Jamieson - Watershed Engineering Ltd, Andrew Pascoe - Services Manager, Jane - Engineering Cadet, John Beale - Watermark Manager.

developers, and enhancing promotion and communications to keep the community of Putaruru informed.

Mayor Jenny and Cr Van Rooijen said, "We are doing everything that we can, to do it right, as quickly as we possibly can."

To keep the re-zoning project a priority, the Steering Group will meet again in December before the close of the year.

Enquires from Developers

The project team members continue to get direct queries from those wishing to discuss or progress subdivision and development projects on land yet to be re-zoned. To ensure that no conflict arises, planning staff that are not part of the re-zoning project team are able to assess, advise and respond to these enquires. Please contact Council and ask for the duty planner.

PUTARURU COMMUNITY GARDEN

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PUTARURU COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING 2017

Putaruru College conducted a formal, dignified prize giving ceremony in their hall a few weeks ago. The hosts for this occasion were Student Leaders Michelle Hamilton and Kalani Sahinovic.



Michelle Hamilton and Kalani Sahinovic.

Principal M Ronke touched on many aspects of teaching and learning but thoughtfully observed that "excellence is a habit, not an app."



Principal M Ronke.

Michelle Hamilton delivered an entertaining valedictory speech that was spiced with humour throughout and as promised, returned to call on the BOT Chairperson M Hamilton, (her father), to make the BOT address.

Throughout the ceremony there were music, dance and visual displays by students. The leaving student leaders, Michell and Kalani handed their respective cloaks to those awarded these roles in 2018, Tom Burgoyne-Smith and Sophie Meszaros. In a new move, these two will select their own student teams.



New student leaders, Tom Burgoyne-Smith and Sophie Meszaros.

The Putaruru College Dux for 2017 is Hanneke Stegen.

Top Graduates at Year 13 Waikato University School Leaver Scholarship Award:
Michael Flavell, Hanneke Stegen

Principal's Award

Head Boy: Kalani Sahinovic

Deputy Head Boy: Michael Flavell

Head Girl: Michelle Hamilton

Deputy Head Girl: Santraea King

Leadership Award

Girls' Leadership: Parehuia Walker

Boys' Leadership: Michael Flavell

Adrienne Marr Trophy and Dallas Cup Awards Adrienne Marr Trophy (for scholarship, sportsmanship, leadership, culture and character): Parehuia Walker

Dallas Cup for proxime accessit (runner up to the Dux): Nicole Canato
Dux of Putaruru College and recipient of the **Mason Cup**: Hanneke Stegen

THE PUTARURU SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Putaruru School of Music celebrated another year of musical success with a concert and prize giving at St Mary's Hall recently. Many students enjoyed music lessons this year and the end of year concert was an opportunity to showcase their talents and improvements.



Front Row: Katrina Simpson, Ainsley Price, Kristian Philips

This year, the school of music provided lessons in guitar, keyboard, flute, recorder and brass instruments. The students played a concert for family and friends which was greatly enjoyed by all.



Riley Sutton, Emily Cassels, Megan Price, Shalia Vaikai

After the concert, prizes were awarded across categories from best first year student, and up to the overall highest trophy, the Heslop Family Trophy for best overall music student. This was won by Ashlin Dykstra, for flute.



Georga Bentley, Olivia Taylor

The school of music welcomes new students of any age or experience to register their interest for next year. Email: gpacey@ihug.co.nz for information.

Winners of Putaruru School of Music end of year awards:

Gardiner Cup Best first year student: Caitlin Farrell (guitar)

Toos Habraken Memorial Trophy Best Effort award: Yihui Lim (flute)

David Bell Scholarship: Charlotte Poole (keyboard)

Haumaha Whana Trophy: Pierce Winter (brass)

Lions Most Outstanding Music Student: Ashlin Dykstra (flute)

Larson Trophy Best Senior Student: Imogen Poole (flute)

Heslop Family Trophy Best Overall Music Student: Ashlin Dykstra (flute)

Trophy awards:

Recorder beginner most improved: Shalia Vaikai

Recorder best in class: Riley Sutton

Flute beginner most improved: Georga Bentley

Flute best in class: Ashlin Dykstra

Keyboard beginner most improved: Sheng Yi Lim

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PUTARURU COLLEGE WINNERS AT THE OUTLOOK FOR SOMEDAY FILM CHALLENGE

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The Outlook for Someday Film Challenge.

In this New Zealand film-making competition, the 20 winning films were made by individuals and teams aged from 9 to 22 years old from all over the country: Millers Flat, Christchurch, Wellington, Otaki, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Tauranga, Putaruru and Auckland.

Each of the winning film-makers received a special award at the red-carpet ceremony, which was MC'd by television presenter Te Radar and actor/film-maker Hanelle Harris.

The Stephens Lawyers Young Voices For Change Award went to the team from Putaruru College for a film motivating young people and/or decision-makers to be change-makers. Their film was *Hayden's Time Adventure*, a docudrama featuring a trip to the future and back in order to show us the value of self-driving cars.



Just under 1000 people voted in the online poll, for this award which was won by *Hayden's Time Adventure*.

The Putaruru College team have won a prize package that includes a Panasonic HC-WXF995 4K Ultra HD Camcorder donated by Photogear.

The Someday Challenge, now in its 11th year, asks young people aged up to 24 to make short sustainability-related films of any genre, filmed with any camera and any length up to 5 minutes.

Putaruru College continues their award winning film-making tradition.

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By Courtney



Disco

Spot lights going, canteen's open, kids dancing, adults cleaning. Wow! So many things. "Arrrrr!" I'm a pirate and I have a sharp hook. Where is the treasure chocolate? "Arrrrr! I've found it!" I'm so happy I can't stop dancing. I'm happy and excited I found it. I'm munching on popcorn. Doing fizzy burps. "Pardon me!" I'm getting really hot now. I need a drink of water. I feel like I'm dehydrating. It's 7.30, time to go home now. Arrrrr! Me hearties! I'll be back soon.

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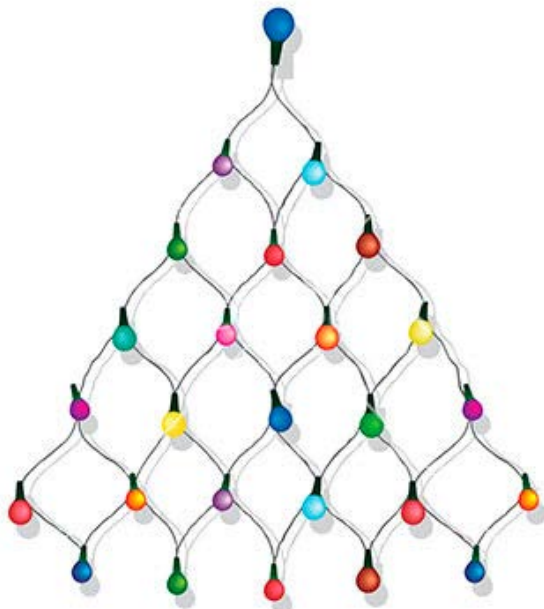


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The Plaza was indeed a wall of sound, not in the back to mono Phil Spector style but a Floyd flood. This musical flow was unleashed by Floyd Live in association with Scott Sound and Lighting, to a very appreciative audience. Throughout the evening we were reminded of life in front of and behind the wall - from controlling, to wondering to revealing and eventfulness. Should we add more bricks, tear it down or aim for completion? Mother, did it need to be so high?



BUSINESS LADIES BREAKFAST

The Business ladies group had a relaxed Christmas breakfast at the Wooden Farmer recently. They provided Christmas crackers and the hats, jokes and wee gifts generated lots of humour.

Anne Marie MacAllister discussed her role at Central Kids Kindergarten and developments within her work environment. An interesting range of questions stimulated great conversation and community networking over our yummy breakfasts.

We will continue to meet bi monthly and near the end of January will have a late afternoon meeting at Sheryl Clothiers in Tirau.

Please contact Raewyn on 027 281 0342 if you would like a regular invite.



RICHARD HESLOP - HIS YEARS WITH PRIDE IN PUTARURU

Before Pride in Putaruru existed there was a Chamber of Commerce, which had a mainly business focus. So the South Waikato District Council set up Pride in Putaruru, (a name which was made up for this), appointing the original Trustees with John Van Dyk as the first Chairman.



Retiring Pride in Putaruru Trustee, Richard Heslop.

Seven days a week shopping saw many residents of rural towns drive to larger cities for buying, particularly retail. Farming was experiencing a conversion to dairy and wider servicing businesses were established around town that were more than solely retail.

The Community Board was disbanded and there was no organisation to foster the wider community so the dual aspects of business and community good merged with Pride in Putaruru.

Richard became President during this early stage and rural representatives were also brought in to Pride in Putaruru - a business plus community good model. Subsequently, members were elected. A constitution emerged, leading to nominations and elections.

The location was originally a Tirau Street address, (currently South Waikato Veterinary Services), which contained the Information Centre and PiP offices.

Services were then split and the Information Centre, River Trails and Pride in Putaruru became separate entities.

The Business Awards began to grow from fairly low key to a revamped format that were held downstairs at the Putaruru District Memorial Club with a guest speaker becoming a feature in the late 90's. The first of these speakers was the Wizard of Christchurch and the Business Awards started to become feature events.

Another project by Pride in Putaruru Richard recalls was the design and installation of the 3 welcome signs at each of the major gateways into Putaruru. Now, the saw is not so much a depiction of the present but a reminder of the past as far as Putaruru is concerned.



The Gateway signs into Putaruru from Tirau, Tokoroa and Arapuni.

Where the present International Foodcourt is now, was the Post Office. The small triangle of land between it and the roundabout was maintained. However once the Post Office closed from this location the land became overgrown and scruffy. This is when the Water Park was established - a huge community effort of labour and money.

Businesses in Princes Street have come and gone and because of this market days and town promotions have become harder to organise from the time when the street was all shops.

PiP organised courses for businesses, such as window dressing during these times and scheduled guest speakers. Events like these were held at various locations around town.

The A&P show was a 2 day affair but it has now become a 1 day event fully organised by Pride in Putaruru as The Water Festival, which again will run in February 2018.

The Christmas Parade was originally organised by the Putaruru Lions but now PiP manages this although the Lions still assist with all the traffic control required for such an event.

Now, Pride in Putaruru has a different funding model with Council funding, volunteers and sourcing funding through community grants. Community grants may or may not be successful, so managing a changeable and sometime unknown budget is always a difficult task that the members have to negotiate for them to function effectively.

Richard observes that the format of the Prattler has changed over the years from a smaller, less frequent publication - there was once a full time Putaruru Press that is no more. In a way the present Prattler carries on some of the former Press functions such as school and community news.

Of course Richard has interests out-side of Pride in Putaruru. He and Sue owned and operated the Heslop's Pharmacy for many years. He was President of the Putaruru Squash Club, where he has been Club Champion, and involved in other sports such as cricket, rugby and golf. He sees this game as one way of seeing New Zealand!

There has always been involvement with education including Chairman of Putaruru College Board of trustees. Richard is also involved with the Putaruru School of Music, initially as a parent with children attending, and now as Chairman. The school offers music tuition at an affordable price to the local community.

He was also a member and President of the Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand over a number of years.

Richard has been with Pride in Putaruru since its formation and naturally seen changes over the years. He and Sue are looking forward to "kicking back a bit," and why not. Richard has now stepped down from his long 20 plus years association with Pride in Putaruru, most recently as treasurer, and all of the association thank him sincerely for his huge contribution to the heartbeat of Putaruru.

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TIRAU LIONS PADDYS MARKET

The Tirau Lions had a great turnout and amazing weather for their annual Paddys Market. Auctioneers Jason and Sam from Wrightsons did an awesome job with the many donated items that were up for grabs ranging from children's toys to furniture and whiteware. If you wanted to get a great bargain, this was the place to be. The Tirau School PTA also had a successful day with a sausage sizzle, drinks and



cakes for sale. The many Lions that helped on the day achieved a fundraising total of \$3,800. This will be donated amongst the community. A huge thank-you to all who attended, purchased and gave of their time to make it yet another successful Paddys Market for 2017.

TRELISE COOPER DESIGNER OUTLET OPENS

The Trelise Cooper Designer Outlet Store, with the fitting address of Shop 1, Main Road Tirau, opened recently. It was a colourful occasion complete with Champagne and canapés... and of course those who had come to admire or be introduced to the Trelise Cooper range of clothing for all styles and ages. Eyewear and jewellery from her unique range is also available. All items are attractively displayed and easily accessible.

Trying on creations is enhanced by the spacious fitting rooms. Parking? Yes - a



Trelise Cooper holds one of her designs at the Tirau Store.

whole dedicated area is set aside for the use of those visiting the designer outlet so there's no reason to not enjoy this new Tirau experience.

Trelise has been formally recognised not only for her creative flair but also for her charity work. She became a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2004 and Knighted as a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2014 for her services to fashion and the community.

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THE TIRAU TAMARIKI TOUR

A recent Thursday was full on for the students and staff of Tirau Primary School. First they all arrived at the Plaza Theatre in the morning for a rehearsal on the stage, along with the sound and lighting effects - then at 7pm the full production took to the boards.



The Plaza came alive at night to the sound of children singing, dancing and acting, as their production *The Tirau Tamariki Tour* began. The school bus, (whose wheels still go 'round and round'), travelled to Maungatautari, the Blue Springs, Corrugated Creations and a farm, as it took the audience on a tour of the South Waikato area and the local attractions on offer.

Moving large groups of students on and off stage is no easy matter, but item



changes were well handled. One small pupil was heard to ask, "where are we going now?" His mate replied, "Up there!"

The Plaza was full to capacity with parents, grandparents and extended family. It was a memorable night full of fun and creativity.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

On you marks, set, read... It was a hot day for the Inter-School Athletics held at Glenshea Park. There were plenty of families present enjoying the competitions and relaxing in the shade. This day was aimed more at the year 7 and 8 students of the schools in the area so there were a full range of schools represented. Sports Waikato were there, as well as adult and student helpers. The trees provided some shade for those taking part, especially the long and high jump areas. The final events of the afternoon were the closely contested relays. And for the record, 5 new records were set and 1 equalled on the day.



TE WAOTU SCHOOL ANNUAL CALF CLUB DAY

The Te Waotu School annual calf club day was a colourful and family orientated event held on a bright sunny rural morning. The lower school field provided a perfect venue for staging this occasion. Old and young mingled amongst the



various events; calves, lambs and goats each had their own varied sections and of course there were the traditional eats and drinks available for purchase.



An impressive array of cups were all polished, waiting for their new winners to be announced. The Great Farming Auction was held later in the day with a large range of goods and services up for sale.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ART HOUSE!

The Art House recently celebrated 15 years of supporting and nurturing creative endeavours of children in and around Putaruru and the greater South Waikato region. Lyn established the Children's Art House in response to The NZ Children's Art House Foundation advertising for a new Coordinator in the South Waikato and also to meet a community need that the then Putaruru Arts Council had identified and was willing to support.



Over the past 15 years, Putaruru Children's Art House has been moved to four different sites but still managed to maintain a steady stream of children attending the holiday and term time clubs. On Saturday October 7 the Children's Art House celebrated 15 years of Art Club in Putaruru with a 'Memory Lane' Exhibition, showcasing art works from past club members as well as featuring works by current emerging young artists.



One of the holiday club projects, an 'Art House' banner, was finally finished and proudly displayed on the front fence for the first time. The Rainbow Hope Dragon, a fierce defender of creative kids and colourful dreams, was danced up and down the street, and the National Director of the NZ Children's Art House Foundation, Shona Hammond Boys QSM was the guest speaker.

The celebrations included an Arty Party and rainbow cake. Among those who attended were past and present club members and their families and friends, also community supporters and past sponsors.

"It was a wonderfully happy event and so rewarding to see how past young artists have blossomed and grown over the years," said Lyn. "With this Memory Lane Exhibition it was great to see the positive effect past club members work still had to inspire the next generation of emerging young artists."

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WAOTU PUKETURUA GARDEN CLUB

We are all over the rain but still the lovely spring flowers are making their presence felt around the countryside - in particular the abundance of beautiful magnolias.



Our Annual Luncheon plus AGM was held on Monday 24th July at St Pauls Church lounge; we were also joined by ladies from the Wharepapa Garden Circle and were all entertained by a well-known NZ artist/author Da'Vella Gore (all the way from Lake Hayes).

Our executive positions remained the same: Joss Butler - Convenor, Gail Douglas - Secretary, Judith Bennett - Treasurer.

On a rainy day in August we set off to Taupo to Lava Glass. An amazing all-weather glass sculpture garden was enjoyed even in drizzle. And we all learnt the art of glass blowing from watching a demonstration.

The next 3 months saw us travelling to Te Puke, Rotorua and Otorohanga. Come and join us. Phone Joss for more information, 07 886 8462.

WHAT'S CHANGING WITH TRUSTS?

Graham Brown & Co hosted a free event for the local community at the Putaruru District Services Memorial Club. A very large number packed the Club to hear guest speaker Glenda Graham from Norris Ward Mckinnon Lawyers, talking about Trusts. Debbie Gisby, a partner in Graham Brown & Co, introduced the afternoon and formally welcomed Glenda.

Glenda called her presentation, 'The Times they are a Changing' and in the trust world they certainly are. She used the question, "Relevant or Relic?" to introduce things by not only considering what a trust is, but also the challenges they face now. The current situation relates to new registration, the Trusts Bill, which is being considered by Parliament at the moment.

Some of the areas raised by Glenda were:

- obligations of a trustee to keep information
- duty of disclosure to beneficiaries
- requirements of a trustee
- should my trust stay or go?

There were many audience questions answered and informal discussion continued way into nibbles time at the end of the presentation. The free worksheets that were provided certainly had people busy noting the many and varied details that Glenda raised, both serious and humorous. For further information about Trusts, Graham Brown & Co welcome any enquiries.

RING OUT THE BELLS...

The crossing arms and bells have been busy recently with crossing safety maintenance work. On some occasions, men have been physically raising and lowering the barrier arms.



GRAND REOPENING OF THE OKOROIRE HOT POOLS

Last week the Okoroire Hot Pools were officially re-opened after the unveiling of the entrance carving and the blessing of the complex.



Tauhu Paul blesses the entrance way to the hot pools.

A group has spent 6 months working on the historic pools that were originally built in the 1880s. Because they are Heritage listed, the refurbishment had to respect that fact while at the same time enhancing the area.



Everything had to be brought in by hand by a team of hard working men that did a great job. Everyone is very proud of what they have achieved. Many suppliers helped in achieving the natural look of the bush and hot pool setting. The springs are therapeutic with pool 1 being 37° and the other 2 around 32°. Running alongside is the Te Waihou River as it flows from the Blue Spring towards the sea.

Prices to use the pools are: Adults \$16.50 - Children 16 and under \$8 - Pre School \$3 - One Year membership: Family \$260, Couple \$190, Individual \$100.



Donna Rasmussen, (Project Manager) and construction team members Tauhu Paul, Patrick Atutahi and Wade Wharewaka.

The Okoroire Hotel is also renown for functions such as weddings, lunch and dinner. It has 21 rooms available.

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PINK WALK

The early Saturday morning rain cleared for the Pink Walk in Putaruru. Of course pink was naturally the theme but there were many variations of it worn by those participating. A number of dogs were also present, along with children, teens and pushchair wrapped youngsters.



There was a compulsory warm-up to the music of YMCA although most of those there on the day were women. Then it was off on the short walk along Glenshea Street and eventually back to the Garden of Memories. There were thanks from the organisers to all those that took part and some spot prizes presented for best dressed, both older and younger, for this SportWaikato and Breast Cancer Awareness organised event.



THE OUTLOOK FOR SOMEDAY FILM CHALLENGE

In this New Zealand film-making competition, the 20 winning films were made by individuals and teams aged from 9 to 22 years old from all over the country: Millers Flat, Christchurch, Wellington, Otaki, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Tauranga, Putaruru and Auckland. Each of the winning film-makers received a special award at the red-carpet ceremony, which was MC'd by television presenter Te Radar and actor/film-maker Hanelle Harris.

The Stephens Lawyers Young Voices For Change Award went to the team from Putaruru College for a film motivating young people and/or decision-makers to be change-makers. Their film was *Hayden's Time Adventure*, a docudrama featuring a trip to the future and back in order to show us the value of self-driving cars.

Just under 1000 people voted in the online poll for this award which was won by *Hayden's Time Adventure*.

To view the video go to: <http://theprattler.org.nz> and check out the related post there.

THE LIBRARY KOTUI SERVICE LAUNCHED

The South Waikato District Libraries new Library Management System, Kōtui is officially 'all systems go' now. The new system is managed through the Kōtui Consortium and used by 36 other New Zealand councils.

Ebony Curtin, the Putaruru Service Centre Manager, welcomed those present and spoke about the new services this system would provide. A special cake for the occasion was cut and morning tea served. See the PiP TV column on page 16.



Members of the Putaruru Primary School Kapa Haka group performed at the ceremony, much to the appreciation of both young and old who attended.

ARAPUNI MARKET DAY

On Arapuni Market Day, for most of the time the rain stayed away. The domain was set up in a circular fashion which made for easy browsing and parking. Many drivers and passengers that normally might have passed by, stopped to explore the market.



A variety of stalls were also on the roadway down to the domain and in the hall itself. There was a large slide and a bouncy castle set up for children to enjoy. The day was also teddy bear friendly and a picnic area for both children and bears was set up with activities for children and bears to share.



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SURF2SURF IN PUTARURU

Originally the Surf 2 Surf started at Waihi Beach and ended at Raglan but this time a new route starting in Hamilton and ending at Waihi Beach was used. The ride started from the Hamilton Workingmen's Club, then made a ride past of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Base at Waikato Hospital. The Westpac Rescue Helicopter benefits from the ride.

The route included Temple View, Pirongia, the Arapuni Dam and Putaruru. Here there was a BBQ fund raiser lunch at the Putaruru Primary School. The riders and bikes sheltered from the rain at lunchtime - not quite riders on the storm though!

In the afternoon the group rode on to the Waihi Beach Memorial RSA. This year, the wet weather saw numbers down a little from previous years.



PUTARURU RED CROSS TRANSPORT SERVICE IMPROVES EVEN FURTHER

Thanks to the South Waikato District Council Community Grant, the Putaruru Red Cross hospital transport drivers and support people now look very smart in their new uniforms. With the support of the local community and the donations of their clients, the Red Cross has been able to purchase a car to compliment their van.



Putaruru Red Cross provides a service from Putaruru, Tirau, Arapuni and Tokoroa to Hamilton, Rotorua, Thames and Tokoroa for medical appointments.

The strong volunteer base from across the South Waikato allows the service to cater for differing appointment times and destinations. They currently have 29 volunteer drivers and support people.

For more information, to book an appointment or to join as a volunteer, contact the co-ordinator on 07 883 6022.



WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD: THE PUTARURU CHOIR

The world in Putaruru was alive with music when The Putaruru Choir, conducted by Mary Heberley with accompanist Irene McIvor presented *What a Wonderful World* at St Aidan's Church, Putaruru. Joining the choir were guest artists from Harmony Chorus, Hamilton.



Mary Heberley conducts The Putaruru Choir.

The first part of the programme featured a range of popular songs from around the world such as *Stranger in Paradise*, while the second part, dedicated to Christmas music, included favourites such as *O Come All Ye Faithful* and *Hark the Herald Angels*. The introduction to the *Blue Danube* was accompanied by the nearby fire brigade siren - perhaps a call for more water.

Soloists included Mary Heberley, *Waltz of My Heart* and Donna Phillips, *Mary's Boy Child*. David Heberley was the narrator during *When A Child is Born*.



St Aidan's is a comfortable and friendly venue for occasions such as that presented by the Putaruru Choir. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending. Another one next year please. A selection of the songs is available to enjoy on PiP TV.

BUSINESS AFTER 5 AT GOFOX

Robbie and Rachel Winterson, along with their team, welcomed those attending the Business after 5 meeting held in the GoFox premises in Tirau Street. Winterson Electrical are the South Waikato Franchisee of GoFox Electrical.

Robbie and Rachel liked the feel of Putaruru when they decided to move here as a family 10 years ago. Their decision to join the GoFox franchise was influenced by the professional systems behind the business. They are both dedicated to Putaruru and its central location.

Rachel paid a special thank-you to the Putaruru community in their help and friendly assistance since moving here and more recently starting their new business. Since launching GoFox in the South Waikato they have built up quality staff and added to their fleet of vans as well as the range of services they offer, including the addition of plumbing.

Those attending enjoyed the BBQ and liquid refreshments that were provided during this Business after 5 meeting.



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PUTARURU CROQUET CLUB MOVES INTO ITS SUMMER PROGRAMME

Following the recent upgrade of lawn one, Putaruru Croquet Club now have 3 good quality lawns just waiting for more new members. Play can be either social or competitive, just whatever suits the player. Club days are Monday and Thursday with play starting at 9:30am.

Over the last few months members have travelled to a number of other clubs and featured in those clubs tournament prize list. Bryan Lesley and Elaine Mitchell are both regular competitors and have consequently come away with prizes. Peter Englebreton and Ron Roberts have also travelled to Taupo for that clubs inaugural open tournament and came second. They then went to Matamata and won their section there. The results show that our players can compete against those from other clubs.

Putaruru have played in 3 Midlands Competition matches. This competition is against clubs in the Thames Valley and Waikato Associations. We have had 2 wins and a loss. Our Midlands team consists of 4 players selected from; Ron Roberts, Peter Englebreton, Elaine Mitchell, Anne Wood and Dorothy Blackman.

On Sunday November 26th we ran our club tournament. A full field of 24 players was broken into 2 sections. Mt Maunganui players finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Section 1. Putaruru players finished 2nd and 3rd in Section 2. Norrine McPherson and Lynette Putt were 2nd and Peter Englebreton and Anne Patching were 3rd.

Our programme is fairly full over the next few months with home matches in December and February. Ron Roberts represented Waikato against Thames Valley on December 7th and the club hosted an All Clubs Day in early December.

AXEMEN TEAMS RACING AT THE PUTARURU HOTEL

The Putaruru/Tokoroa Axemens Club hosted a Teams Race Event outside the Putaruru Hotel recently. Invited teams from around the Central North Island competed to complete an Underhand Chop, Standing Chop, Jack and Jill Sawing, Larger Underhand and Butchers Block Standing.



A teams race in progress.

The Putaruru Hotel perimeter fence was a handy grandstand for those attending, families and pets. An indoor market was also running at the hotel during the day.

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NEW PICNIC TABLES

The Garden of Memories has 2 new picnic tables installed by the South Waikato District Council. Across the way, a new table and seating has also being added to the small garden area outside the Pride in Putaruru office at 2 Overdale Street.



Forming the foundation for one of the garden tables and below, a completed table outside the PiP office.



The new tables will be especially popular as Summer approaches. Pride in Putaruru are working closely with the Council to improve the appearance of our town and the installation of the new picnic tables are a result of this collaboration.

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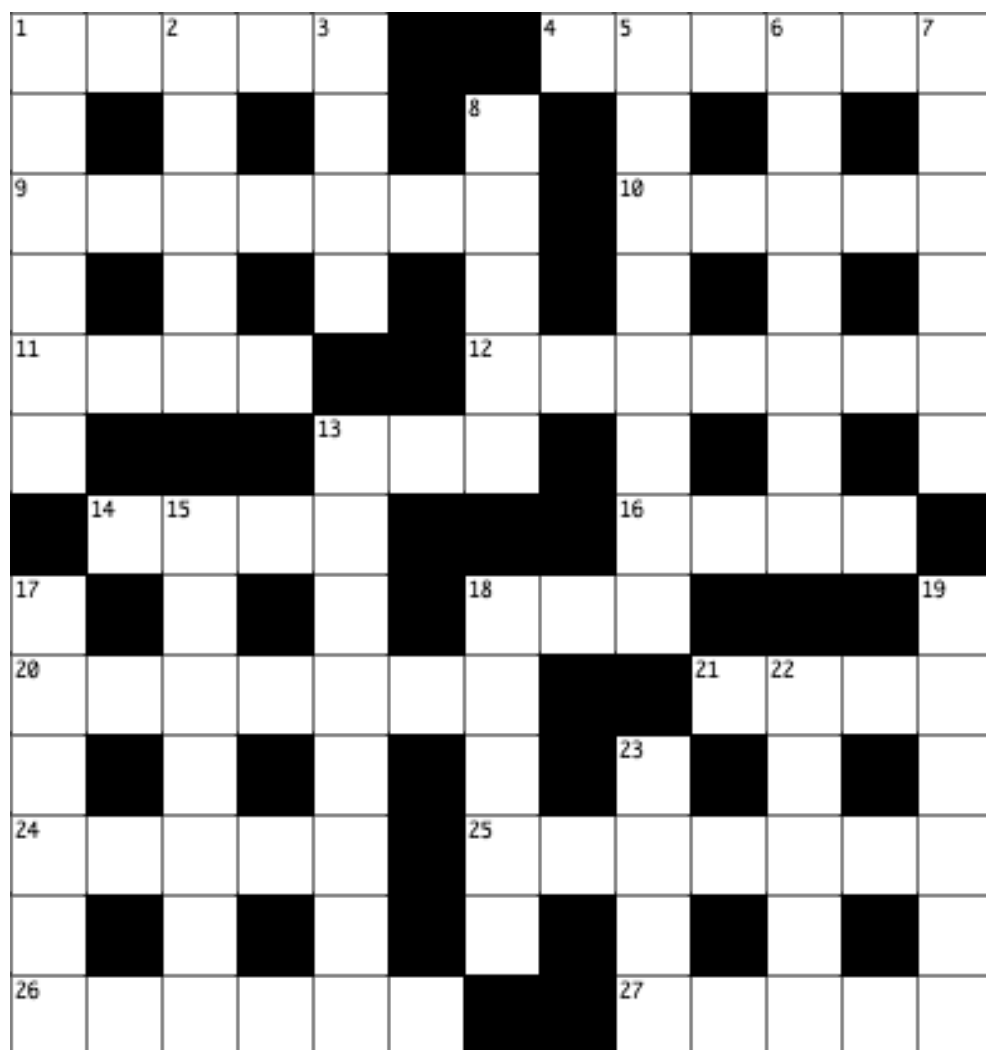
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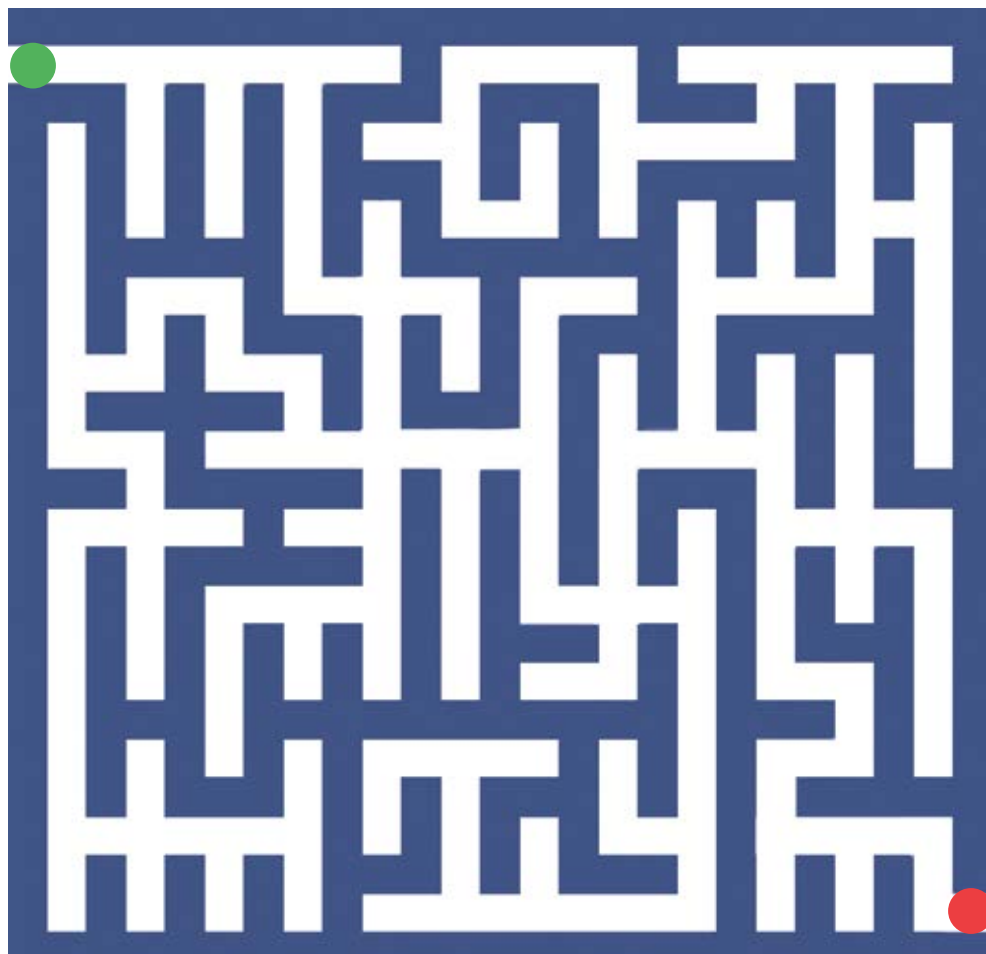
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PRATTLER MAZE

Find the direct path from the **green ENTRANCE** to the **red EXIT** point.



Across Clues:

1. used to make bread rise (5)
4. cloth made from yarn or fibres by weaving (6)
9. a very small village (7)
10. thought of events in a connected sequence (5)
11. grunt of a pig (4)
12. inflated sense of self-importance (7)
13. situation or event that it is very lively (3)
14. a Maori war chant (4)
16. persons of either sex (4)
18. said by a person making a silly mistake (3)
20. a hat (French) (7)
21. Swedish pop group of the 70's and 80's (4)
24. a heather like shrub (5)
25. kind of wild duck (7)
26. the belief that older people are of less value than younger people (6)
27. flat area of grass around a hole on a golf course. (5)

Down Clues:

1. a crude or coarse person (6)
2. several axe carriers (5)
3. a journey across difficult country, usually on foot (4)
5. despite the fact that - even though (8)
6. the truth about a situation (7)
7. a place where people go to watch films (6)
8. the remains of a human body after cremation (5)
13. a means of entry or access (8)
15. the old form of 'acarid' (7)
17. an outline of a plan or theory (6)
18. a model of a person, often used to display clothes (5)
19. the first official journey of a ship or aircraft (6)
22. say that someone else is responsible for an action (5)
23. a website containing a diary or journal on a particular subject (4)



Answers to all these original puzzles are on page 9 of this Prattler.

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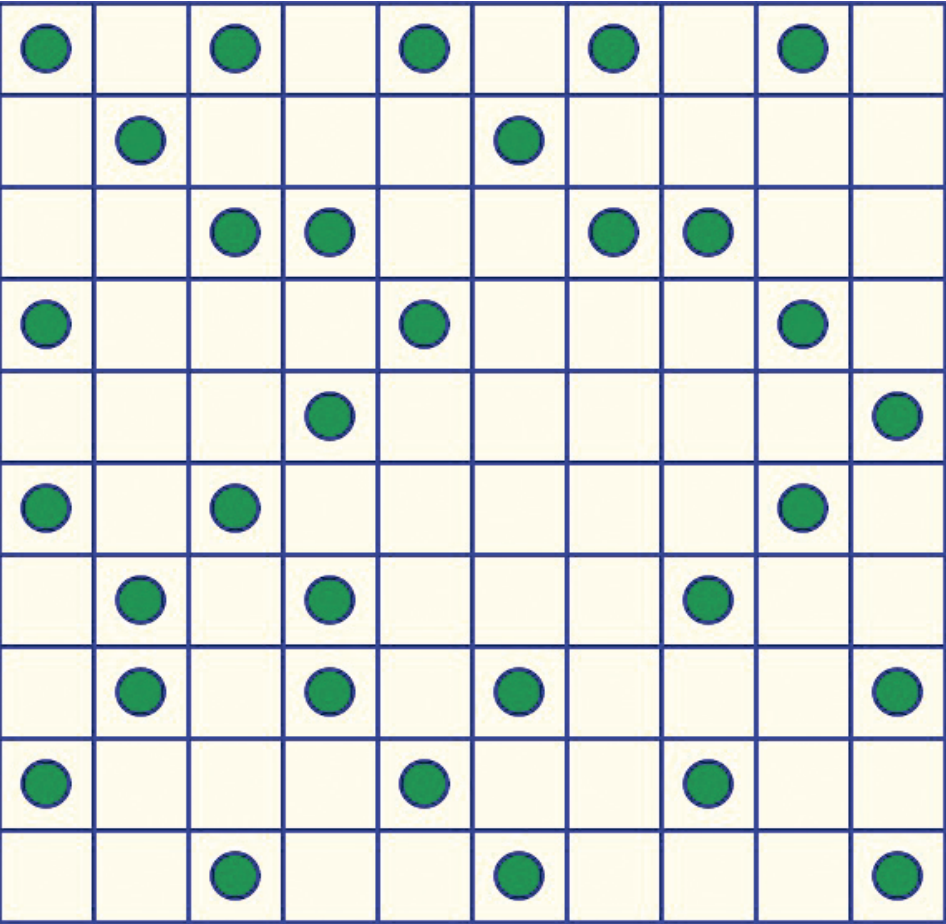
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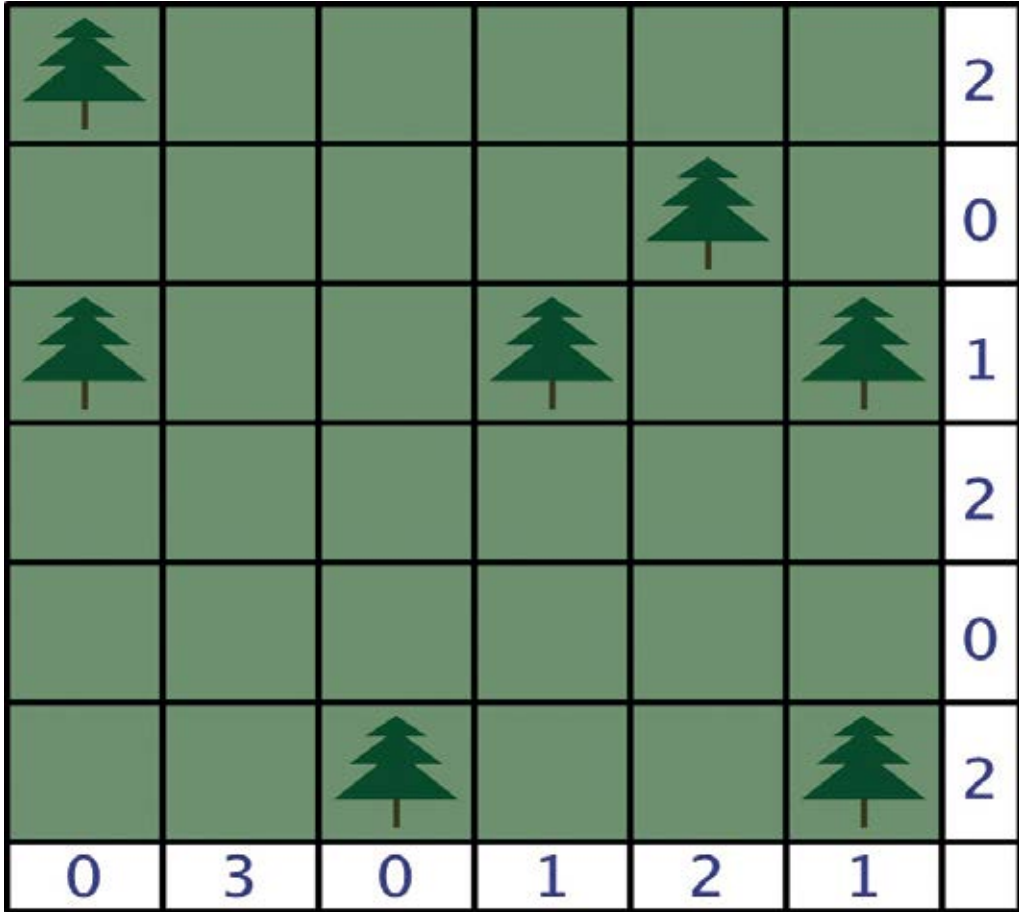
SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Can you spot the 6 changes that have been made to this bike scene in the version underneath the original?



PRATTLER TENTS PUZZLE

Draw a tent on a plain grass space so that each tree has its own tent, (either horizontally or vertically), and each tent has its own tree, (either horizontally or vertically). The squares in which the tents are placed must not touch on either the sides or the corners. Numbers located to the side and to the bottom of the puzzle tell how many tents are in each row and column.



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