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**Garden Clues with Sue** (Sue Marsh)

It's the time of the year to plant tomatoes, and there is so much information out there to help us get the best out of our crops, we thought we should investigate some of the best tips.

When you have your tomato plant ready for planting, most people think that it shouldn't be dug in too deeply, and covering any lower leaves is wrong. Tomatoes have adventitious roots which means that they have the ability to grow more roots along their stems at any point where it is buried. So plant deeply and it will grow a larger, stronger root system along the stem. It then takes more nutrients and water, keeps the tomato strongly anchored into the soil when the weather gets a bit rough, and even protects it from any late cold snaps. Water well, stake or leave until plant gets a little bigger and then put some form of growing structure to keep it tidy, and growing in the right direction. Plant marigolds close by, they will attract bees and other tomato benefiting insects, as well help to keep insect pests at bay such as aphids and caterpillars. Slugs and snails love tomatoes, so by planting a row of marigolds around your tomatoes, they won't bother your tomatoes when they have tasty foliage of marigolds to munch on. Root knot nematodes can plague tomato plants, and marigolds seem to kill the nematode before it grows and reproduces. There are specialist tomato fertilisers available which have the correct nutrients for healthy, tasty tomatoes, and regular feeding during the growing season will keep you on the right track. So find a sunny spot and get some tomato seedlings and have a go, and enjoy the true flavour of a sun ripened tomato. The other tip, is pick the first fruit before it even ripens, it will force the plant into producing even more flowers and they ripen on your windowsill. Now is the time to get that flower bed looking stunning tidy up your pots and baskets, and remember that you can plant even tomatoes in hanging baskets, if you choose the right type. Watch out for some amazing plants arriving this week... stuff you won't see in the big box stores... just in time for all of those of you who need some inspiration, while out visiting the gardens in the region. Let's do it, make the most of being able to shop local and not having to do online plant shopping. See you soon and have a great gardening week!

**Scout News** (Peter van Koppelen)

**SCOUTS** The Ingwood Scout group is selling firewood as a fundraiser for the scout group. The wood is made up of Old man pine, Mac and Lawsoniana and is sold for \$80 per cube with free delivery in Ingwood. Please call Tony Julian on 027 2158574 to place your orders. We're looking to start delivery of firewood in November. The Ingwood Scout and Guide Hall at 9 Elliot Street would like to advertise that the hall is available for hire. The hall has room for up to 50 people, toilet and kitchen facilities and is located right next to the rugby grounds. The hall has been used for kids parties and was very well received. To book the hall please contact Valma Hirst on 06 756 1664, for more information you can also contact Peter van Koppelen on 027 419 4455. The hall is also available for community groups that want to use it for their gatherings but is in use on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for Scouts and Guides.

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**Moa Mail**

**Editor's Comments**

Ingwood has done it again! Sunday was Halloween and those involved with the Trick or Treat Trail have put their all into frightening decorations and scary costumes to make sure that all those on the trail have a fabulous time. The streets were full of excited children young and old, displaying some terrifying costumes, it seemed to be the biggest year yet with groups coming from New Plymouth, Stratford and other areas. Ingwood certainly knows how to show its community spirit, can't wait till next year.

Phillipa Peters - Editor

**Restore PG Nops Reserve News** (Leigh Honnor)

It was a treat to spend the first hour of our October working bee planting 108 native plants to stabilise and restore the side of the Kurapete stream where we had weeded this winter. Thank you to Taranaki Regional Council for the plants: Carex grass, Cabbage trees, Toetoe and Haraake. New TRC Environment Officer Aimee attended for the first time to support our group. We were also joined spontaneously by four Ingwood Scouts and their leader, and new volunteer Pat. We appreciated their helping hands. For the second hour we weeded around the native plants, controlling Wandering Willy, Wild Cherry, Hydrangea, Mandarilla and Onion Weed. Three wool sacks were filled with weeds and rubbish for New Plymouth District Council to collect. The next working bee is Sunday 28 November 1.00-3.00pm. Meet at the Tawa Street entrance to PG Nops Reserve. Everyone is welcome.

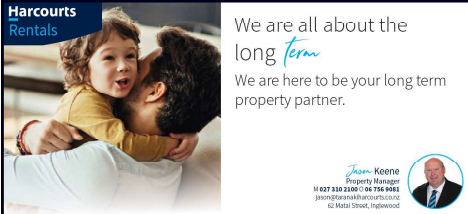


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**Squash News** (Wendy Baxter)

The Ingwood Squash Club Prize-giving and Dinner Awards Evening was held on Friday 15 October 2021. It was a celebration not only for our Top

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**Above:** Award recipients: Tony Petroz, Grace Foreman, William Foreman, Ella Baxter, Mary Barnard, Janet Andrews and Stephen Foreman

**Achievers on Court**, but also for those that dedicate their time to making our club run smoothly! We would like to congratulate all our Prize winners for 2021 and hope that 2022 will be even better! Pauline and Len Stachurski presented Janet Andrews with the 'Stachurski Cup', Person of the Year for 2021! Janet has been the Club Secretary for many years, volunteers many hours behind the scenes and shares her passion for the sport. If you'd like to be part of the club, either for fitness, competitiveness or just as a social we'd love to hear from you.

**Left:** Pauline and Len Stachurski with Janet Andrews in middle



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**Moa Mail**

**Ingwood Indoor Bowls Season Windup** (Bryan Whitaker)

With the Indoor Bowling season coming to an end for 2021 albeit late due to Covid restrictions pushing the season ending out, the Ingwood Division held its prize giving. All competitions were completed. Results were shared around the clubs with four players going on from the division to win North Taranaki champion of champions recognition. In the Novice Singles Robyn Hart Lepperton Club won, in the Open Singles Kevin Miles Combined Club won and in the Open Pairs Bryan Whitaker and Noeline Taylor won. Gaining a respectable runnerup in the Sutherland Trophy was the Norfolk team.

**Full results are:** Championship Fours Ian Sarsen, Lloyd Wells, Mabel Moratti, Gaye Mullin Lepperton Club. Triples Bob Crane, Robyn Hart, Avis Moratti Lepperton Club, Pairs Bryan Whitaker, Noeline Taylor Ingwood Club. Singles Kevin Miles Combined Club. Novice Singles Robyn Hart Lepperton Club. Sutherland Trophy Rowan Gladding, Irene Gladding, Brian Curtis, John Mariner Norfolk Club.

**Non championship results:** Griggs Shield Ingwood Club. Austin Shield Ingwood. Presidents Trophy Norfolk. Triples with school pupil Lepperton. Darby and Joan Combined. Sutherland Rosebowl Lepperton. Open singles Ingwood. Stachurski Pairs Ingwood. Progressive triples Norfolk. Waiohonga Trophy Norfolk.

**Onetane and Hidden Valley Walkways Change in Management** (Karen Schumacher)

**PURANGI WALKS** Bob and Karen Schumacher have taken over managing the walks from Experience Purangi. They now go under the name "Purangi Walks Taranaki". This season the walks are open from November to May from 8.00am – 4.00pm. They are self-guided and the cost continues to be \$10 per person. This helps with our pest control to protect our taonga. Keep an eye on our Facebook for our periodic guided walk and night excursions in Hidden Valley options. For enquiries phone – 06 7568064 or via Facebook purangiwalkstaranaki. You can find our brochures at Fun Hoi Toys.

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