



Vinnie Jackson - TRC Youth Environmental Leader Award Winner

Congratulations to Vinnie Jackson who received the TRC Youth Environmental Leader Award. Vinnie received the award for his work leading Inglewood Primary School's trapping team – the 'Assassin's Squad' as well as his efforts to trap possums on farm.

Vinnie Year 7, with the help from the deputy principal and support from the school, started the student team to set traps around the school's bush burning area. Since starting the squad the school has seen a drop in pests. He has also been a junior ambassador at the Rotokare Scenic Reserve where he learnt a lot about the bush and how important it is to eradicate pests for our native birds. The judges were very impressed with Vinnie's dedication to improving native habitats and said he can be proud of his achievements. Mum, Michelle Jackson says: "It's great to see him grow and do a lot for conservation and the farm. We are really proud of him." Vinnie himself was very excited to receive the award, he takes pride in the traps and even makes his own rat bait. He really likes conservation, the hands on getting out there and doing it. Vinnie also helps his neighbour in trapping pests.

The awards, held on Friday 14 November, for all the outstanding environmental and conservation work recognised by TRC included a variety of conservationists. The awards have been running since 1993 and a total of 394 groups, individuals, charities, farmers, large, small and medium businesses, schools and kindergartens and iwi and hapu have now been recognised.

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Rotary Club News (Korri O'Donnell)

Club of Inglewood

During the recent Fringe Garden Festival, Inglewood Rotary Club held a Coffee and Cake Cafe at Windsor View Garden owned by Noel and Rose King. A very big thank you. Also thank you to King family members that helped us out when needed.

With much thanks to our Rotarian bakers, friends and family of Rotarians, and Motuara 4 Square we have to say there was always something nice to offer our customers. The fantastic ten days of great weather added to our enjoyment in the garden with a record number of sales being realised. The money raised will go towards our Rotary International Project of 'Find POLIO NOW' and other local projects.





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Editors Comments

We are now heading into the busy festive season, and the calendar is quickly filling up. It's that time of year when social events start to stack up, and there always seems to be something to look forward to. One highlight to mark in your diary is the night market down at Jubilee Park, happening next Thursday night. This event is a much loved community favourite. With plenty of stalls, food, local crafts, and festive entertainment, it's the perfect way to embrace the holiday spirit.

On a completely different note, we had much interest in what was going to happen with the old wire Christmas tree found at Moratti Arg's yard featured in the last issue but, as per to history, please if you know anything about the tree please email us moamail@klnh.co.nz or drop in and let us know.

Philippa Peters for the Moa Mail

Taranaki Quilt

Taranaki Aotearoa Quilters took up the challenge to make a quilt that portrayed the things that make this area of Aotearoa New Zealand our home. When viewed from the air Taranaki Maunga provides a spectacular set of geographical features. We also remember our quilting friend Paula Cole in this work, she was here at the beginning of our journey and it was an inspiration to complete this in her honour. Our quilt artists portrayed all these in fabric and stitch and produced wonderful slices of our region.

Quilt Makers: Chris, Jocelyn, Rosemary, Jacqui, Maree, Kaye, Diane, Bev, Jennifer, Cindy, Wendy, Jeannette and Christine.

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Golf News (Dobbie Oshman)

Ladies prize giving was held on a lovely evening on Monday 17th November.

A fabulous meal was had with a great variety of dishes and entertainment provided by the ukulele ladies.



Above: Chris Wilson and Sharon Joseph

Squash News (Pauline Stachurski)

Squash is still continuing at the Inglewood Squash Club. Club nights, Ladies nights, Doubles are keeping many of the 131 members active. The more competitive players are playing weekly around the Taranaki clubs. The end of year dinner and prize giving was held at the Fern Lodge. A great way to relax, eat and present the club champ trophies.



Celebrate St Andrew's Day!

Join us Sunday 30th November at St Andrew's Hall, 8 Brown St, Inglewood.

All with Scottish heritage - or an interest in Scottish tradition - are welcome. St Andrew's Vestry invites you to a traditional celebration: Piper's call, haggis, neeps, whiskey, and conversation from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. RSVP by Friday 28th November.

About St Andrew's Day:

Celebrated annually on 30 November, St Andrew's Day honours Scotland's patron saint, one of Jesus Christ's twelve apostles and brother of St Peter. Tradition says he preached in Greece and Asia Minor and was martyred in Patras, Greece, on an X-shaped cross, now the Saltire - Scotland's flag.

Why it matters:

St Andrew's Day is a time for Scots and descendants worldwide to celebrate their heritage and share Scottish culture. For many, it also marks the start of Advent, a season of preparation for Christmas.

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Norfolk WI News (Allison Paterson)

Eight members attended Norfolk's November meeting day, and the weather turned on a lovely sunny and warm afternoon, which was much appreciated, as we planned to visit a garden, before going on to hold the meeting part.

So first off, we met at Paikawa Au garden in Bell Block and had a wonderful wonder to admire all the delights of shady trees, and well tended Clivias flowering in all different shades of lemon, orange and rust etc making it very colourful. When we were shown the photos of the property before it was developed and then see the photo of how the garden is now, it was easy to see a lot of work had been done - starting with the trees, most of which had been planted 35 years ago. Now the garden is a tranquil and peaceful yard. From there we travelled to President Margaret Jordan's home for our meeting. We are a small group but we always enjoy our monthly meetings. It was unfortunate that road works delayed some of us arriving on time, but apart from that, it was an excellent and enjoyable afternoon.



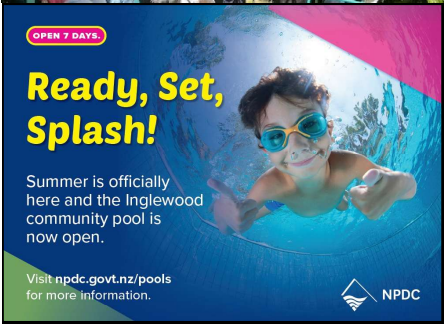
OPEN 7 DAYS

Ready, Set, Splash!

Summer is officially here and the Inglewood community pool is now open.

Visit npdc.govt.nz/pools for more information.





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Nate Robinson Competing in the NZ ATY Championships (Greg and Corrina Robinson)

Over Labour weekend Inglewood local Nate Robinson (eight years old) and his family travelled to the South Island so Nate could compete in the NZ ATY Championships.

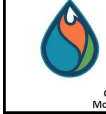
The event was held over two days which consisted of seven races, four of these were on Saturday and three on the Sunday.

Consistency was the key for the weekend with Nate needing to finish all the races as close to the front as possible to be able to get a place on the podium.

Overall the weekend went really well for Nate. He placed third in his class which was the Mini Max 100cc for riders aged 7-11 years. He was also the first Yamaha Raptor rider home.

This is only Nate's second race meeting ever so he did incredibly well with not a huge amount of race experience. Unfortunately there are not many events that cater for kids quad bike racing around the Taranaki. Most of Nate's practices have been on local trail rides, the Hangers Motorcross Track and temporary 8x tracks made in the paddocks at home.





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Taranaki AIR AMBULANCE TRUST

OPEN DAY!

Sunday 7th December 10.00am – 2.00pm

The Trust will be holding an Open Day on-site at their hangar on Puketapu Crescent (off Airport Drive) on Sunday 7th December. This is a chance to show the people of Taranaki the wonderful service that has been built up over many years – supported by the Taranaki Community. A chance to see the aircraft and hangar, there will be a sausage sizzle and staff on hand to show you around.

See you there!



Marinoto News (Lyn Swene)

Another fortnight has passed with a lot of fun and hilarity. Our third cake has been made. And we are now gearing up for Christmas. On the 2nd November we got into the spirit of the Melbourne Cup with a sweepstake. Congratulations to the winners. This year it was split evenly between the staff and residents.

On the 10th the residents had a craft afternoon making little things for Christmas which was enjoyed by those that participated. The 12th saw Gidgee the collie come for a visit. She loved getting her treats from the residents. She sure makes our residents smile.

On the 17th, some residents got to go for a drive to Stratford for an ice cream and return to Marinoto through Cardell. This was enjoyed by all that don't get to go out often. Bowls against Kohatu always brings laughter. We came away with the wins to get the cup back. The 19th we had a guest speaker from SPCA. The residents found this very interesting. Sadly, no animals came. Thank you, Katrina, for giving up your time to come and tell us about the running of the SPCA.

Meals on Wheels and Day Stay are still available. Feel free to contact the office for more information on both.

Upcoming Events:

- Christmas Parade on the 13th of December.
- This year we will not be participating but will watch the parade instead.
- Our Christmas Party for the residents and family members is on December 17th.
- Lots of food, entertainment, and of course Santa.

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Kiwi Bank New Zealander of the Year Tower Local Hero Medalists

For more than 50 years, the Valantine family has been at the heart of Maniototo Aged Care and the Ingewood Welfare Society, giving their time, skills, and care to support older members of their community. This legacy began with Resumed Serviceman W.B. (Bill) Valantine, who in 1970 led the transformation of the derelict Ingewood Maternity Home into a rest home for the elderly. His wife, Betty, played a key role in resident care, and their children grew up leading a hand – from mowing lawns to volunteering at events. That commitment to service continues. Bill's son Tim and daughter-in-law Marian have contributed decades of governance, fundraising, and support, including guiding the major 2018 Hospital Wing expansion. Their daughter Nikki is known for her practical, hands-on commitment – stepping in wherever needed, from coordinating a kitchen upgrade to covering shifts during COVID. Across three generations, the Valantine family has helped Maniototo thrive, embodying the spirit of community and selfless service.

Ex Ingewood resident Jean Hastie has been the driving force behind the New Plymouth Stroke Support Trust since 2005. For nearly two decades, she has organised and facilitated a wide range of activities for stroke survivors and their families – from morning teas and carers' catch-ups to bus trips and festive gatherings that lift spirits and strengthen connections. In her roles as Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Coordinator, Jean brings care, efficiency, and warmth to everything she does. Beyond her many responsibilities, Jean's true gift lies in her compassion. She ensures every member feels included and valued, going the extra mile to make each outing special. She also keeps up to date with health and disability developments, ensuring the Trust continues to meet community needs. Since 2006, Jean has also volunteered as an usher with the Friends of the Opera House – New Plymouth Showplace, reflecting her generous, community-minded spirit.

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What's on and Coming Events

Please advise of your event: 7567030 mcmall@funho.com

Ingewood Heritage Exhibition History of Ganges and Pector Stations in Ing Mon - Fri 10.00am - 4.00pm

Agri Concern Social Afternoon Thur 27 Nov 1.30pm-3.30pm

Christmas Dance Ing Town Hall Sat 29 Nov 7.30pm

St Andrew's Day Service Bag Pipes, whiskey, haggis and neeps Sun 30 Nov - 10.00am

Christmas Nightly Market Thur 4 Dec 5.30 - 8.00pm Jubilee Park

Lillegear/United Churches First Community Christmas Event Fri 5 Dec 5.00-7.00pm

Car Brown and Kelly Streets Christmas Parade Sat 13 December noon

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Contact Alan Lauridsen 027 288 8024

Lions News (Wendy O'Shea)

Lions Christmas cakes are on sale, please phone Wendy on 0272664307 if you would like one, they are \$25. We also have an amazing Christmas Raffle up for grabs, tickets are only \$2 each First prize is \$1000 Christmas Hamper including a Wheelbarrow.

Second prize is a \$250 Grocery Voucher plus a Lions Christmas Cake. Third prize is a truckload of firewood valued at \$300 plus a Lions Christmas Cake. If you would like to buy a ticket, please phone Graham Robinson on 0211425920.

Christmas Parade is to be held on Saturday 13th December 12noon. Get creative and make a float. Theme is "Classic Christmas". There will be no parking in the Railway car park on Saturday from 10.00am until 2.00pm

If you would like to join Lions or come along to take a look at what we do please contact Graham on 0211425920 or Helen on 0274191675

St Andrews News (Gemma Sykes)

St Andrew's Church Restoration Update The Vestry thanks everyone who has contributed so far, including local farmers donating calf sales. We have spent \$490,000 on plans, resource consent, building permits, and tender documents. The barometer target remains \$860,000 from the Parish & Community. We now have quotations and a timeframe to start the restoration build. We need to raise another \$360,000 from the parish and community urgently. The total budget is \$2.6 million. Most funds will come from funding agencies supporting community projects. The project will be a two-stage build: Stage One – roof replacement, strengthening, and window repairs. Stage Two – interior fit out. To start the build we need at least \$15m in the bank. You can support the restoration with a pledge or regular donation. Tax receipts are provided. Follow the QR code to process your transaction. Or deposit directly to St Andrew's Restoration: 15-3946-0409919-00. Any questions please contact: Graeme through the website: standrewsingewood.org.nz



Christmas in Our Community (Gloria O'Dowd)

With the continued generosity of our wonderful community over the last few years, we have been able to give many households a brighter Christmas with our Sleigh of Gifts. Christmas is nearly upon us again and the Ingewood Rotary Clubs Elves are busy getting the Sleigh of Gifts ready and darning their socks to be in this year's parade again. For those that are new to the Ingewood Community I will explain what we do.

During the Ingewood Lions Christmas Parade on Saturday 13 December, Ingewood Rotary Club enters a Sleigh for the collection of gifts for children in need in our community. We ask that these be wrapped and labelled with boy or girl and an age please. These are also able to be given leading up to parade day and this year the drop off point is again the Ingewood Library. The library is open Monday – Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm. If you have any questions please contact us on rotaryingewood.co.nz or message us via our Facebook page. Ingewood Rotary Club meets at Rotary House on Moa Street, Ingewood, Tuesday nights at 5.45pm for a dinner meeting. If you are interested in attending a meeting please email us or message us via our Facebook page.



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Bring along a gift and add it to Rotary's Christmas Sleigh at this year's Ingewood Christmas Parade

The elves at Ingewood Rotary Club are busy preparing their sleigh for this year's Christmas Parade. It would be great if residents of Ingewood could again donate a Christmas gift for deserving and needy children in our community.

Gifts can be added to the sleigh during the Parade or dropped off at Ingewood Library (on Sun Monday to Friday)

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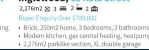
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