

Maungaraki Views

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Ashok & Humu call time on Dairy life



Dairy/Food Market owners Ashok & Humu look forward to their family life ahead

In 1992 Jim Bolger was NZ PM, Glen Evans was Mayor of Lower Hutt, the All Blacks won *The Return Test* 27-24 vs the Springboks at Ellis Park and Hurricane/All Black halfback TJ Perenara was born.

1992 was also year Ashok & Humu Mahendra took over ownership of Maungaraki's Shopping Centre Dairy. It didn't take long for the community to warm to this hard working couple

who always keep their shop well-presented and greet each customer with a warm welcome and if they have time a quick chat.

Over the years they reconfigured their shop layout to store more goods, whilst not making it look overcrowded. They expanded their range to include freshly baked breads, pastries and fresh vegetables, which is great if your missing a few ingredients for

A black and white advertisement for Waglands. The logo "Waglands" is written in a cursive font. Below it, the text reads "DOG'S HOLIDAY RETREAT AND GROOMING SERVICES". The background shows a dog and a person. At the bottom, the address "NORMANDEALE ROAD, BELMONT" and website "WWW.WAGLANDS.CO.NZ" are listed.

An advertisement for o2exercise. The logo features a stylized "o2" in green and blue. The text "exercise" is in blue, with "SUPPORTING YOUR WELLBEING" in smaller blue letters below it. The services listed are "Gym, Personal Training, Nutritional Plans, Yoga, Pilates, Massage." The contact information includes "147 Dowse Drive, Ph 586 4881", "info@o2exercise.co.nz", and "www.o2exercise.co.nz".

An advertisement for TRIM 'N' SHAPE. The logo features the text "TRIM 'N' SHAPE" in large, bold, white letters, with "HAIR & BEAUTY SALON" in smaller white letters below it. The background is black with a pair of scissors on the right side. The contact information includes "Ph 569 8748".

Hello, today we are announcing to our wonderful locals, friends and family that we will be leaving our shop on 30th September 2019. We have been privileged to watch our Maungaraki community flourish, with children growing from Kindergarten to Primary School, High School, University and beyond.

It has been our pleasure to be part of such a supportive and wholesome community from the day we opened in 1992. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support over the years.

The friendships we have built will continue to be held dear in our hearts and we look forward to keeping in touch, as we will continue to reside in Maungaraki.

Thank you, Ashok & Humu



dinner on any particular night.

Owning and operating a 7-day a week dairy for 27 years doesn't come without sacrifices. Whilst most locals enjoy a family meal every night, Ashok & Humu's lives have revolved around their business. This means working 6-7 days a week, with only Easter and Xmas day off work to enjoy their family time together. Something they now place greater value on.

"My son is really looking forward to having dinner with both of his

Ashok & Humu look forward to sharing the simple things life with their son.

parents in the evening. It's the simple things we look forward to the most" said Humu.

Ashok & Humu are the longest serving owners in the history of the Maungaraki Shopping Centre Shops, becoming respected business owners and a rich of everyday Maungaraki life. *On behalf of the MCA and our community - thank you. We wish you every success in the future. Ed.*

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Heavy metal supports Scout fundraising

The Maungaraki Richmond Scouts are fundraising for their end of year Jamboree at Mystery Creek in Hamilton, where 24 Scouts will attend the 10 day event.

This activity, metal recycling, was so well supported by the residents of Maungaraki, Normandale, Korokoro and Petone. We even got appliances and metalware from and as far as Tawa as we advertised through the Maungaraki Community Association (MCA) Facebook page! We had so many responses and contributions that we completed 10 trips (over 2 weekends) using a truck and trailers that raised over \$1970. We just want to thank you all!

We have further activities planned this year, next is a Quiz night on 17th August at the MCA Hall. Our aim is to raise more funds but also provide community activities that are fun and engaging. We are also trying to get the Scouts involved as much as possible, while attracting new Scouts of all ages. Scouts are aged 11-14 years but other Scouting sections are Keas (age 5-8), Cubs (age 8-11), Venturers

(age 14-18) and Rovers (age 18-26). Leaders are aged 18+.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact our Group Leader: Dianne Baird Email: maungarakirichmond@group.scouts.nz or go to the website <https://www.scouts.org.nz/>



Maungaraki residents get rid of their unwanted metal items, whilst supporting Maungaraki Richmond Scouts fundraising efforts. Supplied by Maungaraki Richmond Scouts.

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School Sports

Basketball



The Warriors team celebrate their success

Congratulations to the Maungaraki Warriors who finished 1st in Pool A Year 5/6 mixed and Maungaraki Spurs who finished 1st in Grade 3 Pool A. Warriors MVP was Cole Gwerder & MIP Lachlan Brill. Spurs MVP was Leo Wilkes with MIP Dallas Shepherd.

Regional Cross Country

Special Congratulations to Mackenzie Gwerder and Alvaro Grave-Medrano who represented Maungaraki School at the Regional Cross Country event at Queen Elizabeth Park last term. Mackenzie finished 23rd in the Year 4 girls race and Alvaro finished 25th in the Year 5 boys race. A fantastic achievement! Well done to you both.

Wine Society

Held in the Maungaraki Community Centre supper room on the first Wednesday of every month except December and January.

September 4 features Two Rivers from Marlborough, respected for their complexity and elegance combined with a slight European flair.

The October 2 presenter will be Poppies of Martinborough, known for its romantic, traditional craft of wine making.

Wine society meetings, 7.30pm for 8pm, are covered by a liquor licence and a set measure used which limits the overall amount a person can drink.

Visitors 18 and over always welcome. Admission is \$15 per person. www.westernhillswinesociety.nz

Community update

Normandale AED

Please Note: Normandale's AED is located at St Aidans Church and not at Normandale School, as was printed in last month issue.

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