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OPEN NIGHT

6-8pm, Monday 18 March
Ruatoria Volunteer Fire Brigade
190 Waimataini Road
Friends and whānau welcome

"He whakahoki aroha ki te whānau o te wā kainga"
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Kaimoni Soutar
Teacher, Volunteer Firefighter

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"I joined as I love my community, love the camaraderie between team-mates and I'm proud to work for an organisation that helps save lives."

Marilyn Barbarich
Case Manager, Volunteer Firefighter

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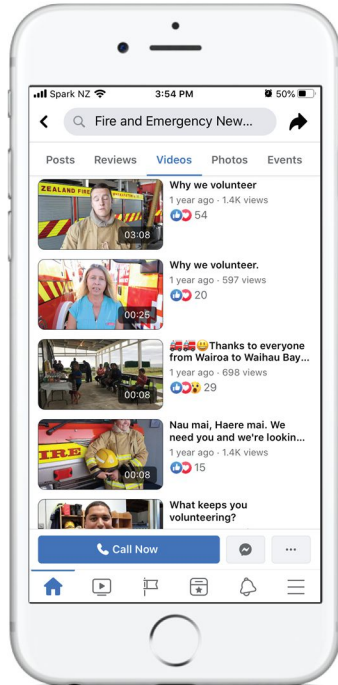
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Gisborne Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade
7 Halbert Road - Friends and whānau welcome

"I joined because I like a challenge and to push my boundaries."

Andrew Shelton
Forestry Manager, Volunteer Firefighter

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"It's the opportunity to bring light into a dark situation through comfort and emotional support" - Marilyn Barbarich, Nuhaka Volunteer Fire Brigade.

"I joined to serve my community and for the camaraderie of like-minded people" - Ian Parker, Mahia Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade.

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- Tinotiko
- Manukū
- Te Araroa
- Manuhake
- Whātuturu
- Hicks Bay
- Gisborne
- Tolaga Bay
- Waihou Bay

Fire brigades open their doors to public

FIRE and Emergency New Zealand is hosting an open night on Monday, March 18, for the community to whakamānangia (get to know them). From 6pm to 8pm, the three volunteer fire brigades in the Wairoa district will throw open their doors to the public in anticipation of securing volunteers. Volunteers come from all walks of life and show a willingness to give their time for the benefit of friends, family and community members. Mahia senior firefighter Dean Whanga said service to the community was in his blood. "After retiring from the army and having lived away from home for years, I said my wife I wanted to go home (to Mahia)," Mr Whanga said. The local educationist has many titles he operates under, and each holds an important place in his life. "Joining the fire and emergency services was like coming home. "It offered a lifestyle and structure I was familiar with. "It is a compassionate position you commit to because you love the people, the concept and the work. "The challenge is finding people who are available to volunteer during the day. "Not everyone needs to volunteer as a firefighter. "We need traffic controllers at roadside incidents, medical support and office staff as well. "We train on a weekly basis to make sure we are well equipped to save lives and get home. "We are more than a whānau, and that is saying something. Nuhaka firefighter Marilyn Barbarich said wanting to be a firefighter spanned a lifetime, but one event was the catalyst. "I joined Vicfire Support when my



Senior firefighter Dean Whanga and firefighter Ngairi Sparkes kitted out for a training day, with potential crew members William and Harry Cox.

Bloat in Cattle

by Helen Taylor

Bloat is the overinflation of the rumen caused by the formation of a stable foam. Once a foam has formed, gas produced in the normal fermentation process is unable to be "burped" out. The foam is caused by a foaming agent on the leaves of the legumes such as clover and lucerne. Usually the first sign of bloat is swelling in the left-sided paunch of the cattle beast. The animal becomes uncomfortable very quickly. Signs of this included getting up and down frequently, restless, vocalisation looking at flank and kicking at their belly. Death can occur within 15-20mins and is due to suffocation and lack of oxygen to lungs due to pressure of the rumen pushing on the lungs and heart. Treatment is urgent. Drench affected animals with 200ml of vegetable or mineral oil. If the animal cannot swallow, a large bore needle will need to be inserted on the left paunch to allow the pressure to escape. The oil can then be injected into the rumen via the needle. Remove all animals off the pasture. There are various ways to control bloat. Some farmers require less intensive methods than dairy farmers as they have sheep capsules, they can be regurgitated and at \$200 dollar a pop, it is a good idea to write the tag number on the capsule so you know which animal has regurgitated their capsule. As with all bloat control methods, anti-bloat capsules do not provide 100% protection. A nice side effect of the capsules is a slight increase in animal production. Some farmers believe just giving hay is an effective method of control. It is true that hay will decrease appetite for bloat-prone pastures but there will animals that won't eat hay because they have a preference for legumes. In most situations, hay feeding will be inadequate if the bloat problem is severe.

Anti-bloat capsules contain monensin, which is a rumen modifier. It changes the rumen population of bacteria resulting in less gas being produced. These capsules last for 100 days. As with sheep capsules, they can be regurgitated and at \$200 dollar a pop, it is a good idea to write the tag number on the capsule so you know which animal has regurgitated their capsule. As with all bloat control methods, anti-bloat capsules do not provide 100% protection. A nice side effect of the capsules is a slight increase in animal production. Some farmers believe just giving hay is an effective method of control. It is true that hay will decrease appetite for bloat-prone pastures but there will animals that won't eat hay because they have a preference for legumes. In most situations, hay feeding will be inadequate if the bloat problem is severe.

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QUICK News

POLICE were called to a shoplifting incident at a local business about noon last Monday. The two alleged thieves, both female, were identified and one was arrested to appear in Wairoa District Court on shoplifting charges. OVER the course of several months, a house on Lucknow Street has had its windows smashed. On Tuesday police received a report of willful damage in relation to the property, and their investigations are continuing. A VEHICLE parked on Paul Street was broken into overnight Monday and a black Century brand car battery was removed. Police are investigating.

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