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LOCAL LIVES



A state-of-the art hop picker has been installed at Upper Moutere's Oast-House Farm.

The burgeoning craft beer market is leading to significant upgrades and expansion for New Zealand's hop farms. In the Moutere Valley, two entirely new farms are being established and others are planned for Tapawera and the Waimea Plains.

At Oast-House Farm in Upper Moutere's Old House Road, a new shed has been built especially to house a state-of-the-art hop picker—a major project that has been two years in the planning and execution, led by Manager Andrew Sutherland.

The machine, manufactured by German company Wolf, was shipped to New Zealand in modular form in six containers and trucked to the farm. Measuring 30 metres long and six metres tall, it will be the most modern hop picker in action in the Southern Hemisphere and will replace the farm's 60-year-old English machine, which was one of the first four mechanical hop pickers to be imported into New Zealand. Prior to the installation of this machine in 1955, hops were picked by hand.

With all the components of the Wolf picker received and unwrapped by early December, it felt like Christmas had come early at Oast-House Farm. Their arrival was followed in mid December by three Wolf staff, who came over from Germany to assemble the machine, assisted by locals Paul Batt and Craig Collett.

"Just like Christmas Day, we now begin the assembly, hoping we end up with something that looks like the picture on the front of the box!" said Andrew as the work began.

After 42 hours of travel, the German guys were still keen to make a 7am start the next morning and good progress was made over the ensuing long, busy days. The following week, part of the shed roof had to come off so the main picker could be craned into position at the front of the building—and, after a total of seven and a half days, all the hardware was in place.

"Beer sales spiked while the German guys stayed at the Moutere Inn," says Oast-House Farm owner Phil Grover. "They also gained some nice New Zealand tattoos during their trip and did a tour of the South Island."

The new picker will be used for the 2017 harvest, commencing in the last week of February. It is controlled using a touch screen computer panel and contains more than 40 separately controlled electric motors. The principal advantages of the new picker are better recovery of hops from vines, increased hourly picking capacity, improved safety and hygiene, and lower labour input.



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16.12.16 - House fire, Rowling Heights Kaiteriteri

16.12.16 - House fire, Hursthouse St Lower Moutere

22.12.16 - Alarm activation, Kahurangi Estate

23.12.16 - House fire, Red Mill Rd, Galeo Estate

24.12.16 - Motorbike vs car, Wilson Rd/Moutere Highway

10.1.17 - Alarm activation, Mapua school

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

SARAU FESTIVAL

Your local community Sarau Festival needs you!
If you can spare a couple of hours - fantastic!
Join the team:

- * Setting up the Festival (Saturday 28th from 9.30 am)
- * Breaking down the Festival (Monday 30 Jan from 9.30 am)

Please arrive with hammers, mallets, ladders, a contribution to morning tea. Jobs for the strong and not so strong, young and not so young. We are very grateful to the wonderful groups and amazing volunteers who work for the months leading up to the Sarau Festival, but, every year we need new faces and new energy.

If you would like to help on Festival day (29 January) please email jenny@saraufestival.co.nz in advance or leave a message on 03 9700715 / 021 231 3947 with your contact details and availability. If you are unable to help out - no matter, the best thing of all is to come along and join us at Sarau. All funds raised return to your community.

Have wonderful, relaxed fun and feel proud of this area you live in!

The Sarau Team

Sarau Festival Competitions return!

This is the 10th anniversary year of this popular summer Festival and this year, as in previous years, the organisers are running the Barkers Cooking Challenge and the Photographic competition.

Both competitions have free entry and are intended to ensure that Festival goers feel as if they are part of the event.

For the photographic competition there are a number of categories and all entries are displayed at the Sarau Festival. Entries must reach the Moutere Hills Community Centre or the Motueka i-site by the end of Wednesday 25 January to ensure they are judged. If they arrive later they will still be displayed but not judged.

The ever popular Barkers Blackcurrant Cooking Challenge also has a number of categories, and festival goers are asked to bring their blackcurrant creations along with them on the day – make sure they arrive by 4pm!

All details of these competitions can be found on the Sarau Festival website – all a bit of fun – do get involved!

The 2017 Blackcurrant Cooking Challenge



Locals from Upper Moutere have had their fair share of prizes in past years. We invite foodies from near and far to take up the challenge and show us what you can do with blackcurrants. Whether it's a trusted family recipe or something experimental, there's a category for your entry.

CATEGORIES

- Baking
- Desserts
- Preserves
- Children
- Juice and Wine
- Innovative and
- Original

Sunday 29th January

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From 3pm

- Bring your entries to the baking tent by 4pm at the latest on the day.
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We will be at the Sarau Festival...Enjoy a Pimm's at our stall.

Summer Tennis at the Club

- **Social Tennis:** Sunday Mornings: Begins at 9:00am
Wednesday Evenings: 5:30pm until dark
- **Cardio-Tennis:** Tuesday Mornings: 9:00-10:00am
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- **Senior Coaching:** Wednesday Mornings: 9:00 – 10:00am
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- **Junior Coaching:** Thursday Afterschool
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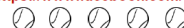
- **Senior Inter-Club:** UMOtennis teams are playing in A grade and social competitions.

New club members (all levels) are always welcome.

To join Upper Moutere Tennis go to:

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance in anyway.

Kind Regards Katrina, Vanessa, and Cindus

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Hello animal lovers.

A happy new year to you all and your feathered, finned or furry companions. When one is an animal lover friends and family tend to favour gifts with an animal theme and so it was at Christmas when I received from a distant relative a book with an unpromising title of "Church Cats". However when I started reading the said volume I found to my surprise and delight a particularly arresting read from a very witty author. My decision was therefore that this year instead of my animal behaviour advice I would regale my readers with some of the exploits of my diverse bunch of animal friends in the hopes that they may be able to be related to by others who have observed similar behaviour in their animal companions.

I will start with Holly my pinto mare. Most people will tell you that a mare is the hardest horse to relate to compared with a stallion or a gelding. Mares by their very nature are often moody, stubborn and opinionated. They are (surprising to most) the bosses of the paddock. It is the alpha mare that makes the decisions for the group, disciplines others if necessary and leads them. I got Holly as an untouched three year old and she was an alpha mare which meant she would not be told anything as she relied on her own judgement. If pressed she would be (and still can) be stubborn and no amount of force would make her do anything she decided not to do. This made training very interesting. Holly has taught me the only way was to ask her and if she felt it was a fair and reasonable request she would do what was asked whether it was ground handling or riding. Over the years Holly has mellowed and we now have a wonderful partnership but it was only in the last year she started nickering when she saw me. She is still the boss of the paddock and her quiet authority is always received by the other horses as evoking confidence. They will follow her anywhere. Holly has accepted me as part of the herd but on an equal basis which is a huge compliment however every now and again she tests me just to keep me on my toes. However we totally understand each other and are the best of friends. Even though I have been around horses my whole life I have learned much from her.

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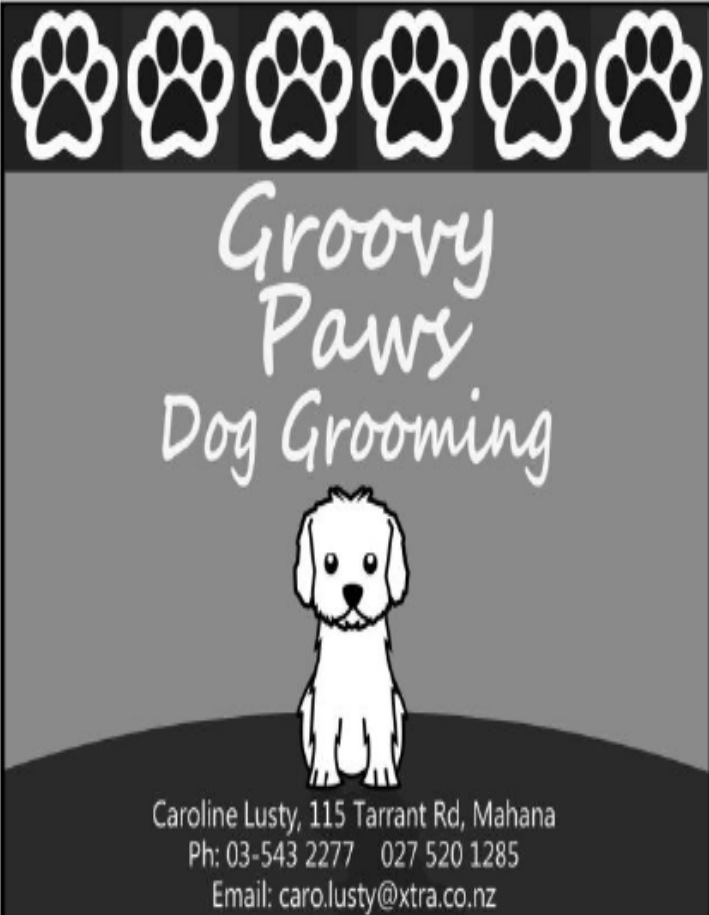
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Facial Eczema – What will 2017 season bring?

With this season's facial eczema still fresh in everyone's mind, we must begin preparing for next season. Last season the strong El Nino led to early predictions of a low risk of facial eczema but it turned out instead to be a particularly challenging season for facial eczema and will be remembered as one of the worst in recent times. The risk period was particularly long-running from mid-January to May in some regions. Spore counts were also notable with especially high counts of several millions being reported. The regional extent of cases was especially widespread with clinical outbreaks recorded beyond the usual hotspots, including Taranaki, Manawatu and the West Coast of the South Island.

Some producers were caught off guard by facial eczema this year. There were reports of significant losses from facial eczema either through lack of treatment or treating too late, once clinical signs had appeared. It takes one bad experience to emphasise the importance of treating before symptoms of facial eczema develop and this is key to the successful prevention of disease. Due to the delay between first exposure to the toxin sporidesmin and appearance of clinical signs of facial eczema there is a window of opportunity for successful treatment. Monitoring spore counts is an essential tool for predicting an impending sporidesmin toxin challenge. Accounting for local weather conditions is also useful as temperature and humidity play an important role in encouraging growth of the toxic spore producing fungus *Pithomyces chartarum*. Knowledge of farm topography is helpful: for example north sloping ground, shelter from wind and shading may contribute to increased risk of fungal growth as will presence of dead plant matter at the base of the pasture sward, particularly after topping, and accessibility to stock. Be aware that a paddock recording a low spore count can still be a potential risk if grazing animals have to feed close to the ground.

Face-Guard, a zinc bolus only available through the clinic is used to manage facial eczema. Two sizes are available for cattle, 90 – 250 kg or 251 – 660kg, and prevent facial eczema for up to 6 weeks or 10 weeks if a top up dose is given 6 weeks after the first treatment. Face-Guard boluses for sheep can be used to treat sheep 25kg and over. A suggested mechanism for zinc's activity is through inhibition of copper absorption from the intestinal tract. Free copper in the liver is a catalyst for the reaction of sporidesmin that leads to the formation of liver damaging free radicals. The efficiency of zinc in preventing facial eczema could be compromised by supplementation of copper during the period of risk and this may include feeding of palm kernel with high copper content.

Last year many were surprised by how high the spore challenge was and for how long it lasted. What the season proved was that facial eczema doesn't follow the rule books so the advice is – talk to us at the clinic about spore counting and Face-Guard treatment; prepare for the worst but hope for the best.

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We will be gearing up for our February exhibition as soon as we return and we hope you can make it. The PANZ "Top of the South" Art Exhibition will be held Saturday, 25 February and Sunday, 26 February. Opening Night is on Friday evening, 24 February at the Mapua Community Hall. The exhibition is open from 9am to 4pm both days. Keep an eye out for advertising and posters with details.

We hope you can make it to one of the exhibition days. The paintings will be exhibited by pastel artists from the Nelson and Marlborough regions. Come along and view the artworks of some of our very talented artists. Artworks will be for sale.

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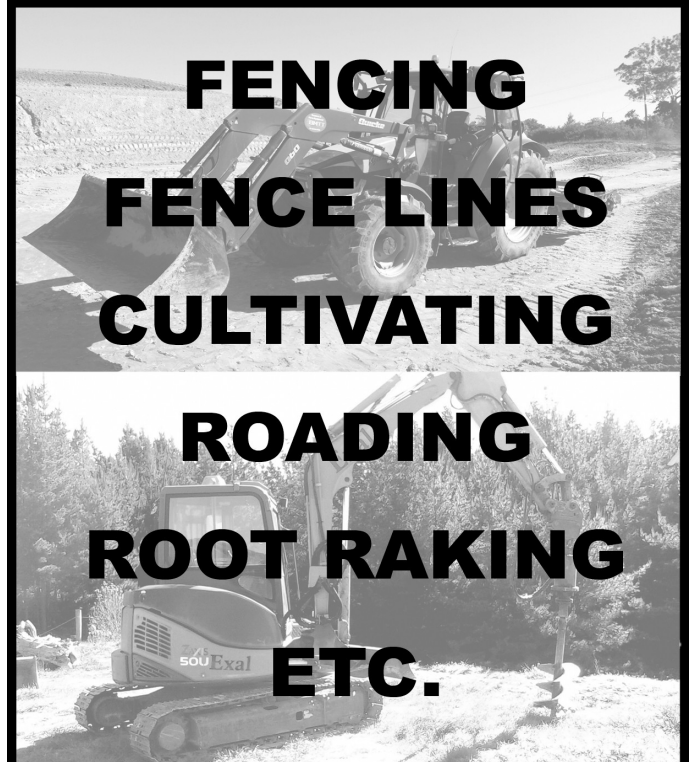
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