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## **GUEST EDITORIAL**

### **COMING TO TERMS WITH ALZHEIMERS**

Is it my imagination that this terrible affliction is becoming more prevalent or is it that I have just arrived at the time zone whereby many people suffer from this disease often associated with advancing years. It seems to me that almost everyone I know has someone in their family, or at least in their circle of friends, who is affected by dementia or Alzheimers. I don't believe there is any difference between the two, in fact they can be referred to as either / or. I can write with some authority in the subject as my husband Jack is a victim and has been the source of great distress to the whole family. The condition can take many forms and has no cure. Deterioration of the brain can be very gradual and can be virtually unnoticed for some years, as in Jack's case, although in hindsight the signs are always there.

Eventually I became concerned enough to enlist the help of our GP when Jack was due for his doctor's certificate for his mandatory 75 year health check. The late Dr Murphy rang me immediately and described his findings as 'very alarming'. The outcome was Jack could not get his drivers licence renewed and of course this was greeted with extreme disbelief and anger from him. Needless to say all this was my fault and I had to bear the brunt of all his abuse and anger. A subsequent drivers test produced even more anger and abuse from him as in his opinion all those people were a pack of wankers with me at the top of the list. Of course it now became necessary to hide all the car keys and his motorbike keys. At least this kept him occupied for the next couple of weeks as he turned the house upside down searching for them.

His behaviour became more and more bizarre and he now did not believe this was his home and that we lived 'somewhere down the road miles away'. Day after day he pestered me to take him home. He packed and unpacked his Landcruiser to the rafters each day with all his belongings, even his pushbike, pictures off the walls, tins of fruit and spaghetti, gumboots etc etc. There was no point in trying to reason with him and I could only humour him and tell him we would go tomorrow.

Without the support of our adult children I could certainly not have coped.

The outcome of all this was a final assessment at the Henry Bennett Centre. To get him there was to tell a story of white lies and subterfuge. After a 2 ½ hour interrogation which resulted in much angst from Jack the outcome was something of a shock to me instead of relief when they told me he would have to remain there until transferred to Rossendale Home for the rest of his life. I knew I could no longer cope with him but the realisation that he was never coming home again was almost too much to bear.

Rossendale Home is regarded as the top of the range and I can only endorse that the facilities are excellent and more importantly the staff, in the main, are caring and do a wonderful job. So now some three years plus down the track, with the natural progression of the condition, Jack is reduced to no more than a zombie. He can no longer walk and is strapped in to his arm chair (for his own safety I must add) day after day. He cannot speak an intelligible word, cannot feed himself, does not recognise me or the family, cannot look at or comprehend the TV or look at a magazine or photograph album, is incontinent and sits all day, day after day, virtually *Waiting for God*.

I guess at this point I could be forgiven for asking the question WHERE IS GOD?

**Jeanette Broome**

## SNIPPETS



**DONATION THANKS** to Jeanette Broome.

**BIRTHS – NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS** to Gavin and Sharon Dunn of Hooper Road who welcomed a lovely daughter, Emily, on April 12. A dear little sister for Amelia, Lucas and Nikita. Best wishes to all.



and **CONGRATULATIONS ALSO** to Deane and Rebecca Morris of Hunter Road who were delighted with the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Elina, on April 29. Very best wishes to you too.

**WELCOME TO EUREKA MOTORS** to Angela du Preez who is Colin's new assistant. Angela lives locally with her partner Dave Hall and her boys Marq, 16 and Tyler 14. A warm welcome Angela.

**NEW HOME READY.** Alistair and Sarah Ellesmere and their two young children are on the point of moving in to the lovely new home they have built on their property cnr Schollum Road / SH26. All the best. Enjoy.

**WELCOME TO EUREKA** to David Hamilton who is now living on Platt's farm, Hunter Road. Phone 8241 877.

**WELCOME HOME** to Ben Timms who has returned to NZ permanently after two years away working in Canada. Ben's Canadian girlfriend Julie Mokosh has accompanied him back home and they are wished all the best as they catch up with family and friends and look to settle back in New Zealand.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dylan Kenny who won the Pukekohe 6 to 8 years old summer series which is an accumulation of six months racing his KTM SX50 motor cross bike. Sunday had an exciting finish with only three points difference between first and second. Well done Dylan.

## RAINFALL

	April 2010	Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Total (mm)	52.5	335
Average (1994-2010)	93	318
Difference	-40.5	+17



Rainfall recorded on 9 days.



## FAREWELLS

Another year has sped by and sadly it is that time of year again when we must bid farewell to farming folk and their families who are moving onwards and upwards with their lives and careers. Our good wishes go with you all for a bright and prosperous future and we trust you all leave with fond memories of your time in Eureka.

- After two years on Buckley Farms, Waverley Road, it is farewell to **Ian and Sam Cutler** and their teenage girls, **Polly and Alice**, who are moving to Wallings farm at Cambridge.
- Leaving Mace's farm are sharemilkers **Andrew and Trish Dalton** and children **Jessica and Jared**. They are heading back Whitiakahu way after two years in Eureka.
- Also departing Mace's farm are **Michael and Sarah Grant** and children who are off to farm at Parawera.
- Still on Waverley Road, on Gordon's farm, **Bevan Cornelius**, his partner **Danielle** and daughter **Bailey** are leaving to go to a bigger farm job at Taupiri. Bevan will be working for Colin Thomas managing 380 cows with Danielle.
- Simon Anderson is also leaving the Gordon farm. He plans to work for Agriculture NZ.
- To Eureka Road, on Hinton's farm, where it is goodbye to hands-on dairying for **Graham Timms** who plans to take a well earned break before finding work elsewhere in the farming sector. However Eureka will not be losing Graham and Stephanie who will continue to reside on Tauwhare Road.
- **Kerry and Renee Johns** are also leaving Hinton's farm.
- As are **Steve and Kim Taylor** and young **Emma and Ben**, but they are moving just up the road to Buckley Farms on Waverley Road.
- **Rodney and Noeline Beecroft** are also on the move. After six years on the Willis farm, SH26 / Tauwhare Road, Rodney and Noeline are heading to No 7 Road, Waitoa. (Darren and Sharyn Collins are staying on to manage the Willis farm).
- **Mike Breen** has finished milking for Brian and Donna Verryt and flown off to Western Australia to join his wife Lyn and daughter Jessica in a new venture.
- And it is goodbye also to **Shane and Nicola Cowley** who are leaving Troy and Michelle Hinton-Bosch's farm on Morrinsville Road.

Our very best wishes go with you all.



## **MARKET PLACE**

### **WORK WANTED**

Handyman available for section / farm maintenance. No heavy lifting. Able to drive tractors and do some general work. Phone Ace on 8241 891

### **HOUSE FOR RENT**

Three bedroom Initial house with double garage attached. Large outside deck with BBQ area. No dogs. \$290 per week. Possible to rent paddock around house at negotiated price. Phone 8241 891

### **FOR RENT**

Farmhouse – three bedrooms, garage  
Newstead area. \$240 per week. Phone 8295 864



## **PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

### **EUREKA PUMPKIN EXPRESS!**



A GIANT PUMPKIN growing competition is planned as a Eureka Express fundraiser for 2010 / 2011. Sound like fun?

The seeds will be potted up in late July and be ready for planting out in October.

Each plant will cost \$10 and that payment will enter you in the various categories of the competition, to be judged in March. Good prizes for all ages.

We are accepting definite expressions of interest now. Don't miss out! We need to know how many seeds to germinate.

Please email Dinah Booth ( [dinah@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:dinah@slingshot.co.nz) ) or phone Wendy Morch, 8241983, to register your name(s). You will be contacted in October to collect your plant(s), pay your money and be given growing instructions and tips.

Great fun is being had all over New Zealand growing these big pumpkins. Fun for all ages.

If you don't wish to grow a pumpkin maybe you could donate a prize or offer to be a judge??



# Tauwhare School

1111 Huiarau Rd / New Zealand  
Aurora / Auckland / 017 244 1111



philosophy and we will regularly visit each of the quotes throughout the year.

## Congratulations to our new Board of Trustees

Marc Vink, Chairperson  
Flona Rhodes, Secretary  
David Evans, Treasurer  
Tuku Wheki  
Greg Morton  
Linda Cook – Teacher  
Representative

## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY



*Be careful of your thoughts because your thoughts become your words,  
Be careful of your words because your words become your actions,  
Be careful of your actions because your actions become your habits,  
Be careful of your habits because your habits become your character,  
Be careful of your character because your character determines your destiny.*

Many members of our Enviro Group and our Peer Support group attended the National Young Leaders' day conference held in Rotorua. There was an exciting line-up of motivational speakers and presenters and the children gained much from hearing these inspirational leaders who excel in their various fields. Thank you to Mrs Cook and the parent helpers for organising this trip.

The children presented their experiences at assembly and talked about:

*'Choosing your friends wisely'*

*"Making good choices"*

*"Standing for what is right even if you are standing on your own",*

*"You can be bitter or better."*

The group will do a display of these and many more for all to see in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Many of the ideas they presented at assembly fit closely with our values and

## SWIMMING POOL

We have a small but hard working committee working to get grants and quotes to get the new pool built. It has taken some time to amass the amount of money we need to be even eligible for grants but we are now ready to move forward. There will be a school and community meeting on **Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the school Multi-Purpose Room where everyone will have a chance to see where we are at and have input into the way forward.

We are also keen to hear from people who may be able to use their skills to help us with this project; builders or handy men & women who may help us with building the changing sheds, painting the pool etc.

**WEB PAGE ACCESS**  
We have had a few people who are having trouble accessing the web page. Our technician suggests that you install Mozilla Firefox, as it is a safer, faster, way to browse the web or update to internet explorer 8. Please let us know if you are still having trouble accessing our site and we will look into it further. We really want everyone to have easy access and appreciate being 'to' when there is a problem.

## Autumn

*Everyone having a leaf fight.  
All the leaves falling on everyone, then everyone covered in leaves. Everyone climbing trees, hanging on branches. The trees waving around at me that they blow me over. The branches are going swish, swish to try and scare me.*

Luka 7yrs

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*Glop, glop. Warm chocolate dribbles down my chin. I run out to play. My feet lift off the ground as I jump into a pile of leaves. Red, orange, brown. The ground is filled with colourful leaves in all different shapes and sizes. I climb the tree and have a good view of the most colourful land. I look up at the tree and wish that this time will come again soon.*

Alisia 7yrs



## Pukeko Preschool, Tauwhare

"Quality early childhood education for 2-5 year olds in a caring rural environment"



Pukeko Preschool has launched into term 2 this year with a focus on physical activity and movement. We join Tauwhare School children for jump jam when they start the day with it, and when they don't we do our own at preschool anyway. The calm, clear autumn days provided a wonderful opportunity for an expedition to Waitakaruru . . .boretum where the children, staff and parents enjoyed the different sculptures. The children were encouraged to choose a favourite sculpture and then make some of their own later in the week at preschool. We thank Hadie Uivel for filling an educator role for us during Sharon's 5 week practicum in Cambridge. Hadie always keeps the children moving, balancing and swinging in a variety of ways. Our second trip for the term is to the theatre production of "The farm at the end of the road" in June. We hope to follow this up with a mid winter show of our own! Pukeko Preschool continues to thrive with a full roll but we are always open to new families on our waiting list. **Anyone can call in during a session (8:45am – 1:15pm), or phone, 824 0860.**

"Our children, our place, our future"

### Tauwhare School Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

#### Parent representatives votes:

Evans, David	56
Mikkelsen, Shawn	29
Morton, Greg	53
Rhodes, Fiona	42
Vink, Marc	56
Wheki, Tunku	43
Invalld Votes	4

#### *I hereby declare the following duly elected:*

David Evans  
Greg Morton  
Fiona Rhodes  
Marc Vink  
Tuku Wheki

#### Staff representative votes:

Cook, Linda	6
Quinn, Sharon	5

*I hereby declare Linda Cook duly elected.*

Signed - Paula Brown  
Returning Officer







GREETINGS FROM THE SCHOOL

## The Newstead Ball

Saturday 12th June 2010 7:30pm until late

*This is our school's premier fund-raising event.*

*It's a wonderful way for the community to come together for an evening to remember.*

*We need your help*

*Can you or your company sponsor products or services for us to have as silent auction items?*

*You and some friends can volunteer your time to weed a garden, clean house, make dinner - we'd love to hear your ideas on what you can offer!*

*Last year we auctioned a weekend at a Bach, a 1/2 hr flight, and baskets of beauty supplies.*

*Please Contact: Anna Turner 856-6116*

Join us in support of  
Newstead Model Country School

Tickets will be available for purchase after School on Wednesday, Thursday, & Fridays

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### New Families Afternoon Tea 1pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May (note date change)

Join us for a cuppa, all families welcome, come along and meet new parents to the school and find out a bit about how Newstead School operates.

Preschoolers welcome.

**RSVP: TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

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### Calendar of Events

28 May	New Parent Afternoon Tea 1:00pm Hui - 1:45pm (Rooms 1 & 6)
7 June	Queens Birthday
8 June	School Council Meeting
12 June	Newstead Ball
17 June	After School Rugby begins
18 June	Hui - 1:45pm (Rooms 2 & 3)
25 June	7 Aside Sports, Tamahere
23 June	Ag. Day meeting Tamahere



# EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



**JUNIOR CLUB NEWS**

20.5.2010

We are becoming more familiar with Matangi Hall and enjoy the flexibility of having two courts. The children seem to be getting more games each evening so there is a high level of enthusiasm and competition! Some very competitive games are played and we can see the children's skills progress.

We have at least 20 children there most evenings and are pleased to see some new faces. New members continue to be welcome. Subs are \$25 for individual children, \$40 for two children in the same family and \$50 for more than two children in a family. Casuals can pay \$2 per evening. Reminder that subs are due now.

For enquiries contact Trisha Bengé 829 5531 or pop along to Matangi Hall Wednesday evenings 6-7.30pm.



## JBVisserVets

The team of **JBVisserVets** pride themselves on providing you top quality care for all large animals. Be it dairy, beef or lifestyle, your animals are in the best of care. Customer focused to the highest of quality, **JBVisserVets** look forward to meeting you today.

**0800 VISSER**

**47 Lorne St Morrinsville / 161 Morrinsville Road Newstead**



# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to this month's news. Some is good, the rest is not so good.

The annual Burnside Trophy match with Matangi resulted in a win for Matangi. Taupiri's challenge for the Brown Bowl versus Tauwhare saw a win for Taupiri. The Brown Bowl is a trophy played for within the Eastern Sub Centre. Each of the seven clubs in the Sub Centre has one challenge each season. The holder of the "Bowl" travels to the challenger's home base to play the challenge. 14 Tauwhare players entered the Eastern Sub Centre's Singles Championship, with five players qualifying to play in the finals at Gordonton. Amber McNally, Andrew McNally, I Billings, L Verner and R Bargh qualified. B Arnold (Taupiri) was the Champion and M Greenwood (Gordonton) was the Runner Up. So far J Hooper, I Billings, A McNally and J Bargh have played in the Easterns Moore Cup Team. The Moore Cup is competed for by teams representing the Sub Centres in the Waikato Association and is played for on a 'round robin' basis.

Our thoughts go to Margaret Porter who is in Waikato Hospital at the moment.

Best wishes to J Hooper who is travelling to Taupo in June to play in the New Zealand Championships.

Please remember that the Club's Open Singles Championship on 24<sup>th</sup> June begins at 7:00pm and, as with Club Nights, names must be entered at least 10 minutes (i.e. 6:50pm for the singles and 7:20pm on Club Nights) before Bowls is due to begin. This means the Match Committee can do the draw and enable the Bowls evening to begin on time.

## **Results:**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> April**

#### **- Skips & 3's Trophy**

- Winners J Hooper, L Grieveson
- Runners Up J Arnold, R Arnold

#### **- Twos & Leads Trophy**

- Winners L Verner, D Hughes
- Runners Up K Williams, Grant Goodare

### **29<sup>th</sup> April - Club Night**

- Winners Gr Mayall, D Schumarker, Amber McNally
- Runners Up N Woodcock, R Hughes

### **6<sup>th</sup> May - Rinks Championship**

- Winners Andrew McNally, R Coxon, L Verner, J Paten
- Runners Up I Pizzini, R Arnold, K Williams, C Bargh

### **13<sup>th</sup> May - Club Night**

- Winners R Coxon, D Appleton, Grant Goodare
- Runners Up Andrew McNally, W Silvester, Amber McNally

## **Up & Coming Events:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June Open Tournament - (Triples) a plate please
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Esme Pope Memorial (Handicap Singles)
- 17<sup>th</sup> June Club Night (Progressive)
- 24<sup>th</sup> June Open Singles - 4 games qualifying - 7:00pm start
- 1<sup>st</sup> July Club Night

## **Out and About:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Taupiri Tournament
- Winners - I Pizzini, J Bargh, R Bargh, H Bargh

Good bowling everyone for the month of June. New members or anyone who would like to try their hand at bowls are always welcome.

**For further information contact Robin Bargh - phone 07 824 1819**





# BEE POLLEN ROYAL JELLY



## BEE POLLEN

Bee Pollen is high in aspartic acid, an amino acid that is able to stimulate the glands to promote a feeling of physical rejuvenation. It promotes youthful feeling, builds resistance to diseases, helps to boost healing powers and provides the body with energy.

Studies have found that it has a healing effect where there is pernicious anemia and disturbances of the intestinal system such as colitis, and chronic constipation. Bee pollen slows down the aging process, for it has helped the emotional well-being in aging people. It also helps the hormonal system. Bee pollen mixed with honey is used in Russia for treating hypertension, nervous and endocrine system complaints. It normalizes the activity of the intestines (in cases of colitis or chronic constipation), improves the appetite and increases fitness for work. Some people could be allergic to Bee pollen and caution should be used if itching, dizziness or difficulty in swallowing occurs after taking it. Always start out with small doses.

Bee pollen contains 35% protein, about half of which is in the form of free amino acids, which are essential to life and can be immediately assimilated by the body. It is high in B-complex vitamins and also vitamins A, C, D and E. It is said to contain every substance needed to maintain life. It is called a complete food, Bee pollen also contains Lecithin.

Bee pollen – healing effects: ALLERGIES, asthma, blood pressure (lowers), cancer, depression, endurance, ENERGY, EXHAUSTION, HAY FEVER, hypoglycemia, indigestion, liver diseases, LONGEVITY, prostate disorders, vitality.

## ROYAL JELLY

Royal jelly is an extremely nutritious substance which is produced by nursing bees to feed young growing bees. It is the only source of food for the hives Queen.

Royal jelly is rich in proteins, amino acids, lipids, natural hormones, minerals, folic acid, fatty acids and vitamin B. It helps maintain general health and well being and is particularly helpful in easing menopause systems. It is also popular for its ability to improve skin and hair health, clinical studies have also shown that Royal jelly can help boost energy, strengthen immunity, improve stamina, maintain blood cholesterol levels and improve chronic fatigue, allergies and sexual dysfunction.

BEE Happy,

CHERYL MC FARLANE.



## EUREKA FARM DISCUSSION GROUP

Our last group was held at Matt Clausens property on Kiroa Road. A good turn out and lots to talk about. We had Veterinarian Katie Denholm from the Animal Health Centre to talk to us about the in calf program. Although early in the season to be talking about this as most farms are very short of feed and cow condition is below par. Katie was able to come up with dollar amounts of how much it costs us to not get out a good 6 week in calf rate and so we can see how much money we could afford to spend on feed to make sure grass cover and cow condition were at a reasonable level at start of calving. There was some good discussion on this subject with varying opinions on what was the most profitable way about going about this.

We went for a good walk through the farm looking at the pastures. There was a wide range in quality from 2yr AR1 pasture out of maize still in good condition to some paddocks that were stuffed. We had a few different ideas on what to do with these paddocks and ways to go about undersowing. Matt was planning to follow behind the cows undersowing all paddocks that needed it. The cows looked very good considering the season we have been through and it looked like things were being well planned for the season ahead.

The next discussion group is to be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at a venue to be arranged.

Cheers all. Enjoy the rain.  
Brett



### LADIES BRING A PLATE

It's the time of year when everyone is trying to give away feijoas. A very versatile fruit and certainly when in season there is an abundance of them. I got this feijoa muffin recipe from our Editor and I can say I have made them. They are easy to make and very light and tasty.

#### Feijoa Muffins

Combine	¼ cup sugar	1 ½ tsp ginger
	1 cup sultanas	½ tsp baking powder
	1 ¼ cups flour	3 - 5 large feijoas
In a bowl blend	100g melted butter	½ cup milk
	1 egg	1 tsp baking soda

Pour it over the dry ingredients and just combine.  
Bake at 180c for 20-25 mins.

When the feijoa season is over other fruit can be used. E.g. pears.





**Proof of Drought Impact**

The following production data of an actual farm in North Waikato makes very interesting, if not palatable, reading. It is interesting for the picture it paints and probably puts on paper what each of you have been dealing with on farm.

Table 1 below shows 7 years worth of farm production data and the effects of the last 3 dry summers compared with the 4 previous ones on an actual farm. Very little has changed on the farm over that time period apart from Drought, Black Beetle and some bought in supplement in the last 2 years.

**56ha farm milking 200 jersey cows**

Year	Total milksolids	Cows/ha	Kg MS/cow	Kg MS/ha	Supplements bought in (T)
03/04	67771	3.61	336	1210	Nil
04/05	67404	3.70	326	1204	Nil
05/06	68989	3.39	363	1232	Nil
06/07	70229	3.48	360	1254	Nil
07/08	55023	3.45	285	983	Nil
08/09	59982	3.66	293	1071	75t
09/10	62000	3.63	305	1107	105t

07/08 saw a 20% reduction in production. They dried off early (March) but did not buy in any feed. However in the last 2 years an average 90t of PKE has been purchased and if this was not fed I calculate that the last 2 years would also have seen a 20% reduction in production due to the drought compounded by Black Beetle damage. As it is the last 3 years have averaged 14% less production for this farm.

In summary the total impact of the drought can be summarised as:-

- 1) Lost production \$52,000/yr
- 2) Bought in Feed. \$23,000/yr
- 3) Regrassing costs. \$5,000/yr

A total cost for this small farm of \$80,000/yr or \$400/cow. Expanded out to a more typical sized farm of 350 cows it is easy to see where 'costs' of the drought in the order of \$100,000 to \$150,000 / farm / year come from.

Confused about how to turn things around? Come to the next Eureka Discussion Group meeting on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at David Verryts and join in on the debate.

By Phil Irvine  
 Consulting Officer, Hamilton North  
 DairyNZ  
 Phone 027 483 9820







## NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

A reminder that Open Days (consultation sessions) around **subdivision and development in rural areas** are being held in late May and early June. (Refer to the press release from Council on the next page with the relevant dates for residents of Eureka Ward).

As I mentioned previously these open days are to discuss proposed changes with the community. For example - Council is promoting a change to Plan Change 7 where the parent lot must be 6 hectares before a land owner can subdivide one additional lot whereas under Plan Change 7 in its present form the parent lot must start at 2.6 hectares with two additional lots permitted. I would very much like a good turnout at the sessions to give the Policy Planners your feedback on this and other proposed changes. I will be attending both Matangi and Gordonton open days.

Over three days last week we heard 141 submissions to the **Annual Plan** and after a further day of deliberations decided on a 2.96% increase to existing ratepayers - \$184.62 per \$100,000 of capital value with a Uniform Annual Charge of \$463.00 per rating unit.

If you like to explore new walking areas you may like to visit the **Pukemokemoke (David Johnstone) Bush Reserve** on Tauhei Road next to the Tauhei Quarry. This reserve is a 40 hectare remnant of lowland forest and contains over 250 native plant species, including large matai, kauri, totara, rimu and kahikatea. A network of tracks allows you to explore the area and gives access to a lookout platform at the site of the old trig station (20 minutes to the summit). There is a gazebo shelter with a water tank at the log hauler site.

We have had to extend the **dog pound** in Brownlea Street, Ngaruawahia to cater for the increasing number of strays being impounded. The extension is costing around \$152,000.

Last month Council heard four days of submissions on the **Te Kauwhata Structure Plan**. Areas will be created for urban living within this plan. Land for subdivision is becoming increasingly sought after in Te Kauwhata because of its proximity to Auckland and the new facilities being created around the area e.g. sports park, landfill, Springhill Prison. After consideration of the submissions and after receiving additional information we have met this week to endeavour to finalise the draft and the final plan will be voted on at the June meeting of the Policy Committee.

On 25<sup>th</sup> May we start work on the **Raglan Structure Plan** which includes consideration of economic and consequential urban growth of the area.

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## **Public Open Days** Subdivision and development in rural areas

The population of the Waikato District is expected to double in the next 50 years to 88,000 people in 36,500 homes. As this growth will impact on a range of factors, including the environment, the infrastructure and the patterns of settlement across the district needs to be well managed and sustainable for both current and future generations.

The Waikato District Growth Strategy outlines how the district will manage growth in the future and the growth strategy to be implemented over time through the District Plan. Much of the Waikato District is productive farmland, complemented by outstanding landscapes and coastlines. The Growth Strategy signals that the productive potential of rural land, and the district's unique landscapes, coastline and cultural assets, should be preserved and promoted.

It is important we revitalise and plan for the growth of our towns and villages to encourage population growth in these areas.

Using infrastructure efficiently and safeguarding the productive potential of rural land means some tightening of the District Plan rules for subdivision and development in rural areas needs to be considered.

### **How will any changes affect me?**

Council is currently reviewing the subdivision and residential development provisions in the Proposed Waikato District Plan for rural and coastal areas. Some changes are proposed to the existing rules for the Rural and Coastal zones and to the policy framework.

A number of open days are scheduled for Council to discuss these changes with the community and to give the opportunity for feedback and suggestions on how our rural areas should be managed.

### **Open Days – The dates and locations of relevant open days for Eureka residents are:**

- **Matangi**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 4:30 – 7:30pm  
Matangi Hall, 478 Tauwhare Road, Matangi
- **Gordonton**  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 4:30 – 7:30pm  
Gordonton Hall  
1024 Gordonton Road, Gordonton

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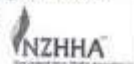
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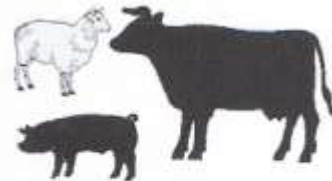
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