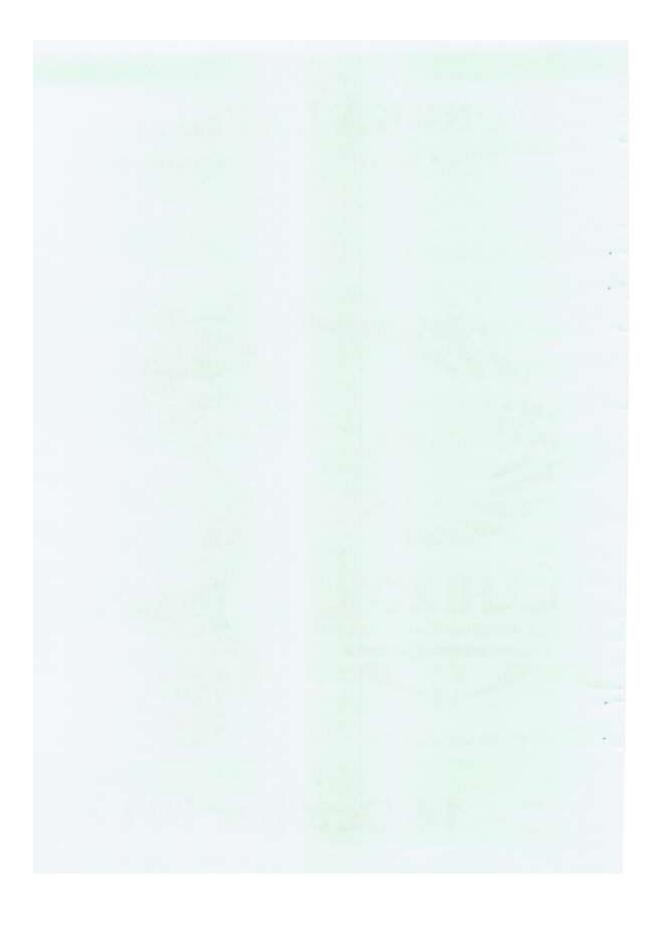
# **EUREKA EXPRESS**

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### Guest Editorial

The Journey is as good as the dream-Tipi Hill-

Sitting in the Tipi, I look back over the journey to this point.

It has been a childhood dream to have a Tipi, I am unsure why.

Having helped a friend erect a Tipi 3 years ago, it reminded me that you can still have fun as an adult, and there is no need for dreams to fade.

I had been jokingly calling our section Tipi Hill for some time after this. My friends eventually said enough, it's time to walk the talk.

2 years later the dream came true. And what a journey it has been.

I investigated where to buy Tipi's, and decided on a place from Oregon, America.

There needed to be a flat area for it, and being on a hill made that interesting!! After months of digging the perfect site was created.

So the Tipl was ordered, and would be here in a week!!!! What... this made it real for me. I still hadn't any poles, as I couldn't bring these in from America. After looking at many options, bamboo poles were the best option. Strong, flexible and light. Then I realised I would need to sand these poles to ensure the knots and shoots wouldn't wear away the fabric. 18 poles in total, 24 feet long.

Now where could we (Glennis had already volunteered), find some gullible friends, sorry, I mean some truly great friends to help me spend 2 days sanding. Thankfully we had a few (thanks Jen and Geoff).

So the Tipi was here, the poles where here, now how on earth do I put it up???

Once again thanks to some great (and very tired) friends. It was a fantastic day of food and laughter, and in between the food and laughter, we also managed to launch the Tipi in 25 degree heat. We were all exhausted, but thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I wonder if they realise it needs to go up again shortly!!! I might have some very busy friends that weekend who are at weddings or family gatherings???

For longevity, it will be used through the summer. It is 20 feet tall, and fits approx 12 people sitting in chairs.

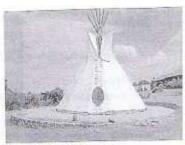
We get asked a lot why??? Why not??? It is something I enjoy. The journey has been special, to the point of not being able to put it into words.

All around the inside there are 7 foot drawings of animals, water proof carpet, and seats for comfort. This makes it a very relaxing place to be.

I enjoy being in there.

All the family, (including the cat), also enjoy it.

Some have suggested I get 'Sky TV', but I feel I will keep it simple!!! Others thought it might be the latest 'Dog box'

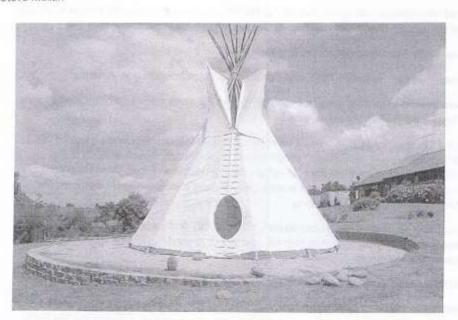


I also teach Reiki, and at times will make use of the relaxing space to teach.

This will be the first full season with the space, and there is interest from others who would love to see inside it. That's great, we are happy to show people through when we can.

It is fantaetic to have this space; I acknowledge the engineering of the American Indians for this amazing design. For me it creates shelter, relaxation, community spirit and is symbolic of who I am.

Steve Mullan



### RAINFALL

	August 2010	Year to 31st August	1
Total (mm)	192	916	
Average (1994-2010)	118	800	
Difference	+74	+116	

Rainfall recorded on 23 days. Highest August monthly total recorded since 1994. Previous highest was 182mm recorded in 2008

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### TRASH AND TREASURE

Another successful morning was held last Saturday, despite the drizzly weather. Many thanks to all our table holders for their support and also to the keen customers who turned out from very early in the morning.

The Eureka Express Raffle of a dressed lamb was very popular and the lucky winner was a local lady, Angela du Preez.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the generous donor of the lamb, who wishes to remain anonymous, and also to Trevor Brunton of Tauwhare Home Kills who kindly donated his services. \$300 was the grand total raised.

### MARKET PLACE

### Wanted to Rent:

3 Bedroom home urgently required in Eureka/Tauwhare area. Please phone Suri-Lee 0275349413

#### Wanted to Rent:

Rural house with garage. Two adults and one dog. Please phone Mike 0276642221

#### Avon:

It is time to start thinking about Xmas gifts and holiday essentials like sunscreen and bug spray. For a catalogue call Ros 8241611

#### For Sale

Queen Bed \$80, Microwave \$40. Phone 824 1056

### For Sale:

Free-standing Gas Heater, good working order (gas bottle not included) - offers - phone Maurice 824 1948 or 0274797828

### THE MATANGI GARDEN CLUB

### ANNUAL PLANT AND PRODUCE SALE

Saturday October 16th

Matangi hall from 9.30 am to 12.00 midday.

Morning tea will be available for \$3.00 per person

EVERYONE WELCOME.

Contact Marion Whyman 829 5667

# Tauwhare School

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CLASSROOM NUMBER 6111

Our roll continues to grow steadily. We now have 127 children and are expecting at least 136 by the end of the school year. All of our enrolments come from within our area and because of this the Ministry of Education has agreed to build another classroom in time for the start of the new year.

#### SPORTING SUCCESSES

Nearly 80% of our children play Saturday sports in a Tauwhare School team. At our recent sports prize-giving we had 21 coaches, assistant coaches and managers to thank. How incredibly fortunate our children are to have such committed parents and teachers. We thank them all!!!

Five of our children were chosen to play for Rep teams – Charles King, Fletcher Harris, William Sinclair and Logan Shaw in rugby and Brianna Thomas in Netball.



The 9th Grade soccer team was the Preliminary Division 38 winners and then went on to win the 9th Grade Championship as well.

The 6th Grade soccer team was the winners of the 6th Grade championships. The Year 5 netball team won the Cambridge Netball Centre Year 5 trophy. We are now going to have to build a trophy cabinet!!!



### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Hamilton City & Country Inter-School Cross Country team who ran at Mystery Creek recently. They all tried their very best and we were very proud of them all. Brianna Thomas was 6th in the Yr 6 girls race. Heath MacEwan came 13th in the year 4 Boys (he is a year 3 boy) and Libby Griffin came 16th in the Year 4 Girls. Congratulations to all who ran.

### CALF CLUB

We have a record number of entries for the Calf Club this year which will be held on Wednesday 13th October, 72 animals entered so farl!!! Fantastic! Group Day is the 9th October at Matangi School.



**ROOM 4 DINOSAURS** 

The Year 1 children have been studying dinosaurs and they are loving it! They have had mystery eggs 'hatching' in the classroom and they have even composed their own dinosaur song. Mrs Elias wrote the first two lines and then Lachlan (aged 5yrs) composed the rest – even managing to make it rhyme.

The 5 year olds performed their song at assembly and displayed their beautiful dinosaurs to us all.

### The Dinosaur Song

You've got a big long neck to reach the leaves. I bet you think that you're bigger than me. They used to stomp. They used to swim. They used to fly with a happy grin.

Some ate plants, some ate meat. Some walked around on just two feet. For the Dinosaurs, big as trees. Dinosaurs. Brains like peas.

With jaws and claws and teeth and bones. They used to growl and thunder and roam. Roarry For the dinosaurs. ROARRI

Lyrics by Lachy Kay



MATHATHON Congratulations to the huge number of children reached their targets and scored over 80% in the Mathathon Basic facts challenge. All of the names went into a draw for the beautiful camera donated by Darren Fergus of Ricoh and Eden Qualtrough was thrilled to have her name drawn out. Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 children who have raised almost \$10,000 towards their school camp at Ragian in November. Thank you to our teachers, especially Ms Quinn who has worked endlessly all year and Mrs Grant who organized the mathathon, and to the parents who have also worked so hard.

A huge thank-you to the following businesses... Ricoh Photocopiers Alan Jacobson - Bullder - 021 214 1817 Scanlen & Jones - 0274 834 267 The Beauty House - 0274 853 3985 Tauwhare Home Kill - 824 0880 Shell Service Stations - Hamilton East/Five Cross Roads Morrinsville Animal Health Centre - 07 889 5159 Pool Builders Walkato - 07 858 3580 Design Engine Architects MacPlus Limited Eric's Seafood - 8276054

#### COMING UP

10th November Step In T-Ball 11h November Yr 58.6 Camp 1st - 5th November



### JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Another busy month of badminton for our junior club. Wednesday nights are well attended and it is great to see so many enthusiastic, well behaved children enjoying badminton and having fun. Septembers Yankee tournament was won by Katrina Vink and Josh Beattie.

Whiti, Cameron, Giles, Josh, Matt G, Brandon, Matthew and Katrina represented the club in another non-rep tournament in Dey Street. Brandon and Matthew Vink came second in the under 15 boys doubles. Josh Beattle and Matthew Gordon fought a battle that resulted in Josh winning the boys under 13 singles and Matt coming runner up. These boys went on to win the boys under 13 doubles repeating the results from the past two non rep tournaments!

Josh, Matt and Brandon represented Berkley School in the AIMS tournament in Tauranga. This is an inter intermediate competition for schools around NZ. All boys played very well winning matches in both singles and doubles. Josh and Matt won a bronze medal in their doubles combination. These boys are playing extremely well together.

Our club competitions were played this month. Great sportsmanship and skill were shown and the results were;

Boys singles- winner: Josh Beattle, runner up: Matthew Gordon. Plate winner: Edward Morris

Girls singles- winner: Katrina Vink, runner up: Paige Hallam

Boys doubles: winners: Brandon Vink and David Martin

Girls doubles: winners Paige Hallam and Epernay Carta. Thank you to Amanda and Glen Brown who came down to give out prizes.

The season is now finished and we look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 2 2011

Trisha Benge



### TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

#### NEWS

The good news for August - September, is that the Matangi-Tauwhare team successfully defended Tatuanui's challenge for the Devon Art Cup, and now get their name on it as the 2010 winner. Well done Tauwhare players - J Amold, I Billings, J Hooper, R Arnold and H Bargh.

Tauwhare's annual match versus Matangi for the Erin Rosebowl resulted in a win for Matangi.

Results:

President's and Vice President Night 19.8.2010

Winners I Billings, W Silvester R/up E Morris, K Williams

Club Night 26.8.2010

Winner J Hooper, D Appleton R/up R Coxon, R Arnold

Sattrup Trophy 2.9.2010

Winner L Grieveson, K Williams R/up E Morris, H Bargh

Club Night 9,9,2010

Winner R Coxon, Gr Mayall E Porter R/up R Bargh, B Grieveson, N Stolwyk

Club Night 16.9.2010

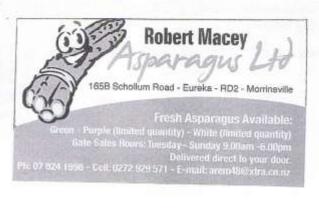
Winner J Hooper, R Bargh, H Bargh R/up R Coxon, R Arnold, M Bargh

Up and coming Event

7th October 2010 Christmas Rinks Tournament Entry \$5 and a plate please.

More news next month. Robin Bargh Phone 8241819





### IN YOUR GARDEN

Spring is here and regardless of the wet and windy conditions the Magnolias, Spring bulbs, Tulips, and just coming, Rhodos and Azalias, they all give us a great deal of pleasure and hope of better things to come.

There's nothing like home-grown potatoes for Christmas dinner. The flavour is scrumptious. You should really be ready to impress everyone with this simple vegetable to grow, but hurry as time is of the essence. Early crop potatoes are ready in 90days, try Swift, Cliffs Kidney or Rocket.

Have you noticed an increase in weed seedlings suddenly popping up everywhere? It's a sure sign that the soil temperature is warming up, that means it's time to fertilize. There is plenty of different types of fertilizer, both organic and chemical, all contain a mix of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, plus trace elements like calcium and magnesium. Nitrogen is necessary for green leafy crops like lettuce, rocket, cauliflower, broccoli, spinach and silverbeet. Potassium is a must have for tomatoes, peppers, beans and peas. Apply your fertilizer now as your plants will be actively growing and can tap straight into it. Adding compost is great for conditioning your soil and adding organic matter, but it isn't effective as plant food. Use sheep pellets, blood and bone, aged chook poo or Nitrophoska Blue to feed your plants. If you have acid soil sprinkle some lime into empty beds to sweeten the soil then water well.

Start a convenient salad bed. Lettuce, rocket, parsley, coriander, radishes and spring onlons. All have the same needs when it comes to watering and liquid feeding. Dig over the soil, sprinkle the seeds on top, lightly cover with seed-raising mix. Cover with a cloche for added warmth or chicken wire to foil the birds and cats.

It's a great time to plant your seed trays indoors, tomato, capsicums, eggplants, lettuce. Sow outdoors, carrots, parsnip, beetroot, spinach, spring onions, broad beans and snow peas.

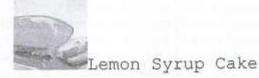
You should have all your roses pruned and sprayed by now. Despite the rough weather they will be leafing up nicely, give them a good feed and they will reward you with beautiful blooms.

Take Care, wear a woolie hat and happy gardening, Jennifer



### LADIES BRING A PLATE

This is a very easy loaf to make and is especially nice warm. A great coffee morning treat.



I cup Castor Sugar

grated rind of 2 lemons

100g butter, softened

2 eggs

1/2 cup milk

1 1/4 cups self-raisings flour

1/4 teas Salt

1/4 cup Lemon Juice

1/4 cup Castor sugar

Preheat the oven to 180 c. In a food processor mix the first measure of castor sugar and the lemon rind. Add the butter and process until creamy. Add the eggs, milk, flour and salt.

Line a 21x12 cm loaf tin with baking paper (run the paper down one end, along the bottom and out the other end, leaving overhangs: repeat for sides). Pour in the mixture. Bake for 50-60 mins or until cooked when the loaf shrinks from the sides of the

While the loaf bakes, mix the lemon juice with ¼ cup castor sugar. As soon as you remove the loaf from the oven drizzle this mixture over the surface. Remove the loaf from the tin by lifting the paper and cool on wire rack, serve with fresh lemon curd.

### Lemon Curd

Rind and juice of 4 Lemons 125 g Butter melted

2 cups Castor Sugar

4 Eggs, beaten

Mix all ingredients in the top of a double boiler and stir over boiling water until the mixture thickens. Pour into Sterilized jars store in the refrigerator. Enjoy Sharon Laurent



# **Vitamin D**



### Known as the sunshine vitamin



This winter with lack of sunshine it is probably wise to top up with a 'Vitamin D' capsule. Vitamin D is produced by sunlight on the skin and absorbed via our skin to our bodies, our parents and grandparents were given a daily spoonful of cod liver oil but now we don't have to suffer the bad taste, we can just take a capsule, easy.

Vitamin D assists in the assimilation of calcium ,phosphorus and other minerals from the digestive tract, it is necessary for the healthy function of parathyroid glands, which regulate the calcium level of the blood so essential for the health of the thyroid gland. Very important in infancy and adolescence for the proper formation of teeth and bones. Some scientists feel vitamin D is a hormone rather a vitamin, as its functions parallel those of hormones.

### DEFICIENCY SYMPTOMS:

Rickets, tooth decay, pyorrhea, osteomalacia, osteoporosis, retarded growth, poor bone formation in children, muscular weakness, lack of vigor, deficient assimilation of minerals and premature aging.



### BENEFITS OF VITAMIN D (LATEST STUDIES)

Lowers blood pressure, suppress calcification of arteries, decreases inflammation of cardiovascular system, stops narrowing of arteries, increases function of specific white blood cells, lowers risk of auto immune conditions as multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Lowers risk of developing type'1' diabetes and inflammatory bowel disease can also lower risk of some cancers and assist with stabilising blood sugar levels.



#### NATURAL SOURCES:

Fish liver oils (cod liver oil), eggs yolks, milk, butter, sprouted seeds, mushrooms, sunflower seeds and most important of all SUNLIGHT. Roll on the sunny days, I'm sure even the cows and grass need more sun this winter.

ENJOY THE SUM!

Cheryl McFarlane

### AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE

### THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

- My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done.
   'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'
- My mother taught me religion. 'You better pray that will come out of the carpet.'
- My mother taught me about time travel.
   'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'
- My mother taught me logic. 'Because I said so, that's why.'
- My mother taught me more logic. 'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to town with me.'
- My mother taught me foresight. 'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'
- My mother taught me irony. 'Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about.'
- My mother taught me about the science of osmosis ...
   'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.'
- My mother taught me about contortionism. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- My mother taught me about stamina.
   'You'll sit there until you have eaten all your dinner.'
- My mother taught me about weather...
   'This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.'
- 12. My mother taught me about hypocrisy. 'If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!'
- My mother taught me the circle of life. T brought you into this world, and I can take you out.

- 14. My mother taught me about behavior modification. "Stop acting like your father!"
- 15. My mother taught me about envy. 'There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do.'
- My mother taught me about anticipation. 'Just wait until we get home.'
- 17. My mother taught me about receiving. 'You are going to get it when you get home!'
- My mother taught me medical science.
   'If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way'
- My mother taught me esp.
   I know what you're thinking and don't even think about it'
- My mother taught me humour.
   'When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.'
- My mother taught me how to become an adult.
   If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.'
- My mother taught me genetics. 'You're just like your father.'
- My mother taught me about my roots. 'Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?'
- My mother taught me wisdom.
   When you get to be my age, you'll understand.
- And my favorite: My mother taught me about justice.
   'One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you'

### EUREKA FARM DISCUSSIONGROUP

Our last meeting was held at the Hinton's farm on Eureka road. It was a joint one with members of Daniel's groups from Matamata way coming for a look. There was around 80 people there and was well organized by the C.O.'s and the Hinton's. We had the best lunch put on which consisted of a sacrificial lamb and sausages and some liquid refreshments to wash it down with. Thanks heaps to Geoff, Diane, Dan and the team for all your efforts and generosity, also Grahame Sharp from Ecolab who also contributed a few beers.

Now it wasn't just the lunch we went for it was to how things were going for Dan's first year back on the front line. By all accounts things were good. Dan spoke about how he got to where he is today and some of his goals for the future and how he was going to achieve this.

A lot of thought and planning has gone into this season and with most things going to plan. Dan wants to address the poor mating results of the past and has been vigorous with the use of feed to get cows in condition score 5 at calving, inducing his full quota to get the calving spread right. Dan was happy with his grass cover and was on a 23 day round and cows producing around 1.8 ms/cow/day.

We gave Dan a few tips on how to survive the long term of farming with the most appropriate being pace yourself. Farming is a long road, take some time off with Abbey, put some oil in the tractor once in a while and as of last night don't forget to shut the road gate.

All and all a great day out in September and again thanks to the Hinton Family for all that was put on for us. The next group will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October with venue still to be organized. Hopefully I can ring around also get Phil Irvine to send out his text this month

Cheers Brett Bring on some sunshine





### NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Council elections - Don't forget postal voting closes on Saturday 9th October at 12 noon.

Variation 16, which will replace Plan Change 7, has been passed by Council and is going out for submission on 2<sup>nd</sup> October with submissions closing at the end of November. It is vital that you take an interest in this Variation because, amongst other changes, it reduces your ability to subdivide. Plan Change 7 gives you the right to take two titles off any property 2.6 hectares and over. Variation 16 will allow only one section from a property 6.0 hectares and over. Note - Plan Change 7 will be unaffected until such time as submissions and objections to Variation 16 are cleared – i.e., no weight can be given to Variation 16 by the Hearings Committee or Council's planning staff until such time as it is included in the District Plan. Details will be in The Link arriving soon in your mail and will also be published in the Walkato Times, Cambridge Edition, Hamilton Press and other local newspapers in the district. The document will be on the Walkato District Website from 2 October www.walkatodistrict.govt.nz.

We have assisted with a small amount of funding for *St Davids Church at Matangl* to add to their reroofing fund. The church needs reroofing and the steeple reshingling. The Discretionary Fund Committee felt it was worth contributing to help preserve this historic building. If the Church Fundraising Committee is able to wait until March / April next year we may also be able to assist them through the Heritage Fund.

The Te Kowhai Festival is being held on the Te Kowhai Village Green on Saturday 9th October from 9:00am. "Purveyors of fine foods, producers, growers, artisans and craft people will be offering their wares." All queries to Daryl Smart phone 829 7655 or email <a href="mailto:smartdr@xtra.co.nz">smartdr@xtra.co.nz</a> with "Kowhai Festival" as the subject. All profits from the stall fees go to the local community.

**Roading** - For those of you who travel Holland Road, you may be interested to know we are spending approximately \$1.043m to upgrade two sections of the road. The work has already begun and all works are contracted to be completed by the end of October subject to weather considerations etc. Two sections of Seddon Road are also scheduled to be upgraded.

Dean Stanway, Chairman of the **Newsteed Ratepayers Association** came to the Community Services Committee meeting this month and was given the go ahead by that Committee to arrange for the Valle Road Walkway to be extended across SH26, through the guilty system to eventually come out at the end of Lissette Road. There will be quite a lot of work involved over the next few years to complete this extension. If you have not used this walkway I would encourage you to do so. It is a lovely walk and can be accessed from Valle Road, off SH26 near the cemetery gates or from the cemetery near the chapel.

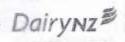
Walkato District has contributed \$15,000 to the *Canterbury region earthquake fund*. Councils in the Walkato region, including our contribution, have collectively committed \$173,000 to the relief fund. We also offered building inspectors to assist with the huge task of inspecting affected properties.

This week I attended the Enterprise Franklin Development Trust Board AGM held at Hampton Downs Motorsport Park function centre. The Waikato District will 'inherit' an interest in this Board with the Waikato / Franklin District Councils amalgamation so our staff and Councillors were invited to the AGM. The Trust Board has an annual income of around \$1.5m and promotes industry and development in their region. Waikato District will incorporate 100,000 hectares of land and 6,800 properties from the Franklin District at beginning of November so will take a keen interest and work closely with this Trust Board. The Trust Board will be located in WDC's new Tuakau Office from 1st November.

Reminder - Matangi School Centenary Celebrations are being held at Labour Weekend and the reunion committee would welcome more registrations. Registration forms are available from the school, phone 829 5735, via the school website <a href="https://www.matangl.school.nz">www.matangl.school.nz</a> or Sue Smith at suesmith@hotmail.co.nz

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#### The Hinton 'Shout'

What a great job the Hinton family did in hosting several Discussion Group's on the farm back on September 14th, While it was the Eureka Discussion Groups regular monthly farm visit, many of Dan Hinton's old Discussion Group members from Kereone, Kiwitahi, Matamata and Rotorua had come to see his progress 100 days into taking over the family farm as a Lower Order Share Milker.

Before I get onto telling you about the farm discussion, I should mention that the 'shout' involved a gournet lunch of stuffed roast hogget sandwiches drizzled in mint sauce. It was out of this world! They had the hogget boned out, stuffed and rolled whole and then cut in half and cooked in 2 ovens. And just to complete the picture, the roasts were cooked for 3.5hrs at 150 degrees. So tender. The Hinton's and 'Sharpy' from EcoLab also put on some drinks to 'wash it down'. Along with a few venison sausages it fed 90 people!

Dan was proud to tell us about his plan to build cow condition and pasture covers following the drought and the steps implemented to his target of 5.0 body condition score by calving and on the discussion group day the herd still looked really good at around 4.2 post calving. Like a lot of Waikato farmers, the building of body condition took considerable amounts of maize silage and Palm Kernel.

While out in the paddock we held a "Biggest Loser" competition. Everyone had to get into one of four groups based on how much weight you had gained or lost over calving. Nobody had gained any although if I was honest I should have admitted putting on a couple of Kgs on my late August holiday in Cairns. A lot fell into the 1 to 5kg lost category, a few less lost 6 – 10 kgs, but there were still 5 who lost 11kgs or more. No one was surprised when Dan took out the "biggest looser" award with a massive 18kgs weight loss - so farl

The herd and farm were in a very good position considering the year so well done to Dan, a great early start and well done to Dad & Mum for funding the feed to make a concerted effort to get the farm off to a great start and particularly to address the consistent high empty rates the farm has historically had.

Next Eureka Discussion Group is on Tuesday October 12th at Ian Taylor's farm (Manager is Paddy) on Reid Rd.

### **MilkSmart**

Last month I mentioned about the upcoming series of on-farm MilkSmart Workshops with the closest being at Olin Greenan's, Hunter Rd, on November 3rd. To attend you MUST register which I suggest you should do sooner than later as it was already half subscribed at the time of writing. Register on line or phone 0800-dairynz. MilkSmart is a programme to improve efficiencies in the whole milking routine from getting cows from the paddock and everything else between then and when they return to the paddock again.

Practical Billuent Management Fielday

There are a series of Practical Effluent Management Fieldays coming up in the month of November. Philip Mayall is going to host my one on Nov 30th beginning at 10:30. More details next month. This is a Joint project between DairyNZ, EW and Fonterra. More details on the DairyNZ website.

I thought of commenting about the wet ground conditions we've been experiencing but hopefully by the time you get to read this, things will have turned the corner, Resources are on the web site and feel free to give me a call on 027 4839820.

Phil Irvine DairyNZ Consulting Officer 027 4839820



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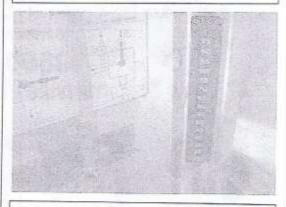
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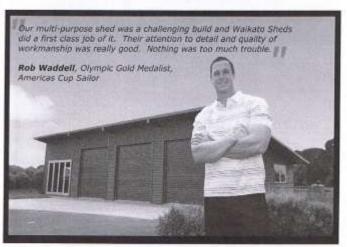
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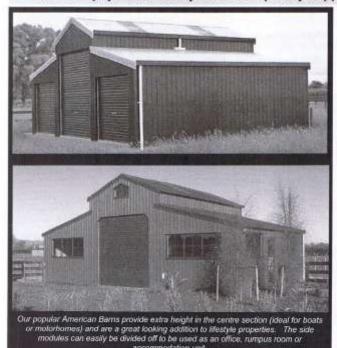
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