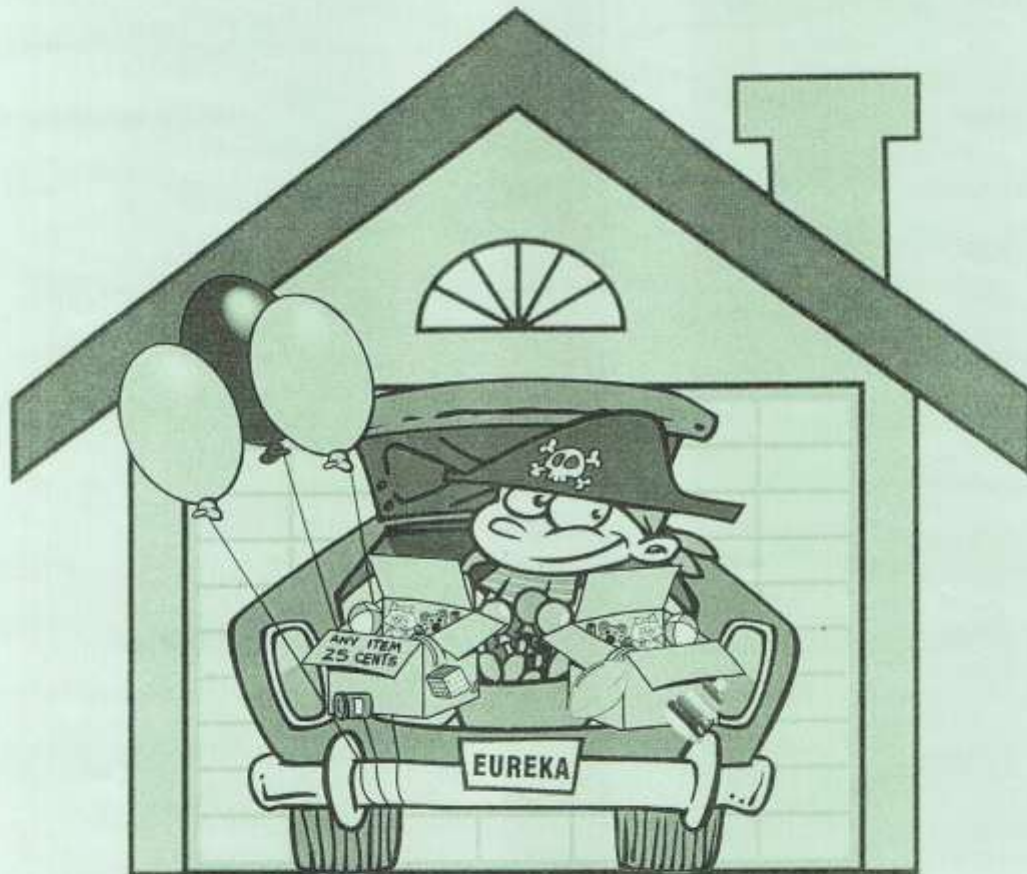


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## Garage & Car Boot Sale

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

**BOOK NOW**

**Last Day To Book Your Table: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

Hi, we're Brad & Crystal Van Hellemond, and our two children, daughter Billie, who is almost 6 and attends Gordonton School, & son, Henry, 15 months (who only stops or slows down to sleep!)

We moved to the area 2 years ago when we got offered a sharemilking job for Keith & Jennifer Mace on Waverley Road.

For us, who had both been born and bred in Paeroa, and who knew no-one living over this way, it was a big move for us, along with our daughter, and a baby on the way. However we have settled in really well and are loving the job and the area where we are.

Since having our second child, I have returned to my part-time job, which gives me a great balance of work and family, however some mornings can certainly be a bit chaotic working to a strict time schedule to ensure pick up and drop off times are working like clock work!!

Along with the birth of our son in 2010, we have also celebrated our wedding since we have been living here, this was on 3rd Dec 2011, and we were lucky enough to have a fine perfect day at Bowentown, Waihi beach, which we shared with our family and friends.

With Brad being one of five sons, and the son of a dairy farmer, farming is in the genes. It was therefore inevitable we would end up farming, especially considering all of his four brothers and father are all dairy farmers, spread living and working throughout the country.



After getting our first sharemilking job in Netherton, Paeroa, we decided to make the change to double our herd numbers and make the move, Brad now passes comment on the difference in soil types, going from marine clay in Paeroa, to the peat...he certainly finds the peat easier to manage during the wet winter months.

Well, for the farmers, hope this Autumn proves to be as prosperous the last!

Regards,  
Brad, Crystal & family

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## SNIPPETS:



**DONATION THANKS:** to Steve and Alison Clausen, Graham Mayall, and Gordon and Norma Brewster.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to two local couples who 'tied the knot' over summer:

**Trish Dabb and Clayton Daldy** of Eureka Road wed on the beach at Long Bay, Coromandel on December 10. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

And **Olin Greenan and Anna Horwell** of Hooper Road married in Blenheim on January 12. Several members of Olin's family from Ireland made the trip for the big occasion. Congratulations and best wishes to you as well.



## NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Aaron and Angela Wallace** of Eureka Road who were overjoyed to welcome a beautiful baby boy, Bruno Thomas, on December 18. A little brother for Millie and Leo. Very best wishes to you all.

And new baby congratulations also to **Peter and Sharlene Litt** of Eureka Road who were delighted to welcome a second son, Nathan Stephen, on February 16. A lovely brother for Kane. Very best wishes to all.



## NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Rob and Jill McGuire** who were thrilled to welcome their second granddaughter, Zoe Ruth McGuire, on February 13. A lovely daughter for Stephen and Megan and wee sister for Kaitlin. Every good wish to all.

New grandchild congratulations also to **Mike and Judie Roach** who welcomed a lovely grandson, Hunter, on December 14. A dear son for Judie's daughter, Katie Thorn. Best wishes to all.

**TERTIARY STUDENTS:** Best wishes go to all local school leavers who are launching themselves into work or further study. Those we know of who are heading off into exciting pastures new at Uni or WINTEC are as follows:

**Shaun Clarkin** will study computer science and mathematics at Waikato University.

**Rebecca Little** is off to Auckland University to study for a four year Engineering degree.

**Clare McNally** will be studying at WINTEC for a National Certificate in Computing Level 3.

**Hannah Ng** will study for a Bachelor of Design at Massey campus in Wellington.

**Jennifer Shed** will be studying Business Management and French at Waikato University.

**Michael Whiteley** will study Computer Science at Waikato University.

**Casey Crawford**, employed by the Horsburghs on Kimber's farm, Hooper Road, will continue with Land Based Training studying Level 3, having passed level 2 with Agriculture NZ. Congratulations Casey





Olin and Anna  
Married in Blenheim  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2012



Clayton, Trish, Jessica and Sam Daldy  
Married at Long Bay, Coromandel  
on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011



Fashion in the Field winner and  
supreme award winner  
Stephanie Bentvelzen

### **Congratulations To:**

**Stephanie Bentvelzen** of Hinton Road who won the Te Rapa Lady title in the hotly contested Waikato Times Tempo Fashion in the Field competition at the Te Rapa races on Saturday 11 February.

Stephanie wore a pink Marimekko fabric with a cow pattern that was made for her by a friend in Sydney.

Along with taking the Te Rapa Lady title, Stephanie won the Supreme Award and walked away with a bunch of prizes, including a \$1000 voucher from House of Travel and a \$3000 ring from The Cambridge Collection.

She also gained automatic entry into the final at Ellerslie for the Nissan Prix de Fashion title on March 3 but sadly Stephanie can't be there. We are proud of you Stephanie.



## DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Diamond Wedding Congratulations go to Gordon and Norma Brewster of Morrinsville Road, who reached this wonderful milestone on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Gordon and Norma (nee Islip) were married in Dunedin in 1952 and are the proud parents of five, three sons and two daughters who have produced 19 grandchildren between them and almost 19 great-grandchildren.

Their family organised the lovely 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which was held in their beautiful garden, and before a gathering of 100 friends and family Gordon and Norma renewed their wedding vows, with Kay Gregory the celebrant.

They were thrilled to receive congratulatory cards from the Queen, our Governor General, our Prime Minister and the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Gordon was born in Morrinsville and raised in Waihou. Norma's home was Dunedin. They met when Gordon was on his OE working his way around the South Island for 4 – 5 years. For 3 of those years he worked in a saw mill on the West Coast.

After their marriage in 1952 they worked for a year on a 14,000acre sheep station called 'Branch Creek', near Cardrona. They earned £6.00 per week and mail was delivered once a fortnight. Eldest son, Gary, was born while they were there and then second son, Alvin, arrived during their time at Pateroa. Not long afterwards Gordon and Norma purchased a little home in Waipiata (of Rail Trail fame now) and Gordon went contracting, building miles of fences over the next few years. Three more children arrived, Carolyn, Julie and Murray during this time in Central Otago.

Back in Dunedin, Gordon had a yen to return to the North Island and in 1964 the family moved up to the Hauraki Plains where they landed their first and only share-milking (39%) job at Waitakaruru. Both Gordon and Norma milked, a new experience for Norma initially. They stayed in that job 13 years and developed their hobby of showing their young stock, with great success.

All five children attended Hauraki Plains College, in Ngatea. In 1977 Gordon and Norma purchased their first 100 acre farm in Kaihere. They had a nice brick home overlooking SH27 and spent 19 happy years there.

Gordon was kept busy stumping the peat, lots of Kauri, and in his spare time he finished the building of 2 beach houses, one at Tairua and one at Katikati.

16 years ago, in 1996 they purchased their retirement property of 18 acres in Eureka where they keep very busy and active in the splendid garden they developed, spending holidays in Australia, and entertaining a constant stream of family and grandies who mainly live within an hour and a bit of Eureka.

After a worrying year health wise last year, Gordon has been given the 'all clear' and is feeling fine and looking forward to celebrating his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. Norma is fit and well and still writes lovely poems and musings for her family which were recently put into a beautiful book for her as a special gift.

Gordon and Norma, congratulations on your very special 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and may you celebrate many more good years together.





#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Stuart Lye**, of Manor Park, who was the inaugural recipient of a new community award in late 2011. Stuart won the Rotary Clubs of Morrinsville/Matamata Police Person of the Year in recognition of policing excellence and outstanding service to the Matamata/Piako community. Hearty congratulations, Stuart.

*Sincere condolences are extended to Chris and Basil Turner and family on the death of Chris's sister, **Mrs Vi Pulham** in Whangarei, on December 23.*

*To Jane and Brent Whiting and family, also of Eureka Road, goes deepest sympathy on the death of Jane's sister, **Gill Moulton**, aged only 44 years in Palmerston North on January 20.*

*Sincere Sympathy is extended to Graeme and Lynne Brewer and family of Tauwhare Road, on the sudden death of Graeme's father, **Mr Britt Brewer** of Morrinsville, on December 31. Britt was a Morrinsville sporting stalwart, heavily involved with rugby, golf and bowls in Morrinsville for more than half a century.*

*Tragically, on January 26, a local lady, **Mrs Vivienne McNally** of Tauwhare Road died in an accident not far from her home of 30 years. To Vivienne's husband, Geoff, and their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Andrew, Karen, Daniel, Clare, Amber and Bronwyn McNally of Hunter Road, goes our heartfelt sympathy and thoughts. (Andrew works at Eureka Motors).*

*Vivienne was heavily involved in the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club – see Indoor bowls notice within- and will be sadly missed by all who knew this lovely, vibrant lady.*

## RAINFALL

	December 2011	Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> December
Total (mm)	267	1411
Average (1994-2011)	112	1188
Difference	+ 155	+ 223

### Comments:

- Rainfall recorded on 18 days
- Highest daily total since 1994 recorded for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 98.5 mm
- Second highest monthly total since 1994, highest was 289mm in Feb 2004, other high monthly totals were July 1998 with 265mm and July 1995 with 257 mm
- Second wettest year since 1994. Wettest was 1995 with 1470 mm

	January 2012
Total (mm)	100.5
Average (1994-2012)	89.5
Difference	+11

Rainfall recorded on 12 days.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Garage Sale and Car Boot Sale

The Eureka Express Committee are once again organizing a garage sale, or if you like you can book a car boot space to be held on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**. This year you have the choice. Tables or car boot space need to be booked and will cost \$10 each. This is all you pay, any money you make selling your items is yours. The committee will not be organizing the morning tea so if there is a group who wants to do some fundraising then this is the perfect opportunity. The event will be advertised in the local papers. This is a great opportunity to have some fun, meet new people and make a bit of money. You can sell anything, bric a brac, clothing etc, or any craft products, jams, pickles, preserves, ANYTHING. Set up time for tables will be Friday night, car boots 6.30am Saturday morning. So start collecting your goods. Bookings for a table are essential and must be made by **March 10th**, so if you would like to book or find out more

Phone Gail Mayall 8241758  
Or Gayle Orr 8241713





## MARKET PLACE

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** For 25 year old single male farm worker, in Eureka area. Anything considered. Phone Darren or Sharyn 8241124

**PIGLETS FOR SALE:** Kunekune/Captain Cook piglets. \$40.00 each. Contact Shaun or Sharon 8240878

**FOR SALE:** Berkley Intermediate School Uniform for sale:

1 Scarf

2 T shirts size 12

1 T shirt size 16

2 pairs of shorts size 80

1 rain jacket (worn once) size XS

1 sleeveless vest size 14

All in very good condition. \$110 the lot. Phone Gayle 07 8241713



**FOR SALE:** Outdoor tomatoes, ready now. Phone Roach's nursery, Schollum Road. Phone 8241725 or 824 1668

**RELIEF MILKER WANTED:**

Must be capable of milking sole charge 300 cows through 30 ASHB with cup removers.

Machinery experience also required.

Phone 021 505437

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE**

If you're looking for a fantastic babysitter who is great with kids as well as responsible, please phone Leah on 027-869-0850 or 824-1068.



**FLATMATE WANTED**

Newstead area to share spacious house with mother and two children (18 year old boy who is working and a 15 year old girl who attends Hillcrest High School). Room is fully furnished with queen size bed, book shelf, drawers and wardrobe. Relaxed family atmosphere. For further details, please phone Sally on 027-243-2317.

**UNWANTED FALLEN TREES**

I am on the search for some firewood. If you have any unwanted fallen trees on your property that you would like to get rid of... please phone Sally on 027-243-2317



# Tauwhare School

1211 Heaton Road New Zealand  
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02 758 1000



We welcome our new families to Tauwhare School and hope they all enjoy being here as much as we do. We have started the year with 135 children and expect to enrol 30 more through the year. Looks like classroom number 7 is on its way!

## SCHOOL PICNIC

What a fabulous day this was! We had a wonderful turnout of children and their families and the weather was perfect. There was plenty of time before and after the races for everyone to mix and mingle and to get to know each other.

Despite increasing the length of the Kevin Smith Steelworkers Year 5 & 6 Cup Race to 50 metres, the swimmers were neck and neck right to the finish line! Congratulations to our place getters:

1<sup>st</sup> Corwin Broekhuizen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Brunton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Sinclair, 4<sup>th</sup> Heath MacEwan.



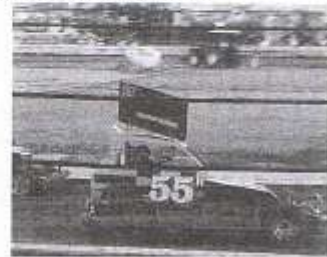
The parents & teachers vs children's race was hilarious! To even things up a tad the adults had to swim in a T-Shirt and swap it to the next person before they could swim. They were all such good sports!



## PRINCIPALS' STOCK CAR CHALLENGE

Dust was flying, metal was grinding, and nerves of steels were

tested! Actually, nerves of steel is somewhat over-stating it. If it wasn't for the wonderful array of yellow clad supporters I may have chickened out of the second and third races, especially as the carnage was mounting. However, by using the 'Tortoise and Hare' approach I survived to come 7<sup>th</sup>.



**AgITO**  
KNOWLEDGE TO GROW

A big thank you goes out to AgITO who have donated nine computers to the school. This was organised by Frances Wilson, the local Training Advisor and an ex parent of Tauwhare School. The much needed computers will be going into Rooms 4, 5 and 6 to replace some of our old ones.

WWW.TAUWHARE.SCHOOL.NZ

## Pukeko Preschool

We welcome many new families to preschool this year, it's great to have you with us and we hope your children enjoy their time at Pukeko Preschool.

Pukeko Preschool has begun 2012 with a focus on things relating to summer, and the children have enjoyed making sunflower pictures, juicing watermelons to make 'melonade', and making boats out of egg cartons.

We are all looking forward to our annual Family Picnic and Wheelathon on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>.



We have now opened our waiting lists for 2013, 2014 and beyond, so if you have a child who would like to start preschool in the next few years please contact us and we will put their name on the list. Remember you can choose which day/s you would like your child to attend, and we offer the 20 hours Free ECE to 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds.

We welcome visits to the preschool, or phone us on 824 0860.



## EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



### JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Our badminton season will get under way again soon so in preparation we will hold our **AGM on Wednesday 14 March 2012, 7pm, at Matangi Hall**. Past and interested parents are encouraged to attend. Bryce Silvester is happy to run the evenings again but we do need assistance for treasurer and other parent help duties. Neither of these duties are arduous and are necessary to support Bryce and the smooth running of the club for the children.

New members are welcome, children should be aged 8 years plus and previous experience is not needed. We are a very friendly, supportive club. We play Wednesday evenings, 6- 7.30pm. Starting date for the new season soon to be confirmed. Any enquiries to Trisha Bengé 856 8955.





# **TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

**Tauwhare Hall – Thursday 1st March 2012 7.30pm**

**Bowls First Roll up night for 2012 Season.**

**All members, new players and visitors welcome.**

**Enquiries to:**

**Ivan Billings (President) Ph 824 1832**

**Robyn Bargh (Secretary) Ph 824 1819**

## **Vivienne McNally**

It is with deep sadness that I must report the loss of Vivienne McNally. To Geoff, Andrew, and Jocelyn Silvester and families we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Viv was a member of the Tauwhare Club for almost 30 years, and with common sense she was always enthusiastic and willing to help with any tasks that arose. She served as Secretary and was on the Match Committee. The primary organization of the 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration in 1994, followed by the 45<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration in 1999 was put in the capable hands of Vivienne. A task well done. When Viv was approached to put her name forward to serve on the Executive of the Waikato Indoor Bowling Centre, Viv took up the challenge, and served as Senior Vice President. Her belief was to re-vitalise the game for the betterment and advantage of Bowlers at all levels. She also represented Waikato in the Ladies' Team.

Viv will be missed by all in the Indoor Bowling fraternity.

### **UP COMING EVENTS:**

1.3.12- 1<sup>st</sup> Rollup Night

8.3.12 2<sup>nd</sup> Rollup night

15.3.12 Official Opening Night of the 2012 Season.

New players and visitors are always welcome to join us.

Good Bowling Everyone



Robin Bargh Ph 824 1819

## LADIES A PLATE

### Zucchini pie

3 cups grated zucchini  
1 onion grated  
4 eggs  
1 ½ cups grated cheese  
½ t salt  
¾ cup self raising flour  
Pepper  
Herbs and tomato slices



Grate the zucchini and onion. Place in a large mixing bowl with egg, cheese and salt. Mix with a fork

Add the flour and as much pepper as you like. Chop in any fresh herbs

Pour the mixture into pre-buttered dish. Do not fill mix to top as mixture expands

You can top the dish with, sliced tomatoes, more grated cheese, or parmesan cheese.

Bake at 200C for 25-40 mins until the mixture feels firm and top is browned slightly.

Leave to set at least 5 mins before cutting into pieces

## BEETROOT

Beetroot is a much underrated vegetable as far as I am concerned; I love to roast them and serve them as a vegetable in their own right or preserve them for a later date


.Pickling beetroot couldn't be simpler. Take some fresh beetroot approx 1 kg, give them a wash and boil until tender, about twenty minutes or so. I keep checking them with a knife because I want them to retain some texture but it's up to you. Once cooked remove from the water and leave to cool slightly. The skins will peel away quite easily. Chop beetroot and pack snugly into sterile jars.

Whilst all of this is going on get a saucepan and with 1 cup white vinegar, 1/2 cup water, and ½ cup sugar and ½ tsp salt to the boil, dissolving the sugar. Fill jars with the brine and place 1 tsp cumin seeds and ¼ tsp whole cloves into a cup and sprinkle them evenly into top of jars and seal.

## IN YOUR GARDEN

**Thirsty Work!** This is the time of the year when many of your vegetable crops are nearing maturity. Putting in some extra effort now can help to achieve bumper crops. If you are growing cucumbers or courgettes, remember to keep giving them plenty of water. Make a shallow hollow around the stems of each plant and fill with compost. Constant watering of this area will keep the roots well supplied with moisture. A liquid feed every 10 days will encourage strong growth. To keep your beans cropping, ensure that they too, never go short of water. A really good drenching once a week and liquid feed every 10 days around the roots or sprayed over the leaves is especially beneficial. Once your outdoor tomato plants have produced 4 trusses, nip out the growing points. The plants will then put all their energy into the swelling and ripening of the fruits on these trusses. Celery also benefits from feeding and frequent watering at this time of the year. A good tip is to wrap newspaper round each of the celery stalks and tie loosely in place, then earth up in easy stages, drawing up a little soil at a time over the next 6 to 8 weeks. Continue until only the tufts of leaves at the top of the celery plants are left exposed.



 Late blight spells death for tomatoes and potatoes. Blight is a fungal disease that spreads rapidly in hot, humid conditions. Telltale symptoms include brown, shriveled foliage, blackened stems and ruined fruit, tomatoes rot on the vine, while potatoes turn to mush in the soil. Minor cases can be treated by pruning off the damaged foliage and spraying with copper or sprinkling with tomato dust. Once blight takes hold in late summer, it's best to cut your losses and get rid of the infected plants before they spread their spores through your veggie plot. Don't compost any blight-stricken plants, bundle them into plastic garbage bags and get rid of them.

Brassicas take up to 4 months to mature, so get them in now for autumn and winter. Sow or plant Cabbage, Cauliflowers, Broccoli and Silverbeet, also sow Carrots and Parsnip for those winter vegetable soups.

**Rooting Hormone:** Take a willow branch, thickness of a pencil, and cut into 1" pieces, enough to cover the bottom of a bucket. Cover with water and leave 24hrs. Dip cuttings in solution. Difficult cuttings, leave in solution overnight then dip in manuka honey.

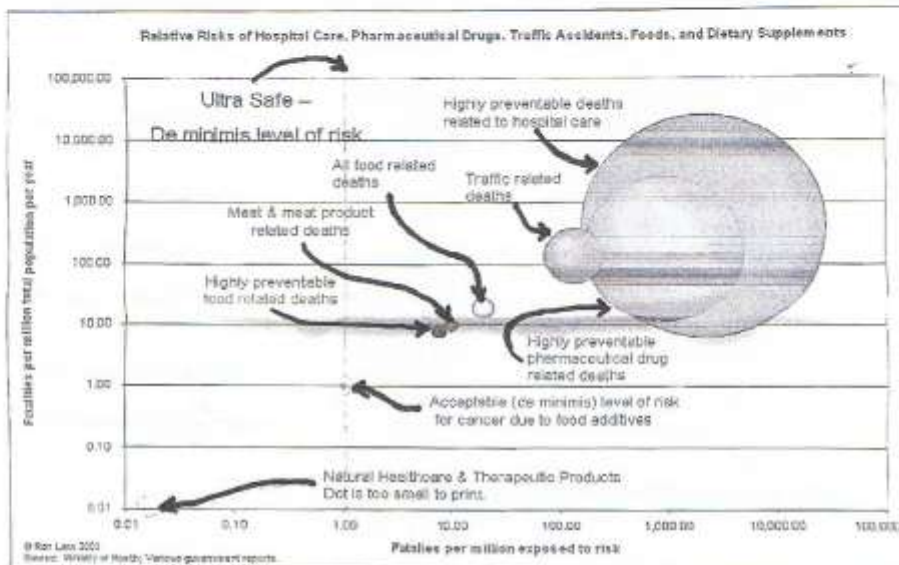


Keep busy, Happy gardening, Jennifer



## It's official – Herbs and other Nutrients are almost infinitely safer than pharmaceutical medicines.

This graph compares the risks of dying from doing things like taking a Natural Health Product (NHP), consuming food, travelling in a car, taking pharmaceutical medicines, and going to hospital. The size of the sphere shows the level of risk. As you can see, the risk of dying from taking a NHP is so small that even if this risk was represented by printing the smallest dot possible, that dot would exaggerate the actual risk. So a circle around an invisible dot is used to represent this risk (bottom left hand corner of the graph). We can see that the risk of dying from taking a properly prescribed pharmaceutical medicine is roughly 3 times greater than travelling on the road, and almost infinitely greater than taking a NHP.



"The human body is constructed strictly from foods with roots that grow in the ground. To fix what is wrong, you need to use the foods that you are made of".

Jim Strauss, Founder: Strauss Herb Company 1922-2009

When we take a Natural Health Product (NHP) we are consuming substances that help to support the body and are also in harmony with it. Another term for NHP's is 'Dietary Supplements', which confirms the principal that their ingredients can also be found in food, and while foods are very safe, NHP's / dietary supplements are even safer.

### "Most pharmaceutical medicines work by poisoning enzymes"

Those were the words of Dr Joe Pizzorno, ND, a world renowned spokesman for science based Natural Medicine who spoke in Auckland recently ([www.drjoepizzorno.com](http://www.drjoepizzorno.com)).

He then gave an example: Cholesterol lowering Statin drugs work by poisoning with enzyme which triggers the chemical reaction that produces cholesterol. This enzyme is also responsible for producing testosterone, and Statins also poison the Co Enzyme, 'CoQ10'. The unintended drop in testosterone and CoQ10 levels are some of the unintended adverse effects (AE's) of Statin drugs, which the industry calls side effects. The most widely reported AE of Statins is muscle pain, which can lead to kidney failure. Other acknowledged AE's are cognitive loss (mood and memory problems), neuropathy (degeneration of the nervous system), pancreatic and hepatic (liver) dysfunction, and sexual dysfunction.

He went on to say that in the USA for every \$ spent on a drug, another \$1.82 is spent on countering its adverse effects. This leads to a cycle of ever increasing drug consumption and a corresponding increased risk of toxic overload. Dr Pizzorno also pointed out that the healthier your liver is, the less effective your drugs will be. Drugs get de-toxified in the liver, and as soon as the liver has completed that task, the drug is no longer toxic and stops working.

Isn't this interesting reading. CHERYL MCFARLANE



**Changing New Zealand Road Rules:**  
**Give-way**  
**5am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The changes to the give-way rules come into effect at 5am on Sunday 25 March 2012. Until then the current give-way rules apply. These changes will affect all drivers, riders, pedestrians and cyclists in New Zealand.

**Are all the give-way rules at intersections changing?**

No. Traffic signs and signals are placed at intersections to show road users what they need to do and this will not change. Road users should continue to obey all road signs and signals.

Here is a snapshot of the current give way rules:

- If you are at an intersection controlled by a Stop sign, you must stop and give way to all other vehicles.
- If you are at an intersection controlled by a Give Way sign, you must give way to all other vehicles except those controlled by a Stop sign.
- If you are turning, give way to all vehicles not turning. Note: If the road is marked with a centre line, you are deemed to be turning if you leave the path of the centre line. If you follow the path of the centre line, you are deemed to be not turning.
- If you are turning left, give way to vehicles coming towards you that are turning right.  
(NOTE: THIS IS ONE OF THE RULES THAT WILL CHANGE)
- If the rules above do not determine who gives way, give way to vehicles coming from your right.

**What give-way rules will be changing at 5am on 25 March 2012?**

There are two give-way rules that will be changing.

**Change 1: The left-turn versus right-turn rule**

From 5am on 25 March 2012, this new rule will require all traffic turning right to give way to a vehicle coming from the opposite direction and turning left. This only applies at cross roads, T-intersections and driveways where:

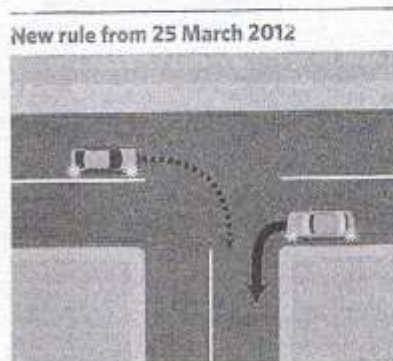
- a) both vehicles are facing each other with no signs or signals (neither vehicle is controlled)
- b) both vehicles are facing give way signs
- c) both vehicles are facing stop signs
- d) both vehicles are facing green traffic signals

An example of each situation where the new rule will apply is shown below. In each of the diagrams below the RED car has to give way to the GREEN car:

- a) Both vehicles facing each other with no signs or signals (neither vehicle is controlled)



Vehicle turning right has to give way



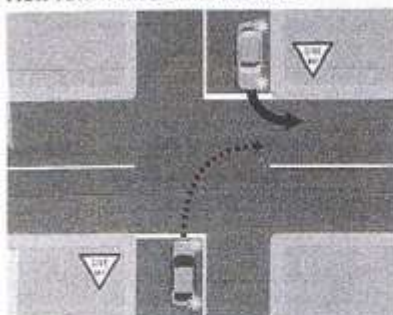
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b) Both vehicles facing Give Way signs

c) Both vehicles facing Stop signs

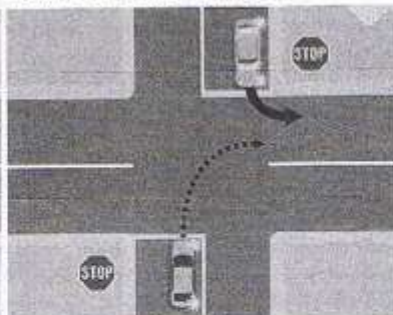
d) Both vehicles facing green traffic sign

New rule from 25 March 2012



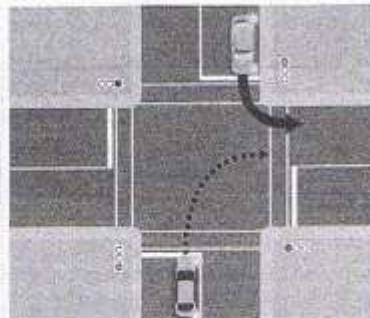
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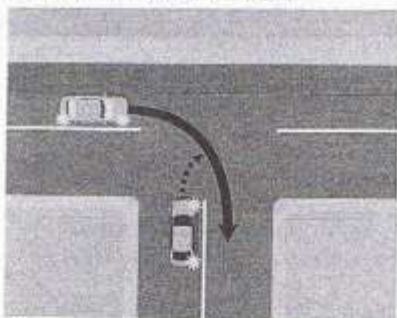


Vehicle turning right has to give way

**Change 2: At uncontrolled T-intersections ('uncontrolled' means when there are no signs or signals to tell you what to do)**

At an uncontrolled T-intersection, all traffic from a terminating road (bottom of the T) will have to give way to all traffic on a continuing road (top of the T). This will bring it into line with T-intersections where there are Stop or Give Way signs on the terminating road. In the diagram below the RED car has to give way to the GREEN car:

New rule from 25 March 2012



Vehicle turning right from terminating road has to give way

This rule change will also apply to uncontrolled driveways, such as at a supermarket or hospital. From 5am on 25 March 2012 the traffic exiting the driveway will need to give way to all traffic on the road. All vehicles entering or exiting a driveway must continue to give way to pedestrians on a footpath, or cyclists and pedestrians on a cycle path or shared path. Drivers should not pull out to block the footpath in front of pedestrians and cyclists.

**Will there be any changes to the give-way rules at roundabouts?**

No. You should continue to give way to vehicles on the roundabout coming from your right.

**Public awareness campaign**

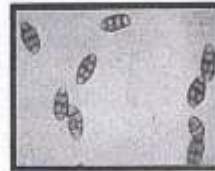
It's important that you stick to the current rules until 5am on Sunday 25 March 2012. An intensive public information campaign is being developed. The campaign will be run in the month leading up to the date of the change on 25 March 2012, with national advertising starting 10 days before the change. This late February start date is necessary to avoid public confusion and minimise the risk of people starting to use the new rules too early.

Find the latest transport news, information, and advice on the NZTA website: [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz)



## Facial Eczema

Spore counts are beginning to rise fast and it is time to protect your stock from the ravages of Facial Eczema. Milking herds should now be receiving zinc prevention at the full dose rates. Young stock need to be treated with zinc capsules because treating water troughs with zinc **does not fully** protect calves and sheep, as they don't drink enough water for the zinc to reach therapeutic levels. If you would like to be kept updated with actual spore counts, leave your email address at the clinic and we'll send you the reports from the local lab every Friday afternoon. We also offer in clinic spore counting.



Sample procedure:

- \*Select a paddock.
- \*Cut a handful of grass with scissors or knife at least 1cm above ground level
- \*Repeat procedure about 10 times from random areas at least 10 metres apart around paddock.
- \*Avoid parts of the paddock sheltered by trees/hedges and don't contaminate sample with soil and roots.
- \*Collect sample in a clean plastic or paper bag, we need about 100g (one bread bag full).
- \*If spore counting is not being done immediately, store in fridge.

The cost for this service is \$15.00 per sample and providing we are not too busy you will have results within 30minutes. So if you have any suspect paddocks you can get them tested before you graze them.

Sheltered north facing paddocks tend to have the highest spore counts.



## Ryegrass Staggers

This is caused by toxins produced by a fungus living inside the plant. The toxin is found in the seed heads and the upper leaf as well as at the base of the plant in the leaf sheaths. As the summer goes on (especially if it is dry) the toxin levels rise.

Topping pastures can reduce the intake of toxins but the resultant dead litter is good food for the Facial eczema fungus. Feeding out 'Ryegrass toxin-free' feeds such as maize silage or grass silage dilutes the affects of the toxin. Though there are many remedies which claim they are effective against the toxin we haven't found any that work. If it is possible, removing affected animals to non-toxic pasture is the best treatment. Make sure they have plenty of water and shade if possible and provided they are not too severely affected they should improve in 4-5 days.

## Farm Discussion Group Report

As I was side tracked fishing down Waihou Bay we forgot to organise a discussion group for Feb so I thought I would let you all know my story and therefore my excuse for being so slack because I think it was worth it.

We left Morrinsville at 5am knots tied and lines tested heading for Waihou Bay in search of Marlin. After a 5 hour journey we had the boat in the water and a 10 minute fizz out to the blue water and the lures were in the water, time to relax bobbing around the ocean, not so much as soon after we saw a free jumping marlin and headed to this area and soon after hooked into our first marlin for the trip. It caught us off guard a little bit as only been trolling for 20 min. We only had this fish on for 10 min it had some good jumping out the back of the boat and then 1 jump to many and the hook pulled. For the rest of this first day we looked around the area for the best water to be fishing in for the next few days and saw no more marlin.

The next morning all excited but with a bit more wind forecast we headed out and by 10:30 am hooked into another striped marlin, This was to be Mark Barker's first Marlin and after a large first run it soon tired out and was in the after 30 min without too much bother at the back of the boat. We decided to take this fish in to be weighed and smoked straight away so the fish stayed cool and in good quality.

We were off again by 12:30 and trolled a few more hours with it being my turn in the chair, At 2:50 another reel started to scream it was the back lure the fish jumped once to right, Blue marlin we yelled then we sped the boat as we started to clear the other rods but the fish was chasing the boat so we sped up some more and the fish went down and the line went very light so going about 20 knots at this stage thought to fish had got off but no it must have been close to the back of the boat and then eventually the pressure came back on the rod. By this time we had all the rods cleared going 20knots and the darn fish was still jumping about 30-40 meters out the back of the boat, this was an amazing display by a very large fish. The fish then went on a 500 metre run away from the boat and I got strapped into the rod for the battle to commence. We got the fish within 50 metres of the boat in 40 min and thought we were winning but each time the fish took more line and we circled the fish in a stalemate for 2 more hours before getting a chance to grab the leader. Andrew Morris (the skipper) grabbed the leader this is 2.5 hours into the fight and got the fish within 2 metres but could not lift it up so we could grab the bill but then the fish swam under the boat and Andrew had to let the fish go. This made the fish more angry and it jumped from 5 metres out the back of the boat for another 50 metres. We got the line back after 20 minutes and had the leader close to the boat then some more pressure came on the fish and the line parted. BUGGAR! All the line landed in the boat when it broke and the 3 of us said some choice words and went home, by this time it was 6pm, 3 hours on a fish with no real reward except my best fishing story yet. We cried into our beer that night but celebrated Marks first marlin.

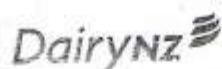
The next day we went out again this time with Andrew's wife Tammy on board and her time to play a marlin if we hooked up. And sure enough at 1:30 that day a reel went screaming off. This boat was hot. We didn't see this fish at all it took about 800metres of line out and we didn't know what it was yet. It took 10 min till we knew what we had on, Another Blue Marlin that was closer to another boat than ours. It was not an acrobatic fish like the last it stayed deeper and took 1.5 hours to get it close to boat and after a half hour battle in close we grabbed the leader then the bill and the gaff was firmly in to the fish. Well done tammy 2hours on the fish and we had it on board it was a 173 kg Blue Marlin.

The 1st day was a bit of trolling to no effect followed by a cray dive to feed the kids when we got home, so as you can hear the last thing on my mind was the farm discussion group. WE will be having one the second Tuesday of March. Also will be booking the annual fishing trip up the Coromandel for mid to late April maybe the 24<sup>th</sup> so keep this free.

Cheers all see you at the next group Brett Gordon







By Phil Irvine  
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#### Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Eureka Discussion Group is Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Venue is still to be confirmed. The usual reminder text will be sent to group members a week before hand with all necessary details.

#### Other Dates of Interest

The date for this year's **DairyNZ Farmers Forum** at Mystery Creek is 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May. The conference is packed with top industry and research speakers and should be a "must do" in your dairy farming calendar.

The very popular **Mark & Measure** courses are again being run for farming couples to take time out to look at their business and future direction. The Taupo based courses are M&M Business Performance 15 & 16 May and M&M Strategic Planning 17 & 18 May. The courses are also repeated in June in Queenstown if you want a holiday break at the same time.

#### Yellow Bristle Grass

Yellow bristle grass is potentially a terrible pasture weed that many, if not most, Eureka farmers are unaware of. It is currently flowering and seeding in patches along arterial roads, railway lines and in some areas creeping into farmers paddocks.\*

Among other faults, yellow bristle grass is often unpalatable to stock after it has flowered. Like other summer active grasses, the feeding value of the plant is also low and pasture with a 25 percent infestation rate say, will cause a 11 percent drop in milk production over the January to April period. Cows tend to avoid grazing yellow bristle grass patches when in seed, so that the area affected is largely out of production until late autumn."

Learn to identify the weed. Keep it off the farm by keeping stock away from roadside infestations and remove small localised infestations if possible.

Yellow bristle grass is a sub-tropical annual. It germinates in early summer and grows rapidly in mid-summer, flowering and seeding in January. It is difficult to see until it produces a seed head, and by then its seed is probably viable and dropping on the ground for next season.

It tends to be particularly prevalent along roadsides, especially where roadside weed spraying has occurred in spring, allowing unimpeded growth by the yellow bristle grass. It can also germinate in bare ground on the edges of maize crops, with seed potentially transported to other areas by harvesting equipment.

Yellow bristle grass on roadsides remains there unless introduced onto the farm from animals grazing the long acre or by machinery. Once on the farm, it can become a serious problem due to dispersal via animal dung.

Yellow bristle grass can be controlled naturally by ensuring pastures are healthy and dense in spring to suppress the germination of the seedlings. This is why yellow bristle grass has not done very well this year and is seeding later than usual, but did very well last season.

Spot spraying with glyphosate is useful for small areas of infestation but be aware that all other grasses will be killed also. A new selective herbicide looks promising and is being trialled on-farm by the yellow bristle grass committee in the Waikato.

Information booklets on identification and management of yellow bristle grass are available from DairyNZ.





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### Puppy and kitten Care

Summer is a busy time of year at the clinic. Lots of new pets are coming into to visit us for the first time. Kittens and puppies are bundles of energy that need lots of care to ensure that they develop into strong healthy adults.

Here is some basic information about caring for your puppy and kitten:

#### Feeding

Puppies and kittens are actively growing in front of you. It is really important that your pet is fed a good quality puppy or kitten food.

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#### Worming

This is so important as worm burdens can cause some serious problems in puppies and kittens. Young pets need regular worming when young and then every 3 months once older.

Make sure that you are treating for both tapeworm and round worms.

#### Flea Control

The hot humid weather in the Waikato provides perfect conditions for flea population growth. Flea numbers can grow rapidly and can infest your house as well as your pet. Did you realise that 1 flea left untreated can produce 1.4 million eggs! Make sure that all the pets in the house are treated.

There are a number of products available that target the fleas specifically and are therefore safe to use on your young pet, e.g. Frontline Plus, Advantage, Advocate, Revolution, Comfortis. Your children will also be safe to handle the pets when they have this product applied.



#### Vaccination

These are very important to the long term health of your young pet. They provide immunity against a wide range of diseases that can be fatal in your pets, or leave them with on going medical issues after their infection. Parvo virus can be deadly in your puppy, but is easily preventable through vaccination.

Your puppy/kitten will get a new pet pack with their vaccines which has food and vouchers and lots of useful information within it.

#### Puppy Classes / Socialisation

It is important to introduce puppies to different breeds and environments to ensure that your dog turns into a sociable adult which is not scared of new situations.

The clinic runs puppy classes through out the year, please phone the clinic for more details.

### Desexing

There are so many unwanted puppies and kittens that the SPCA have to deal with yearly. Desexing your pet is a sensible way to control the cat and dog population in this country. Generally this is done at 6 months of age. For more information please contact the clinic.

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We look forward to seeing you and your pet, whether young or old, at the clinic when you next pop in.

Regards

The Team at Newstead Veterinary Services

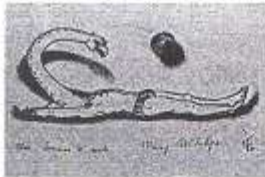
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## Neighbourhoods Day

Just to let you know that Neighbours Day is the 24-25 March 2012.

Put a circle around these dates on your calendar.

It would be an ideal time to start planning something with your neighbours or maybe

reconnect with your group.

There are some helpful hints on how to celebrate these days on the following website: [www.neighboursday.org.nz](http://www.neighboursday.org.nz)



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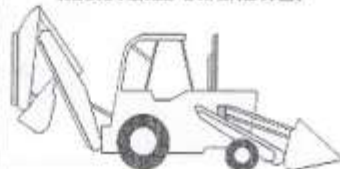
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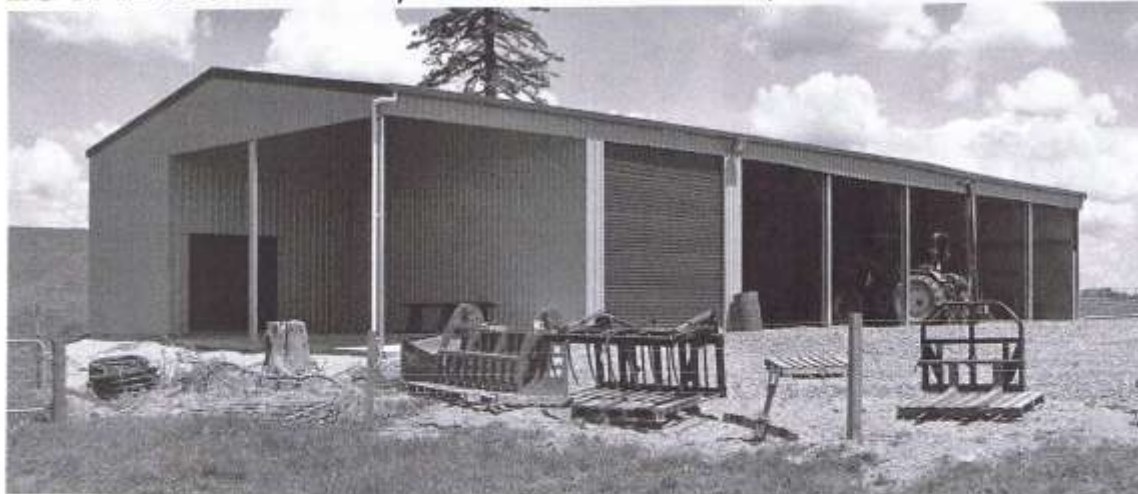
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If you need a shed that's built to last from top quality materials you can't go past our sheds. With heavy duty steel framing and Zinalume or Coloursteel cladding you will get the strength and durability that lighter steel and timber framed buildings simply can't compete with.

It's not enough too just have a great building system. You also need professional people with the knowledge & experience to deliver a great shed, done right. Being backed up by an international company means Waikato Shed Company is supported in their delivery of high quality building solutions. The end result is that you can have total confidence in the building design, construction process, & the people you are dealing with. It's the strength of our "chain" that is our advantage.

To discover the benefits of owning a Waikato Shed Company shed visit our website now.



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Waikato Shed Company offers a true custom design & build service that ensures you get the very best shed for your needs that is outstanding value for money. We listen to what you want because we understand that one size does not fit all. In fact in over 5 years we have never built the same shed twice.



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- Workshops & storage
- Stables & arenas
- Industrial buildings
- No set size restrictions
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- Up to 7m eave height
- Any length
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