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**Calf
Club
2012**



GUEST EDITORIAL

We have lived in Eureka for 11 years now so it is inevitable that we would have to write an editorial sooner or later. I have been assured this is a once in ten year opportunity - we might almost be locals by the time we have to do another one!

Life has changed a lot in this time. Eleven years ago we both worked (David at AppleCentre Waikato and Alison at Patricia Ave School), our house stayed tidy because we were never home, and we were very involved in theatre, mainly Riverlea, doing 3-5 shows a year.

Now life is very different.

David has gone back teaching and is working at Westmount School on Eureka Road. He teaches the Year 7 class which is one of the rooms closest to the bus bay. He is still involved with Musikmakers at Riverlea theatre, and is Vice President on the committee as well as doing the occasional show.

After a change of schools (to Marian School) Alison is now a stay at home mum and everything that entails. She continues to be very involved in Girls' Brigade and is leading a company in Chartwell where 35 girls (aged 5-15) meet every week. She is also involved in the Waikato Area Girls' Brigade and is the convenor for the National Queen's Award Committee who oversee the highest award in GB.

Our two children are Letitia and Scott. Letitia has just turned 6 and goes to Marian School. She loves all things that children do - trains, bikes, tramps, more trains, books, dolls and still more trains and books. Scott is 16 months old and has just started to stand so this is opening up a whole new world. His favourite things are following Letitia and noisy toys!

As we approach November we are starting to look forward to the busy time of our year. David is sitting writing school reports, Alison and Letitia have not been home long from GB, and Scott is asleep (the wonderful life of a baby). Over the next 2 months we have GB's final night for the company, nativity plays, school terms ending, prize-givings and assemblies. Alison has Queen's Award presentations at Government House, and David will no doubt be working behind the bar at Christmas show. Somewhere in there we need to celebrate our 16th wedding anniversary and decorate the house for Christmas, oh and don't forget Guy Fawkes, a GB meeting in Wellington and birthdays and

Can't wait for the holidays!

The Taylors
David, Alison, Letitia and Scott.



RAINFALL

	September 2012	Year to 30 th September
Total (mm)	88.5	916.5
Average (1994-2012)	102	910.5
Difference	-13.5	+5



Rainfall recorded on 16 days.

SNIPPETS

DONATION THANKS this month to the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Scott Buckley** of Waverley Road who won the prize for the biggest Skipjack Tuna caught (5.21kg) during the season at the Raglan Fishing Club's annual prize giving.

Sincere condolences are extended to Harold, Margaret, John and Jean Woolford (Newstead Orchard) and families on the death of their dearly love wife and mother Mrs Peggy Woolford on October 6th.

MARKET PLACE

WANTED

Person to look after lifestyle block animals over Christmas / New Year.
Please phone 027 840 8838.



LADIES A PLATE

A Eureka resident gave me this recipe which was given to her by an Aunty many, many years ago

Lemon Dessert (4-6 servings)

This should be made in advance since it has to set in the fridge.

Ingredients:

Juice and grated zest of 2 lemons	2 eggs (separated)
2 heaped tablespoons corn flour	250 g caster sugar
About 500 ml water	

Beat eggs whites until stiff. Combine everything else in a saucepan and bring to the boil, stirring frequently.

Simmer (and keep stirring) until thickened. Let it cool somewhat, then mix in the egg whites.

Pour into separate serving dishes and let it set in the fridge.

Serve with whipped cream and/or fruit.



Coconut Biscuits

Ingredients:

150g sugar	200g coconut
2 eggs	little vanilla

Beat egg and sugar until creamy
Add coconut, vanilla
Put small amounts on Baking paper
Bake in 160 degree oven for 20mins till light brown let cool on oven tray

Makes thin crispy biscuits, very tasty. Recipe supplied by a Dutch lady passed on by her mother



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SWIMMING POOL OPENING 16TH NOVEMBER

Our beautiful new pool will be officially opened on **Friday November 16th at 3.00pm**. Please do feel very welcome to come down and celebrate this momentous occasion!! We are so very grateful to the whole community who have supported us in so many ways throughout the many years we have been fundraising for this pool.



Just for fun we have decided to allow the children, teachers and parents to vote for the person who will be the ice-breaker in the pool. If you would like to vote for someone please contact the school by email, phone or website. Each vote costs \$1. We still have to continue fundraising for the changing sheds.....

The PTA is hosting a Twilight Outdoor Concert at the Waitakaruru Arboretum Sculpture Park to raise funds for the school pool project. Bring your friends and families along to be entertained in this fabulous setting by some very talented local performers, including our own Fiona Bradley!

Fiona has arranged a programme of talented artists to perform a wide variety of music for you to enjoy. The line up includes Julia Booth, a winner of 2007/08 PWC Dame Malvina Major Emerging Artist award and recent winner of the NZ Aria Competition, and other well-known Waikato vocalists Sam Weir, Nick Wilkinson, Pamela Wallace, Sam Cleaver and Gary Snape. Together, they will perform a delightful mix of music and song, including the popular Swing/Jazz songs of the Rat Pack and Gershwin to the big ballads of Streisand & Eva Cassidy and some of the

world's most popular musical theatre and classical numbers. It is not often you find entertainers of such quality with the versatility to cover this range of music.

The concert will be held on Sunday 2 December. Tickets cost \$40 which covers entry to the sculpture park (from 2pm), the concert (at 5pm), and a complimentary drink on arrival to the quarry.

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at the venue (cash only), and antipasto platters can be pre-ordered for \$25 (serves 2).

Tickets can be purchased from Janine Broekhuizen (ph 07-8240199 or email pta@tauwhare.school.nz), and will be available from next week.

CALF CLUB

What a fabulous turn out of lambs, kids and calves this year – 86 animals filled the four rings. Thank you to all of our judges and stewards who did an amazing job.

Congratulations to Ella Silvester who was champion of Champion for the Calves and to Charlie Scherer who won so many cups on his first Calf Club!



Pukeko Preschool October 2012

Pukeko Preschool ran a school holiday programme during the October school holidays. We followed the children's interests. Using our letter of the week 'J' we made wibbly wobbly jelly and jam tarts, and had lots of joy learning a song about jellyfish sitting on a rock.

Don't forget our \$10 portrait fundraiser through Jack'n'Jill Portraits on Sunday 4 November. For \$10 you receive a free portrait sitting and a 10"x13" portrait, with the option to purchase more photos if you would like to – great for Christmas presents! We still have some spaces available - please phone Sara on 824 0963 for more information or to make a booking.

We have a number of spaces available in October and November, across all days. If you are on the waiting list for next year but would like to start a bit earlier please contact us. We have fewer children leaving for school next year so won't have as many spaces available. Call in and see us, we are open from 8.45 to 1.15, or phone 824 0860 or email pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz



The final term is now well underway. It is hoped that families had a restful break and also enjoyed those special holiday activities.

Between now and the end of the term, which finishes on Monday 17 December we have a very busy time of school wide events, reporting to parents and end of year celebrations.

Year Six

This is a special term for our Year 6 students. In just a few school weeks time we celebrate their time at Newstead and then they move on to begin their two exciting years at Intermediate School.

Their final year at primary school is so important. Year Six have the opportunity to develop leadership skills and fulfil a range of task related responsibilities.

They are expected to make the most of their learning opportunities. We are proud of what individuals achieve within learning areas and because of this foundation, firmly believe they settle into the Intermediate School environment most successfully.

The Citizenship Award recognises the development of personal attributes and celebrates the progress particular individuals make in this regard.



Agricultural Day

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paula Kenny for her wonderful hard work in organising Agricultural Day. Paula has spent a considerable amount of time during the last two months preparing for this event. It is because of her interest and dedication to task that we are able to give children the opportunity to nurture and to show animals. As times change and the demographic nature of the district evolves we are still able to maintain our rural identity.

Paula is supported by the PTA to make, this day, the special occasion it is.

The day was very successful with lots of ribbons and trophies collected. The children were proud and talented in their management of their pets on a windy and unsettled day. Thanks to the community for joining us on the Friday and making the day a special one yet again.

Flower Show

We have just had another very successful flower show where every child at the school had the opportunity to create gorgeous creations using a variety of materials. Our categories were quite extensive and covered: sand saucers, table posies, flower arrangements, Vegetable creations, aqua jars and miniature gardens, our photos show the pride our children had in their creations!



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to the Bowling Club's final news report for 2012. Our season is officially over and we will begin the 2013 season on 7th March 2013.

The Christmas Tournament was a huge success with 20 teams taking part. Thank you to all our Club members for their input – organizing teams, setting up the hall in the afternoon and cleaning the hall afterwards, donations for the raffles, plates for supper, doing dishes and looking after the raffles during the evening. This co-operation is a tradition which always comes to the fore when there are jobs to be done.

Congratulations to Karen McNally who was awarded the cup for the Most Improved Player and congratulations to Melita Bargh who won the Points Cup.

Results:

20th September 2012 – President's and Vice President's Night

- Winners R Bargh, K McNally
- Runners Up J Arnold, L Verner

27th September 2012 – Patrons Night

- Winners J Bargh, B McNally
- Runners Up D Appleton, N Woodcock

11th October 2012 – Christmas Tournament (Rinks)

- Winners P Stewart's Team - Puketaha
- Runners Up I Wallace's Team – Matangi
- Top Tauwhare Team L Grieveson, J Cottle, C McNally, B Grieveson



A very special thank you to the people connected with the Tauwhare Transmitter and Eureka Express for publishing our reports.

To all our readers - have a safe and merry time over the Christmas holiday time.

Out & About

9th October 2012 - Gordonton Christmas Tournament

- Winners J Bargh, R Coxon, G Mayall, K Williams

Robin Bargh - Phone 824 1819

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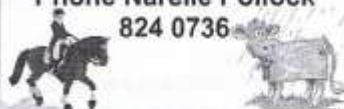
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IN YOUR GARDEN

Generally frosts have retreated making it safe to plant out tender vegetable seedlings and subtropical fruits. Spring growth will shortly be in full swing and in many areas well advanced, which means feeding is most important. Keeping weeds at bay and watching for insect pests is also important in early spring to prevent a catastrophe later on. Sow main season summer vegetables including tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, peppers, eggplant, and sweetcorn. In a sheltered corner, plant runner and dwarf beans, pumpkin, and zucchini. Plant successive batches of mesclun or summer lettuce every three weeks to maintain a regular supply of fresh salad greens.



Be prepared for damaging equinoctial winds by ensuring plants are well staked and seedlings well protected. Broad bean harvest begins. Pick young pods to slice like beans or leave for inner beans to mature. Snip mesclun lettuce mix and cut and come again regularly to promote fresh growth. Continue to harvest winter broccoli, cabbages and cauliflowers.



Fabulous flowers, plant now a mix of annual bulbs and perennials to fill your garden and vases with fragrance and colour year round. Suggestions are, hellebores, petunias, queen annes lace, gladioli, hydranges, love in the mist, sweet peas, poppies, dahlias, nicotiana, cosmos, roses, lupins, tulips, polly daises, sunflowers, nasturtiums, carnations and delphiniums to name a few.

Its time to plant waterlily bulbs, plant them in a mixture of compost and grit in an old plastic pot or purpose made basket. Place in the pond to a suitable depth in still water, you may have to put a brick underneath.

Groom lawns, scatter fertilizer and weed. October is the best time to sow new lawn seed.

Make room for plants that are coming back to life after the winter chills. Protect plants such as Hostas with snail bait. A good tip is to place the bait in a screw bottle top and cover with a paua shell, or similar to keep the bait dry.

Tidy camellias, clear away blooms to combat disease, you may notice some late flowering camellias with brownish blooms – is it rain damage or has petal blight struck? Either way clean up the flowers and trim the bush.



Plant another batch of potatoes now, and keep mounding up previously planted ones.

Be safe. It's not just sunscreen you'll need from now on. Check your garden for hidden hazards. Cover sharp stakes with small pots to avoid eye injuries. Wear long gloves to protect arms from scratches or rashes. Clear pathways – you can't always see what's in front of you when you're carrying a bag of weeds.

Happy gardening, Jennifer

Strawberries



Delightful and full of age-defying nutrients!



Yum!

Its that time of the year again when we can enjoy a bowl of beautiful strawberries and ice-cream. They make a delicious easy dessert and also a great smoothie, jam or cheesecake. They are also very good for us. So pop some into the families lunch box.

We are so lucky to have the local strawberry farms so i put them in the freezer so i have a supply all year.

Strawberries were prized by the ancient romans for their therapeutic properties. Research shows they are packed with vitamin C, fibre, ellagic acid, phytochemical shown to help fight cancer and destroy toxins. They also contain "b" vitamins which supports the nervous system and helps with the stress and builds a resistance to disease. The fibre is great for the bowel. Low in kilojoules so good for weight loss.

Nutrients

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Folklore

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Note: Some people can be allergic to strawberries as they contain a natural common allergen called salicylate – an aspirin like compound.

We are what we eat!

By Cheryl McFarlane

U-Boat lurking in Lake Karapiro

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, the Armistice to end the First World War was signed. No country sent its soldiers as far as New Zealand did to fight in the First World War and few countries suffered such high losses.

Each year there is a celebration of New Zealand's military heritage hosted by the town of Cambridge. This year it is in the exciting new venue of the Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro. Featuring a wide range of activities for the whole family, this year the Royal New Zealand Navy will have a presence due to the availability of the lake.

The Navy is sending down a **Seasprite** helicopter and will also demonstrate the handling of the RIB, a coastal patrol vessel. Also present will be a collection of fully functioning privately owned tanks, including a Scorpion, WW2 Stuart and the very rare Abbot.

There is understood to be a **U-Boat** lurking in Lake Karapiro and a **P-51 Mustang** will make an appearance with the intention of locating and sinking the U-Boat. Protecting the submarine however it a **Messerschmitt Me108**, so a dog fight will be inevitable. All will be at low level for easy spectator viewing. There may also be a big surprise in store for spectators.

A particular crowd favourite each year is the **militaria hall**, where historic badges, uniforms, books and guns are bought, sold and swapped. This year a record number of tables have been booked for such vendors.

Reenactments of famous battles will take place at regular intervals, from WW1, WW2, the Boar War, Vietnam and there will even be a Romans Gladiator battle demonstrated.

A **model competition** is being run with fantastic prizes and the winners will be on display, along with radio controlled warships, which will be on the lake.

Also present will be the NZ Military Cadets (Army, sea and ATC) who will run their own competition and welcome all teens to consider joining. If the military

may be a career option for a family member, the NZ Armed Forces will have a recruitment caravan on site.

This a varied and exciting event with a packed programme of activities. More information can be found at the event's Facebook page or web site.

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New Zealand in the First World War

As already mentioned, New Zealand suffered huge casualties in the First World War. The final tally of New Zealand casualties numbered 18,166 dead and 41,317 wounded, a total of 59,483 out of the 100,444 soldiers and nurses sent overseas. This was an enormous cost for a nation that in 1914 had an estimated population of a little over one million.

Armistice in Cambridge aims to not just celebrate the successes of New Zealand's military heritage, but also to commemorate the efforts of those who became casualties.

The Poppy in the logo

Armistice in Cambridge uses a poppy in its logo. The poppy's significance to Armistice Day, and to Anzac Day, is the result of John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields'. The poppy emblem was chosen because of the poppies that bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in the Great War, their red colour an appropriate symbol for the bloodshed of trench warfare.

As part of the event, a ceremony will be held at the Town Hall in Cambridge at 10a on the morning of the 11th to commemorate those who fell in the Great War. All welcome.

Dates: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November
Gates open at 9:00am each day and close at 4:00
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Keeping cats and dogs secure

- Make sure your dog or cat always has somewhere to hide if he or she wants to and has access to this place at all times. For example this could be under some furniture or in a cupboard.
- During firework seasons, walk dogs during daylight hours and keep cats and dogs indoors when fireworks are likely to be set off.
- At nightfall close windows and curtains and put on music to mask and muffle the sound of fireworks.
- If your pet shows any signs of fear try to ignore their behaviour. Leave them alone unless they are likely to harm themselves.
- Never punish or fuss over your pet when it's scared as this will only make things worse in the long run.
- Make sure your cat or dog is always kept in a safe and secure environment and can't escape if there's a sudden noise. Have your pet microchipped in case they do escape.

Don't forget small animals

- If your pets live outside, partly cover cages, pens and aviaries with blankets so that one area is well sound-proofed. Make sure that your pet is still able to look out.
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Farm Discussion Group report October 2012

Hi all I write this after a beautiful sunny and hot day hopefully it may be the start of a warmer spring, as it has not been to kind so far. Our last group was held at Dave Verytt's lease farm on Woodlands road. The topics up for discussion were water variation 6 and the effluent checks going on by environment Waikato plus the daily goings on, on the farm.

This was the second season of the lease on the farm and production is on the improve. The farm is now doing 1000 ms/ha with a target of 1200 as an on-going production level. We discussed how best to achieve this. Options were to grow more maize on farm as some needed regrassing, turnips or not and the option of bought in feed such as palm kernel or maize. General comments suggested growing feed on farm as this was the cheapest source especially if paddocks were poor to start with. Means getting 30 tonnes of DM/ha as opposed to 9 tonne. Overall the farm was looking great in a hard season and was set up well for mating.

We had a representative from Environment Waikato there to answer questions on Variation 6 and effluent issues. Variation 6 is all about applying for resource consent if you use more the 15000 litres of water a day per title to wash down your cowshed and water used to cool your milk. Most of us in this area do not exceed this and need not to do anything but it was suggested that you get a consent as in the future it will be helpful if they change the rules.

The other issue facing most of us peat farmers is that we are all getting visited by E.W who are looking at our effluent system to see if they are up to scratch as peat soils are seen as high risk for non-compliance. I have heard varying reports from these visits some with a couple of minutes warning of their arrival and some a couple of days. Also they have been asking farmers to prove there pond is not leaking even if it seems as if it is not. I have been in contact with other farmers in other areas with the same issue's and feel that we need to keep talking about this as a group as some of what they have been asking of farmers is unreasonable and we need to talk to fellow farmers of their experiences with E.W so we are all well informed on what changes need to be done. We as farmers do have a responsibility to look after the environment and need to keep improving out practices but this needs to be handled sensibly and in a realistic manner.

I am not sure of our next group at this stage but will be on the second Tuesday of November at 11am. See you all there.

Cheers all tight lines
Brett Gordon



Veterinarian care for calves, lambs and kids

Dehorning – most calves and kids will grow horns. These are felt as little stubs between the ears when the animal is very young. The buds can be removed by a vet from two weeks of age however after 6 weeks of age full sedation will be requiring when dehorning.



Vaccinations – give us a call to discuss which inoculations are best for your animal. Generally we recommend 2 injections, 4 weeks apart of 7 in 1 vaccine starting at 12 weeks of age. We can also provide you with individual doses which you can administer to your animals yourself.

Parasites – worms can become a problem for your animals once they start to eat grass. To stop the first cycle of larval development you need to drench your calf or lamb after 3 weeks on pasture feed or out of the rearing shed. We recommend Arrest, available only from veterinarian clinics as poor on does not enable the calf to develop their immune system to fight larvae. We also recommend giving calves a 'Weaning Drench' once they are between 100-120kg of either Dectomax or Genesis Injection. Call us to discuss what suits your needs best.

Lice commonly occur in calves and needs to be treated if affected. You will see the animals rubbing and scratching against poles and losing the hair around their necks. Even if you only see one animal affected with lice, treat ALL as they are highly contagious.



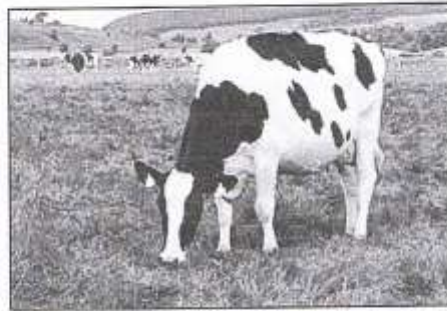
Docking/castrating – rubber elastrator rings can be used up to 2 months of age; however it is ideally done as young as possible. Ensure the ring is the correct size so any doubts, please check. We are happy to provide this service for you.

Zoonoses – this is the name given to diseases which animals can pass onto humans. Good hygiene and protective clothing will be sufficient in most cases to prevent picking up the diseases. One of the biggest threats is leptospirosis. This is spread via infected urine and often the infected animal will be displaying no signs of symptoms so you have no idea they are spreading it.

Another big threat is stomach and intestinal infections, particularly from animals with diarrhoea. Wear gloves when handling sick or scouring animals, especially during the calf/lamb/kid rearing season and be sure to always wash your hands after being in contact with animals.

Consulting Officer Comment

The season has continued cool resulting in correspondingly slower than normal growth. This has caused some people a spot of bother. In fact many people. I know of one very good farmer who bought their first lot of supplement this spring on the 10th of October. They hadn't been feeding supplement since calving but things had got too tight feed wise. Unbelievable for mid October!



I don't have lots of actual data at the time of writing but it appears that submission rates have been pretty good despite the pretty variable pasture covers. This just proves the importance of good body condition at calving. It is the single biggest factor in determining reproductive performance.

The following DairyNZ organised events coming up in November are worth putting in your calendar. Some of these are once a year opportunities.

- 1) **Dairy Effluent Field Day:** An important Farm Dairy Effluent Field Day is being held at Jason & Lisa Suisted's farm, 1006 Woodlands Road on November 7th at 10:30am. This will be a practical look at upgrading dairy farm effluent systems to be compliant. Simple tips too on how to bring efficiencies so any changes needed and associated upgrade costs are minimised. Peat soils are classed as 'high risk' and are receiving increased attention by Regional Council inspectors. Get on the front foot and do some investigation as to what this may mean for your farm. This is a great opportunity to talk it over with independent DairyNZ specialists in this field.
- 2) **Variation 6 Meeting re consents to take dairy shed wash down and cooling water:** This is another hot topic and one you should have got a letter about from Regional Council a month ago. We had a discussion about this at last Discussion Group. This meeting is one of several DairyNZ is running in the Waikato to help dairy farmers understand what they need to do, if anything. Brigid Buckley of DairyNZ will speak and provide some tools she has developed to help farmers understand the implications for their farm. 7:00pm at the Gordonton Hall on Tuesday November 20th.
- 3) The next meeting of the Eureka Discussion Group is Tuesday 13th November. Further details via text or on the website.



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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

If you travel through Tauwhare village at night you will have noticed the **red 'cats eyes'** on either side of Tauwhare Road which are extremely effective as a marker for the road edging. It appears at this stage that they have had the desired effect of reducing motorists speed through the village and therefore reducing the accident rate. I wish Council had identified this option sooner as a safety measure.

Have you visited the latest market day in the district? **Gordonton** now has a **Market Day** on the second Saturday of each month. A large variety of produce and craft stalls are drawing large crowds. Even in the pouring rain on 13 October it was difficult to find a car park.

The **Christmas** decorations go up in **Woodlands Homestead** at Gordonton at the end of November. The homestead and café will be open every day through the holiday season except the statutory holidays - Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and 2nd January. Woodlands estate is owned by the Waikato District Council and the gardens are open free to the public seven days a week: 10am - 4pm. There is a small entry fee to visit the homestead - \$5 per adult, children under 15 free.

Council has just let a five year contract for **fire security system inspection**, testing and maintenance. When the contract is put in place Hall Committees will be advised that they will no longer be responsible for arranging the servicing of their fire extinguishers etc. The servicing charge will be at a far better rate than individual hall committees would pay for servicing and will be charged against the rateable income received by each Hall Committee.

When the Expressway is built through the back of Huntly, the **Huntly Gun Club** will be relocated approximately 600 metres east from its current McVie Road site to 66 Evans Road.

The **Inorganic Refuse Collection 2012** starts on Monday 29th October and will be completed on Saturday 1st December. The collection date for a property depends on the day of the week that the property receives its weekly refuse collection and these dates are listed on the information leaflet that will be delivered to all houses that get the normal weekly collection service. Any enquiries to the contractor, Metrowaste, on 0800 935 935.

Are you connected to the Southern Districts Water Scheme? It is important you check that no water is 'disappearing'. Did you know that a 'drip' a second is roughly 25 litres of water in 24 hours so this can add up very quickly? The Council reads water meters every six months so they **recommend you read your own meter regularly** to check your average water consumption has not increased which could indicate you have a leaking pipe or water fitting. **Read the black on white digits** - the red and white dials are partial units.

Does your club or organization have an event coming up? You can advertise in the Council's **Link** publication. Notices or enquiries to narelle.barrowcliffe@waikdc.govt.nz Items for the next issue close at the end of October.

Would you like to drive your own car on a racetrack? Here's your chance. On 28 October from 8:30am - 4:00pm, at a cost of \$135 for a 15 minute session, you can drive your car on the Hampton Downs Racetrack. Three classes: Saloon race, saloon road and open wheeler. Safety gear is required and is available for hire. Bookings essential www.hdticketing.co.nz

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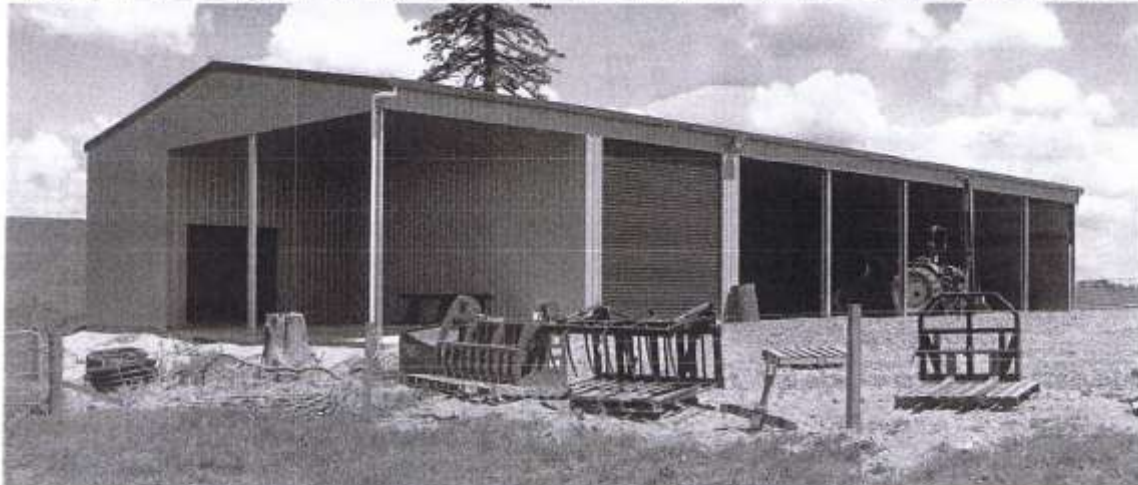
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