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Important Events

Tuesday, 5 March 2013...



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Coming Soon To A Store Near You...





CENSUS 2013 NEW ZEALAND CENSUS 2013

Statistics New Zealand is required by law to hold a census every five years. The census scheduled for March 2011 was postponed following the Christchurch earthquake in February 2011.

With the gap between censuses this time being seven years instead of five years, it is more important that every single person completes a census form either on line or collected at your door by a census collector.

The information you give in the census is needed for planning vital public services such as education, health, housing and transport. It is also used to help understand how our society changes over time.

Together we can provide a picture of New Zealand at this point in time and we need everyone to take part for that picture to be an accurate one. It will tell us more about who we are and where our taxes need to be spent.

During the period 16 February to 5 March 2013, expect a visit from the census collector to deliver a dwelling form and a personal form for every person staying in your house to fill out, on the Tuesday 5 March 2013.

We invite you to fill the forms out on line, it is much easier and you then don't have to be bothered by the collector again. Your collector can show you how to do this.

From 6 March to 17 March if you have not completed them on line the forms will be collected.

The next census is on Tuesday 5 March 2013 and will be an exciting event for all New Zealand.

GUEST EDITORIAL

How the years fly by.

When I moved to Eureka I had a six month old little boy called Caleb. Well that was 14 years ago. Since then I added two more children, Eden who is now 13, and Shanie who is now 11. Before I knew it...I had a kid at school, got divorced, then remarried, and inherited two step kids. Well 14 years after moving to my home in the country I now have two kids in college, one at intermediate, I have a one year old granddaughter and now at the end of the year have my 40th fast approaching.

My son has a real talent for welding and designing all sorts of things, from harvestors and diggers to animals for garden ornaments, All out of scrap steel. Eden and Shanie are arty to, from designing clothes to art and crafts, they to have a talent being creative. Where they got it from you may ask, well, I to am an arty person. From drawing and painting in my teens, to woodworking, and now I show my art mostly through the cakes I make. Mainly I make kids birthday cakes, from tractors to animals to cartoon characters, I have a lot of fun designing and making them around peoples requests.



So as the years fly by we find ourselves the same, but yet different, we feel young still, but the birthday number often starts to tell a different story. We change along the way but in the long run are we not often the same as we started.

So enjoy the years as they go, live life to the fullest, and take time to enjoy your kids and your life as it wizzes by, it's a fun ride, hang on and have fun.

Liana Adamson-Coop

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION



Due to Easter falling in late March this year the annual Eureka Express Easter Colouring Competition entry forms for 2013 are being circulated with this February issue of the E. Express. This will enable judging to be completed and prizes distributed before Easter.

Please note that more copies of the competition entry form are available from Eureka Motors. We look forward to lots of lovely entries.

SNIPPETS



NEW COLUMNIST: A big welcome this month to our new Recipe guru, Michelle Arundel. We look forward to her recipes and thank her sincerely for volunteering her time. If you have a favourite recipe to share do contact Michelle on 8241746

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to James and Stephanie King of Hinton Road, who wed in Taupo on January 24th. Every best wish to you both for a wonderful future together.



RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS to Geoff and Diane Hinton who celebrated this milestone on January 27th. They married in Te Aroha 40 years ago and are wished many more good years together.

BIRTHS. NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS to Dan and Abbie Hinton who were delighted to welcome a bonny son, Joe Ross, on February 21st. A lovely brother for Charlotte and another darling grandchild for Diane and Geoff. Very best wishes to all.



AND NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS also to Lionel and Gayle Orr who welcomed with delight another lovely grandson, Reid Jac Carroll, on January 19th. A treasured wee son for Nicola and Steve and a dear little brother for Dion, Sean and Adam. Very best wishes to all.

WELCOME TO EUREKA TO:

- Rod Budd and Nerissa Kirby who are recent arrivals on Hooper Road (ex Woolstons)
A warm welcome to you both. Ph 8241661

EXAM CONGRATULATIONS. Well done to all secondary students who achieved good results in their NCEA exams, and all the best to school leavers as they tackle further education or begin their first jobs.



Jessica Shed is heading off to Auckland University to study for a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in sport and exercise science and pharmacology.

And **Olivia Zeeders** begins her Nursing studies at WINTEC, Hamilton.

YOUNG COCKIES. CONGRATULATIONS to local lad, Cameron Mayall, who entered the AgriKids Challenge at the Waikato/BOP Regional final of the ANZ Young Farmer contest held at St Paul's on February 16th. Cameron 12, and his "Young Cockies" team mates Ethan Morris and Jason Barker, both 10 years old, won the competition and have qualified to compete in the AgriKids Challenge at the National Young Farmer Grand Final at Auckland in May. Good luck boys.

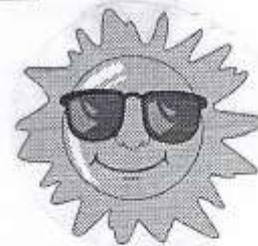
Sincere condolences

are extended to Brian and Yoland Insoll and family on the death of Brian's mother, Mrs Joy Insoll, at Te Kauwhata on February 4th.

RAINFALL

	December 2012	Year to 31 st December
Total (mm)	116	1179
Average (1994-2012)	112	1187
Difference	+4	-8

Rainfall recorded on 16 days.



	January 2013
Total (mm)	17.5
Average (1994-2013)	86
Difference	-68.5

Rainfall recorded on 7 days.

Since January 1994 only less rain was recorded in 2008 when 3 mm fell and this was followed by a dry February with 12mm. The next lowest was January 2001 when 23 mm was recorded and this was followed by 160 mm in February

Eureka Junior Badminton Club

AGM

Wednesday 13 March at 7.00pm

Matangi Hall



All Welcome. Enquiries to Vanessa Mason 829 5314



Pukeko Preschool, Tauwhare

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

Susan and the Pukeko Preschool team are delighted to introduce Nola Herrmann and Sarah Kibby, our new qualified educators. It was lovely to see our children and families back after their summer break, and we are looking forward to a fun and exciting year.

At this stage, we have spaces available on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact us on 824 0860 or pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz to enquire about enrolments, or to put your child's name on our waiting list.

MARKET PLACE

AVON – not just makeup. Avon now sells world-class skincare, fragrance, and fashion jewellery lines as well as bath & body products like sunscreen, body lotions and shower gels. Phone Ros Chambers on 8241611 if you would like to see a brochure.

WANTED FIREWOOD

If you have anything suitable that I can cut up and take away, could you please contact Andrew on 824 1963



FOR SALE

4 bedroom home on ha (2.5 acres), Scotsman Valley Road \$570,000. Walking distance to Tauwhare School and Pukeko Preschool, zoned for Berkley and Hillcrest. Very Private home down a long driveway. New carpet and paint, renovated kitchen. Call for more information or to view: 0292 998 909.

HOUSE WANTED TO RENT

House 3 – 4 bedrooms, in Eureka/Newstead/Matangi area. Please phone Sally 027 2432317

HOME WANTED

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Tauwhare School

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0207 184000



Welcome to our 2013 school year. The holidays seemed to stretch for ages, and the beautiful weather helped to make it very relaxing and refreshing. Our roll is 151. We welcome our many new families to Tauwhare School. We also



welcome Mrs Emma Elliot to Room 4. Many of you will know her as Miss Oakley. Emma got married in the holidays. Congratulations Emma and Chris!!

The new classroom (Room 7) is coming along nicely. We hope to be in it by the end of April. In the meantime Kirsty Gilroy has done a great job in setting up the Multi-Purpose Room as a classroom. Kirsty is loving teaching the Year 2 level; we frequently move our teachers around the levels as every teacher is fully trained to teach all levels from Year 1 through to Year 8.



Our new deck area outside the classes at the front of the school looks wonderful. It is already being very well used – it makes a great assembly

area. During the holidays these classrooms were insulated so they will be nice and cosy come winter.

The new pool was well used over the holiday period. I commended the children at assembly today for looking after the pool and changing rooms so well. Thank you to **Graham Mayall** for keeping the pool looking so fresh and sparkling clean and to **my dad** for helping me to polyurethane the changing sheds.

We must give a huge thank you to **Gary Brown** who made our lovely ladder for the swimming pool. Gary had done so much for us; he designed and made the Pukeko letter box, the Tauwhare School sign above the entrance, Anne's Wall and the shade structure over the pool. Thank you Gary!

STAFFING

We welcome back all of our staff from last year and Mrs Elliot, our new Yr 1 teacher:

Room 1	Year 6	Ms Quinn (DP)
Ms Melton (withdrawal groups 9am – 12.30pm)		
Room 2	Year 4 & 5	Mr Quenby
Room 3	Year 3 & 4	Miss Wrigg
Room 5	Year 2 & 3	Mrs Cook (AP)
Room 7	Year 2	Mrs Gilroy
Room 6	Year 1 & 2	Miss McCambridge
Room 4	Year 1	Mrs Elliot

Teacher Aides: Ms Mitchell, Mrs Vink, Mrs Mead, Mrs Hogarty, Mrs Hart
Secretary: Paula Brown

SCHOOL PICNIC

What a fabulous day we had at the School Picnic!! We had a wonderful turn out of children and their families.

Congratulations to Heath MacEwan who won the Smith Steel Cup for the 50 metre race. And what a race it was with Luke Aldred, second, being beaten by a nose and Taylor Buckley a very close third.



The parents/teachers vs children's race was also a nail-biter with the adults winning on the last stroke.

Thank you to the PTA for covering the costs and for the refreshing ice block. Thank you to Ms McCambridge & Mr Quenby for organising a very successful swimming sports.

Adam's Recount of His Picnic Day.....

I swam and splashed in the big pool like a dolphin diving up and down. My mum and sister and I travelled in the car. Finally we arrived at the Cambridge pools. I missed the first races for Tauwhare School picnic.

Adam aged 7 yrs

Don't forget the school CARNIVAL.....Friday March 22nd 4.30pm – 8.30pm.

★ **STEP RIGHT UP** ★
to the

TAUWHARE SCHOOL

TWILIGHT

GARNIVAL

Stalls

Games

Live Acts ★

Bouncy Castles ★

★ **Bull Rides**

★ **Raffles**

Food & FUN

and
Much More!

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

4.30 TO 8.30 PM ★

LET'S LOOK FORWARD FOR EUREKA

In 2006 the people of Eureka got together, formed a Community Planning Committee and, with the help of Waikato District Council, sorted out a Community Plan.

The idea caught on, and the districts which surround us, Newstead, Matangi, and Tauwhare, also produced Community Plans over time.

The Council reports that it has found these plans to be of great help in developing the wider district plans, including the Structure Plans which sort out the infrastructure needed for new growth areas and developments.

We've had our Plan now for seven years, and the Council has suggested that we, and the other districts, review our plans at the same time, with the findings possibly printed together in one larger booklet this time, with separate sections for each district.

Longer term residents may, or may not, still have their copy of the 2006 plan, but those newer to the district could possibly be unaware of its existence.

The original plan had some high sounding Links to Community Outcomes, but also a page of Specific Issues and Projects that Eureka felt strongly about for their area.

We've seen some changes in seven years (eg having our local primary school closed), but we've also achieved a number of the goals we set as specifics. These include the changes around the Eureka/Hunter Rd/SH26 intersection, with yellow lines and big signage, a bus stop on SH26 at the Hall for the kids to catch buses to town schools, a reduction in speed limits and barrier indicators on Eureka Road to make it safer to walk along to the garage/shop and main road. And recently we got a great deal on storage facilities for our considerable local archives, which will go in the Hall.

We also had a number of meetings with Council people about recreation facilities and walking tracks. Unfortunately the GFC and tight budgets have precluded much in the way of results on that yet. We were invited to attend a Council get together of Community Board and Committee reps on the topic of waste disposal, to help them progress their aspirations for zero waste by 2020. And don't forget we've also got recycling these days, which was a huge step forward a few years ago.

So: As the current Chair of our Community Planning Committee I've met with Chairs from the other districts and the Council, and we've been asked to call separate local meetings of our residents to start the thinking on updating our Plan. The Council wants to do the whole process by mid-year, to fit round their planning dates, so we'll need to get on with it.

I've booked the Eureka Hall for 7pm on Wednesday 6th March and we'd love it if you'd all turn up with your ideas for what you want, and don't want, for Eureka in the next five years. The Council will also come and talk about the wider issues, but this is OUR chance to say how we see our community and what we want for Eureka. Getting our Plan gave us recognition by both Council and Government agencies. So when we get a chance to use 'People Power' let's use it!

Sue Edmonds
824 1944



WATER SOURCES FOR THE FIRE SERVICE



A few years ago we compiled a list of swimming pools and ponds around Eureka, where the owners had agreed that, in an emergency, the Fire Service could pump and use the water to put out local fires.

We created the list as the result of a local fire in Manor Park, where the Fire Service dashed off to Eureka School to get water, only to find that the new owners had removed the swimming pool!

The potential revision of the Community Plan reminded me that this list is probably out of date these days. I have talked to the relevant Fire Service manager (East Waikato).

They are currently going through an update of resources for the whole region, so he was delighted to think that we could be helpful again with details of water sources.

So, if you have a swimming pool, or a big pond, and would be happy to be included on a 'Water Resources' list for Eureka, could you either ring or email me with details, address, and contact number, and I'll forward the list to the Fire Service.

Sue Edmonds
824 1944
sue.edmonds@clear.net.nz



Tauwhare Playgroup



Playgroup is up and running again for the year. As the school is using the multi-purpose room while their lovely new classroom is being built, the church is kindly letting us use their hall.

We have a new coordinator for the year. Karina is mum to 18 month old Lily, and has heaps of ideas for games and crafts. Karina is a familiar face in playgroup, attending since Lily was 3 months old. "I started attending playgroup as an excuse to get out of the house and enjoy a social coffee with other parents. As I don't have children going to the preschool, or the school, I have found going to the playgroup has brought me into the community, rather than just living in the district."

We have lots of toys catering for children from newborn to 4/5 years old.

We meet every Thursday from 9am-12 noon. But come along anytime that suits and stay as long as you want. Enjoy a free tea or coffee, gossip and meet some new friends.

For more information contact Karina on 8240932. Like us on facebook to keep up date with what's happening. [Facebook/groups/tauwhareplaygroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/tauwhareplaygroup)

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Pop in - Free Entry To Painting Exhibition From 25th February With Complementary Tea & Coffee

The Waikato Sculpture Trust is holding an exciting new event--- get a chance to stop in for a cuppa and enjoy artists interpretations of our local landscape.

INSPIRING CREATIVE SPACES – PAINTERS AT THE PARK

- From Sun 24th Feb – Sat 9th March-- Exhibition of their paintings at the Park near the entrance. Photographs of the paintings can also be viewed on the gallery section of our website from the 25th February www.sculpturepark.co.nz
- 5 pm, Sat 9th March – auction of paintings and some sculpture as a fundraiser for the Trust

(Entry fees to the current sculpture exhibition in the Park still apply.)



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Painters at the Park

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Sun 24 Feb–Sat 9 Mar; Exhibition at the Park of finished work by all 18 participating Artists
Sat 9 Mar – don't miss the auction 
(Free entry to auction and exhibition site only)

Michael Barker	Jill Perrott
Jos Coufreur	Donn Ratana
Peter Dornauf	Carole Shepherd
Teuila Fatupaito	Diane Scott
Jo Gallagher	Jane Siddall
Colin Gibbs	James Sutherland
Sheena Lomas	Pauline Tapping
Sofia Minson	Faith Thomas
Bernadette Parsons	Pam Watson



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TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS

Welcome to the club's first news for 2013. I trust everyone has had an enjoyable Festive Season, and those able to have had a break and a holiday.

Opening Night

Thursday Night 7th March 7pm at the Tauwhare Hall

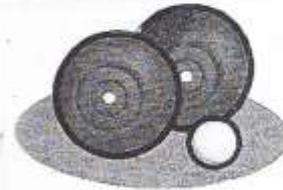
Members a plate please

Visitors are always welcome, so do come along. You will be made very welcome. All you require is to wear a flat smooth-soled pair of shoes or slippers. If you would like more information please contact any committee member:

Patron:	Reg Coxon	Ph 8278911
President:	Andrew McNally	Ph 8241697
Vice President:	Jim Bargh	Ph 8241100
Secretary	Robin Bargh	Ph 8241819
Treasurer	Rosalie Arnold	Ph 078874832

Match committee:

John Cottle	Ph 82400992
Lochie Verner	Ph 824 0716
Kevin Williams	Ph 8240728
Neville Woodcock	Ph 8240817
Bev Meads	Ph 8533410



Subscriptions – Members \$52 Junior \$32

Up and coming dates

March 7 th	Opening Night
14 th	Club Night
28 th	Mulholland Trophy
April 4 th	Triples Championship (Prior entry)

To all our members and new members "Good Bowling" for the 2013 season

Robin Bargh Ph 8241819

LADIES A PLATE

Zucchini/Courgette Chocolate Cake (yum)

125g butter
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups grated Zucchini/Courgette (squeeze juice out)

3 eggs
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup yoghurt
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon mixed spice (or can swap for powdered chilli)
1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Line 25cm Square tin
Mix all dry ingredients together
Cream butter and sugar
Add eggs one at a time in the creamed butter and sugar
Stir in vanilla essence and yoghurt
Add grated zucchini and dry ingredients and mix well
Pour in tin and bake at 170C for 45 minutes
Ice when cold



Zucchini Quiche

In a bowl mix the following:

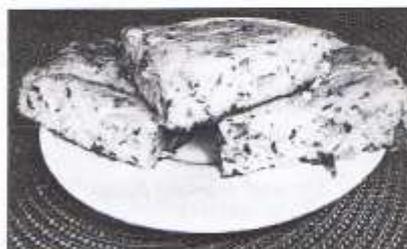
3 zucchini grated (squeeze juice out)
1 onion chopped
salt n pepper
3 tomatoes chopped

In another bowl
1/2 cup oil) whisk together
5 eggs)

Stir the oil and egg mixture into the first bowl
Bake at 190C for approximately 40 minutes or until firm to touch

Delicious either hot or cold with a salad

1 cup grated cheese
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup bacon/ham chopped



IN YOUR GARDEN



Trust all you wonderful gardeners have had a good break and are all well rested and are raring to go as there is much to be done in the garden.

After the first blooming, many roses and hydrangeas lose their vigour. This is often due to water stress and in their weakened state they may succumb to diseases. Cut them back, water regularly and in the case of roses, feed them well. At the end of the day, all your plants really want is a little love and attention.

Feel the heat. Hot colours look great in autumn gardens. Last call to plant vibrant rudbeckias and heleniums for autumn show. Try burnt-orange for effect.

Forward planning. February is a good month to order plants. It may still be ridiculously hot outside, but garden centres order their winter selection of trees and scrubs now. If you are taken with a rare tree, or want a hard to find rose, ask now. It's also a good time to source fruit trees if you want them on dwarf stock. Snap up early spring bulbs, in garden centres now, especially the favourites like the highly scented Freesia and the Anemone "The Bride". Cool season charmers can be sown now. Try Calendulas, Pansies and Iceland poppies.

Propagate your own plants to save money. Take cuttings now from Kalmias, Clematis and Fuchsias. Side shoots of favourite Hydrangeas can also be removed and planted directly into the garden, they will soon grow new roots.



Your veggie garden may end up with huge gaps this month where your potato and pea crops have been dug out. Rather than leaving bare spots for weeds, sow onions and plenty of them. They will love the well-conditioned soil, and any nitrogen nodules left behind by peas. Deal to the weeds before they set seed. Pluck them out or cut the stems off just below the soil's surface with a sharp hoe. Drag the weeds off to the compost bin to roast or seeding weeds are best in the rubbish bin.

Give your vegetable crops a helping hand with soil moisture and feed to give them further advantage. Sow parsley everywhere, you'll never have too much. It looks good in the flower garden too. Don't forget to tidy up the Strawberry bed and plant Silverbeet.

I could go on and on, but most important is mulch to retain water, harvest tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn, zucchini, beetroots, beans. Make sauces, chutney, soups and pickles, jams and preserves. Tired at the thought of it all, I am!

Take care and happy gardening, Jennifer





Blueberries

They are delicious and nutritious!

Blueberries are high in Vitamin A and C, contain many important minerals and are low in calories – 45 calories per half cup

Unlike many berries which are so sour they have to be cooked with sugar to make them palatable, blueberries are naturally sweet and can be eaten raw, so preserving their vitamin C.

Blueberries are nature's convenience food, needing no peeling, hulling or pitting. They will keep for up to three weeks in the refrigerator and can be frozen indefinitely. Frozen blueberries remain free flow, and can be used the same as fresh.

Fresh blueberries make a delicious and attractive addition to fruit salad.

— you would need to eat around 200 g of fresh berries to meet the average adult's daily requirement. —

Traditionally, the berries were dried and used to cure diarrhoea and food poisoning. Medical research now offers a scientific basis for such remedies for they contain antibacterial compounds (called anthocyanins) which are particularly effective against some forms of *E. coli*, the main culprits in many gastrointestinal disorders.

Because the berries inhibit bacteria such as *E. coli* (which can spread up the urinary tract to the bladder), they are a valuable aid against recurrent urinary tract infections such as cystitis.

At the same time (like cranberries) blueberries contain a substance which can prevent infectious bacteria from clinging to the mucous membranes of the bladder and urethra.

Recent US studies suggest that the berries may improve sight and provide protection against worsening vision, glaucoma, cataracts and similar disorders; however, more research will be needed before these claims for the fruit can be finally proved or disproved.

Like many other berry fruits, blueberries are potential causes of allergic reactions, the most common symptoms of which are swelling of the lips and eyelids, and an itchy swollen rash.

Wholemeal Blueberry Muffins

2 cups plain flour
1 cup wholemeal flour
1 cup what germ/bran
3 tsp baking powder
4 tbsp butter (melted)
2 tbsp golden syrup
1 tsp cinnamon
1.2 tsp nutmeg
2 eggs
1.2 cup sugar
2 cups blueberries
1 ½ cups milk

Method:

Combine dry ingredients. Mix milk with beaten egg and sugar, add to dry ingredients. Mix in golden syrup and melted butter. Fold in blueberries. Spoon into patty pans. Sprinkle each muffin with cinnamon and sugar mixed in equal quantities. Bake at 200c (400F) for 10-12 mins.

**Deadline approaches for entries in the RWNZ
Enterprising Rural Women Awards 2013**

Women looking for new ways of promoting their small rural business are encouraged to enter the RWNZ Enterprising Rural Women Award 2013.



"With closing date of Friday 15 March now around the corner, we're reminding women to send in their entries," says Rural Women New Zealand national president, Liz Evans.

In their fifth year, the Awards attract good publicity for both entrants and winners, says Mrs Evans.

"Rural Women New Zealand's aim is to grow dynamic rural communities, and giving a boost to women in rural business is a very positive way of achieving this."

Last year's winner, Rose Voice of The Real Dog Equipment Company, urges women to enter, though she says she needed encouragement to do so herself.

"It's a typical Kiwi trait – and perhaps more for females – to think what they do is not good enough. But just go for it – don't have any doubts."

Since winning the award, Mrs Voice has seen her business go from strength to strength. She's taken on two extra machinists to keep up with demand for her specialist canine products and publicity surrounding the award has led to bookings for speaking engagements through to the end of the year.

The Awards attract diverse entries, and past winners include a traditional-style cheese maker, a farm walk and homestay enterprise, a forestry trucking company, and a merino sock manufacturer.

This year's award categories reflect this diversity.

The categories are 'Love of the Land' sponsored by Agrisea, for all animal and land-based businesses; 'Help I Need Someone' sponsored by Telecom, for enterprises providing a service; 'Making It In Rural' sponsored by Fly Buys for manufacturing and creative businesses; and 'Stay, Play, Rural' sponsored by Access Homehealth for tourism and hospitality ventures.

The Enterprising Rural Women Awards 2013 are open to small businesses with 10 full-time staff or less that have been operating for at least two years. If in partnership, women must be an active partner of 50 per cent or more. Past entrants are welcome to enter again. Each category winner will receive \$1000 and a trophy. They will go on to compete for the Supreme Award 2013, which will be announced at the Rural Women New Zealand national conference in Christchurch on Thursday 23 May, where rural fashion entrepreneur Peri Drysdale of Untouched World will be the special guest speaker.

Entry forms and further information can be found on the website: www.ruralwomen.org.nz.

For further information contact:

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CO Comment

Summer Dry

As I speak Waikato is on the brink of being declared a drought area. DairyNZ is also finalising some "Summer Dry" events for farmers affected by the very dry conditions.

Inevitably some discussion groups in mid to late March will have to be combined and made into "Summer Dry" field days. Our calendars are too full to have spare days for these events so please understand if some changes are made to our current Discussion Group plans.

High calibre speakers will present at these events. No I'm not necessarily talking about myself! Keep your ear to the ground for publicity.

A group is meeting each Friday lately to assess the 'drought' conditions and to come up with things to think about for the week ahead. These thoughts are sent out each week via email. Contact the DairyNZ Farmer Info line if you want to get the email and don't already. 0800 4 DAIRYNZ.

As I write, the Eureka Discussion Group is due to go to Martin and Mark Sings on SHWY 26 at Motumaoho, 10:45am on Tuesday 12th March. One of the interesting things will be comparing their 2 farms side by side and at different levels of feed inputs, through DairyBase.

Should this become a combined Summer Dry" event you will be notified by the usual text messages.

Lessons learned in the big dry of 2008 have seen many farmers much better prepared this time with supplement on hand. If this were not the case then then 2 – 4 kg DM of pasture commonly being fed, with little supplement, would result in very hungry cows or herds dried off.

MilkSmart Has Been And Gone

The big North Waikato MilkSmart event held on February 19th at Tainui Rd was a big success with the 200 farmers attending rating it very highly. Many aspects of milking efficiency and innovation were discussed.

I'm getting more farmers than normal phoning up to bounce ideas off for supplement purchasing or feeding. I'm happy to do this as you can cover quite a bit off in a 10 – 15 minute conversation.

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Puppy and Kitten Care

Summer is a busy time of year at the clinic. Lots of new pets are coming in 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. This will help them to develop:

- strong bones
- a good immune system
- glossy coat
- a healthy body

You may be surprised at how affordable a premium diet is when worked out on a daily rate. Premium foods have all their dietary requirements for growth and development and need no extra supplementation. Discount vouchers are available in the vaccination puppy/kitten packs to help get you started.

Worming and Flea Control

Worm burdens can cause some serious problems in puppies and kittens. Very young pets need regular worming up to 12 weeks of age and then they can be wormed once every 3 months from this age. Make sure that you are treating for both tapeworm and round worms.

The hot humid weather in the Waikato provides perfect conditions for flea numbers to 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 as well as being safe to you, e.g. Frontline Plus, Advantage, Advocate, Revolution, Comfortis.

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. You will be given a new pet pack filled with food, vouchers and lots of useful information when your puppy/kitten have their vaccinations.

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 throughout the year, please phone the clinic for more details.

Desexing

There are so many unwanted puppies and kittens that the SPCA has 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 6months of age. For more information please contact the clinic.

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

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Over the last decade, in collaboration with Community Committees, Council has been consulting with communities to develop **Community Plans**. These plans reflect the aspiration and vision of the communities and highlight the key issues and projects the community wishes to address. Council is now in the process of reviewing these plans. Sue Edmonds, the Chair of the Eureka Community Committee, has an article in this issue of the *Express* about a consultation meeting at Eureka Hall on 6th March. Please come along and give your thoughts for the future of your community. Sue and her committee would welcome your support.

In my last article I mentioned a planned update of the **Community Halls Draft Terms of Reference** (TOR). Four meetings are planned through the district to discuss this document and a meeting was held at Puketaha on 26th February, attended by hall committee members from Puketaha, Eureka and other surrounding districts. The consensus of the meeting was that the Draft TOR should be put aside and an existing document, **Hall Management Committees Responsibilities**, used by hall committees for a number of years but not a formal policy of Council, be put before Council for consideration and then sent to Hall Committees for comment and further consultation.

We are currently working on the **2013 / 14 Draft Annual Plan** (budget).

Key issues for consultation are likely to include:

- Roading budget being less than anticipated – various options for use of this money
- Rates – the rates increase of 2.37 per cent for 2013/14 as indicated in the Long Term Plan is now proposed to be 1.87 per cent - reflecting the proposed distribution of the roading funding through the general rate and other budget adjustments.
- Suggestions for targeted rates
- Raglan Sunday bus service
- Regional initiatives
- Retention of \$20,000 set aside in the Long Term Plan for grants and donations and, if retained, what types of grants and donations should be made.

As part of maintaining a **safe and efficient rural roading network** the Council is required to trim the branches of trees that are on the road reserve or, in some cases, on private land. The work is usually done at the same time the road reserve is mown with the mower blade lifted up to trim excess foliage. If you think trees on your property might be affected and want to ensure your trees are trimmed as you would like, it would be best to do the work yourself before the tree encroaches on the road and poses a safety risk to road users.

You will know there is a total fire ban in the District. You need to be aware that if a fire is lit on your property and gets out of control you can be held liable for the cost of fighting the fire. During a restricted fire season permits are required for all fires in the open air within rural and urban areas of the Waikato except for barbecues, hangis and fires in properly constructed incinerators. If you have any enquiries contact Council's call centre.

To help **conserve water supplies** (and save money) – If you have a water meter read it regularly so you will be able to notice discrepancies. Higher than usual water usage could indicate a water leak that needs to be fixed.

If you have an **event** you want to highlight you can advertise free of charge in the *District Link* newsletter or on Council's website. Email narelle.barrowcliffe@waikato.govt.nz

This year Waikato District marks 150 years since the arrival of British troops in to the district. Various events are planned by a **sesquicentennial committee** and they would be keen to hear of ideas from groups around the Waikato on how to commemorate the occasion. A full list of events as they are organized can be found on the Waikato District website <http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/The-Waikato/Entertainment-and-events/Events-calendar.aspx>

Council has decided to form an **Audit Committee** – a subcommittee of the Strategy and Finance Committee. The objective of this committee is to provide independent assurance and assistance to the Waikato District Council on Council's risks, control and compliance framework, and its external accountability responsibilities. We have now appointed an external Audit Committee member with appropriate experience to support the Committee and Council to deliver the Terms of Reference confirmed by Council.

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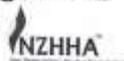
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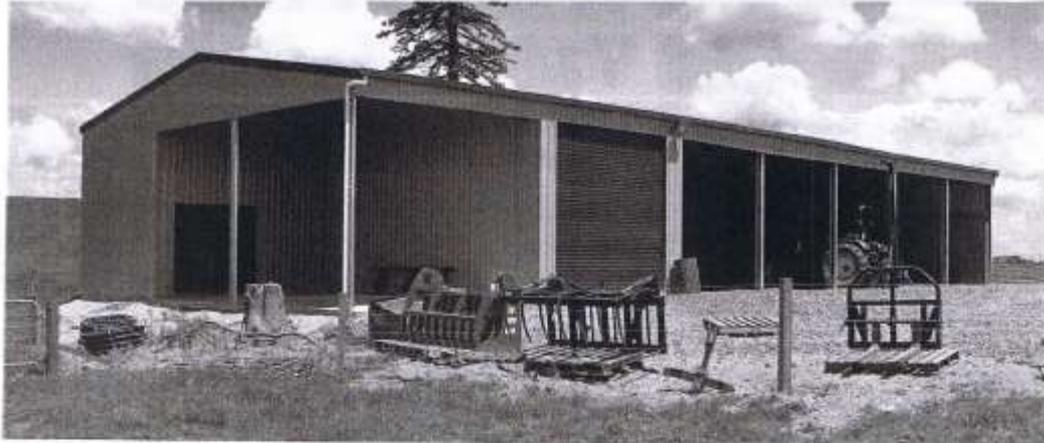
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