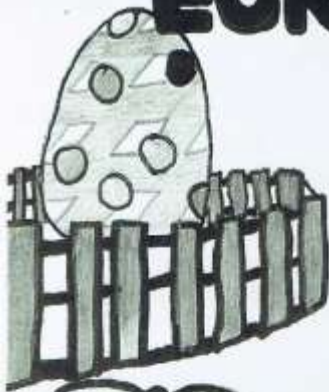


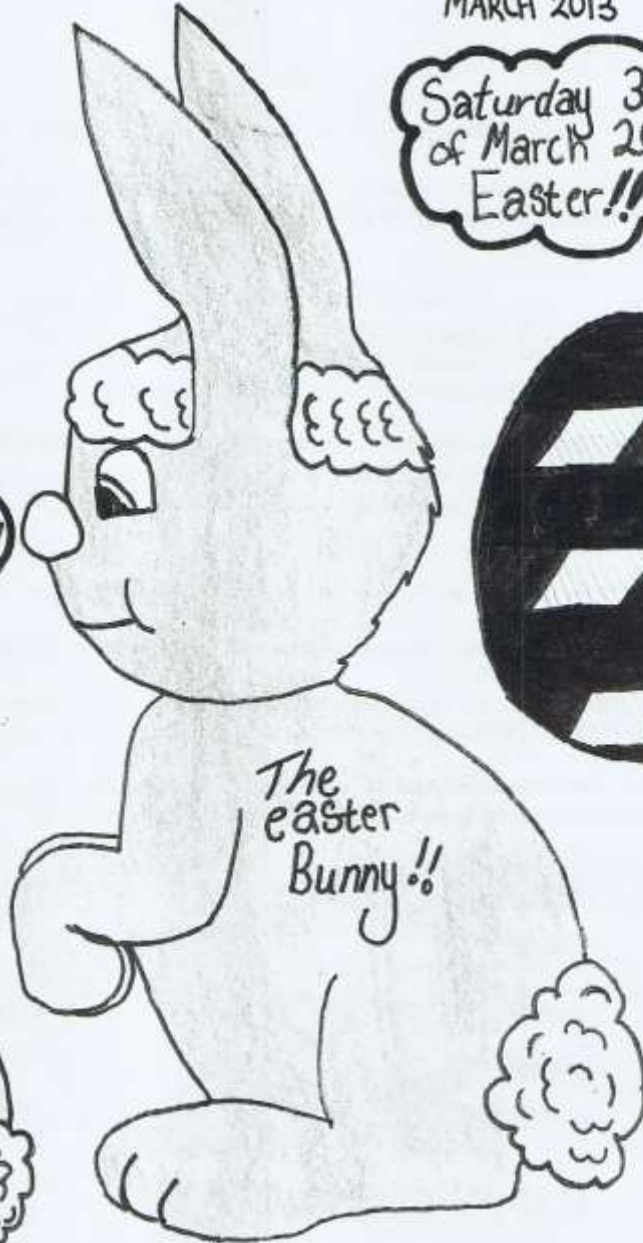
EUREKA EXPRESS

MARCH 2013

Saturday 30th
of March 2013
Easter!!



Easter
Will be
here Sooner
than you think!!!



HAPPY EASTER

Cover By Alexandra Reed.

EUREKA EXPRESS
EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION
RESULTS

Juniors	1 ST	Trelise Jones	7 years
	2 nd	Leo Wallace	6 years
	3 rd	Hannah Gordon	5 years

Commended: Jordyn Horsburgh, Ryan Horsburgh, Zoe Buckley, Noah Ellesmere, Letitia Taylor, Reuben Jones, Ben Taylor, Zac Griffin, Ben Newman, Lauren Pryor, Ryan Chambers, Jessica Chambers

Seniors	1 st	Katherine Reed	10 years
	2 nd	Mya Haggett	9 years
	3 rd	Nicole Whiting	10 years

Highly Commended Emma Taylor 8 years.

Commended: Millie Wallace, Annaliese Osborne, Taylah Buckley, Emma Griffin, Ashleigh Mayall, Warner Rudolf-Henderson, Amy Gordon, Renee Mayall, Sophie Whiting, Kendall Buckley, Trinaka Kenny, Danielle Gordon, Siobhan Jones, Libby Griffin, Blake Horsburgh, Rachel Bast.

Pre-School Patrick Gordon, Shaun Mayall, Bianca Ellesmere

Covers 11 years plus - Alexandra Reed (see March Eureka Express cover)

A big thank you to all 39 children who entered the competition this year:
 - 15 Juniors, 20 Seniors, 3 pre-schoolers and 1 cover entry.

All have been displayed at Eureka Motors - thank you to Colin and Lizz and also a big thank you to the Judge who, as usual, had a very difficult job to do.



Junior First: Trelise Jones



Senior First: Katherine Reed

GUEST EDITORIAL

Moving into the Eureka district with our then 1 & ½ year old daughter Tiana, we had no idea we would still be here 12 years later. With the added addition of our two sons Dylan 11 and Brad 5 we still reside on Schollum road, all be it the other end now.

A few weeks ago I received a mystery box in the post. It was vibrant green in colour with a perfectly tied black bow and a note reading:

"I am a blue day box, I have been sent to you as I heard you have been feeling a little down lately and in need of a bit of cheering up. What to do with me you ask? Whenever you are down or feeling a little blue close your eyes tight, reach in and grab one gift, unwrap it and follow the instructions. I hope that I can bring you a small bit of cheer and sunshine (or I guess rain would be better for you at this moment) on a day when the world seems just all too much" Sent with love from someone who cares.



I had no way of knowing who this package was from and was simply over whelmed and truly humbled by the thoughtful generosity of somebody I knew. I have only unwrapped a few gifts. Each one has been personally chosen for me with the intent to make me feel better, and believe me they do.

The reason I decided to share this story of amazing selfless giving is to inspire others to pay it forward. When we moved here the community spirit within Eureka caught me by surprise and over these years has grown into the Eureka/Tauwhare area spirit. I have been so lucky to meet some amazing people within the area who do things for others simply for the act of giving.

The Kindness Wave



**Start a ripple... Create a wave.
It begins with YOU!**

Whether it is meals for new Mums, surprise flowers, picking up each other's children, borrowing baking ingredients, loaning farm gear, covering silage stacks or even on occasion Collin (Eureka Motors) lending peas out of his own freezer. People are just generally there for each other.

So keep up the amazing community spirit within our little space of the world. Do something nice for someone today just simply for the act of giving. We truly are blessed to live in such a community minded place 😊

Lisa Meek 😊

SNIPPETS



WELCOME TO EUREKA to new arrivals on Morrinsville Road (opposite Hooper Road) **Kerry and Stacey Meehan**. Kerry and Stacey have three children, **Carley, Emma and Jackson**. A warm welcome to you all.

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS – Best wishes to our esteemed Eureka Motors proprietor, Happy 60th **Colin**, and **Brita**, on your birthdays, 8th and 15th April respectively. Celebrate well.

WELL DONE...

Liam Couling finished up with a 5th placing in the "KING OF THE NORTH 2013" 50cc class.

Chloe Couling recently has moved into the excelled class for Gymnastics and hopes to try out for the Waikato Gym team later this year.

NEWSTEAD SCHOOL

Newstead School reports that it has student teachers working with the children this term. Year 4, 5, & 6 are this week at camp at Kauaerangi Thames

Newstead children participated at the Matangi Country swimming Sports and then some children were selected to represent Newstead at the Eastern Waikato City & Country Swimming day. Well done to all those children who swam on those days .

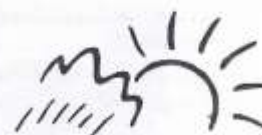
Trinaka Kenny represented Newstead in three finals at the Eastern Waikato City Country day and finished 2nd in Breaststroke 3rd in Backstroke 4th in Freestyle a busy term is coming to an end with parent interviews still to be completed



RAINFALL

	February 2013	Year to 28 th February
Total (mm)	19.5	37
Average (1994-2013)	66	152
Difference	-46.5	-115

Rainfall recorded on 4 days.



MARKET PLACE

Wanted To Rent

Two bedroom house somewhere in the Eureka area. Mature person with no animals.
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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
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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)

AGM REPORT

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of the *Eureka Express* was held on 18th March at the Eureka Hall. Nine residents attended the meeting which was chaired by Editor Gail Mayall.

Income for the 2012 financial year was \$3,612.22; Cash expenditure \$1,423.90 – a profit before depreciation of \$2,188.32. Bank balances at the end of the financial year were – Encore account \$1,180.61, Savings account \$8,390.15. Advertising charges will remain the same.

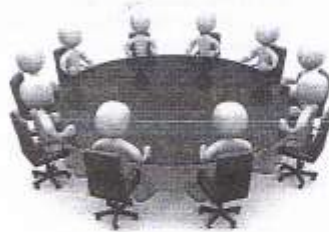
The Editor outlined the various events organized by the *Eureka Express* team in 2012 including the very well attended community pot luck dinner where long time community stalwart Kerry Clarkin was farewelled, a successful Ladies Night, and the annual Easter colouring competition which attracted 46 entries from local children.

Guest editorials continued and are a feature of the *Express* enjoyed by all – thank you to those who contributed.

Gail also thanked the Committee for their support, the Auditor Sheryll Gordon, advertisers, regular contributors and those who assist with printing and delivering the *Express* each month. The Committee is also grateful for the many donations they receive from past and present residents of Eureka.

Election of Officers:

- Editor – Gail Mayall
- Assistant Publisher – Wendy Morch
- Minutes Secretary – Jill McGuire
- Club Secretary – Lin Buckley
- Treasurer – Gayle Orr
- Gardening Guru – Jennifer Mace
- Recipes – Michelle Arundel
- Website – Wendy Morch
- Typists – Margaret Smith and Jill McGuire
- Committee / News / Collating: Becky Walling, Anna Drever, Dinah Booth, Michelle Arundel, Lorraine Morrison



The Committee members also discussed making a financial contribution towards the purchase of an item/s that will benefit the Eureka community as a whole. Suggestions were made and members will now undertake some costings for the various ideas, consult the community at large and make a decision during the 2013 financial year.

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Hi There

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Pieta Mace and I am Deidre's sister.

You may be aware of the awful illness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) that has struck Deidre's husband, Fraser. Whilst we know that unfortunately there is no cure out there for MND, an opportunity has arisen for a treatment that may give Fraser more time to spend with his family.

Deidre and Fraser are heading to the US for Stem Cell treatment. Lots of questions and very few answers but if it buys Fraser more time then I am sure you will agree that the chance for him to extend his life up is totally worth it. The clinic say whilst no guarantees, of the 200 people with MND treated 90% have a slowdown in the progression, or in some cases a degree of reversal. The similar patient of best results is now better than he was six years ago upon treatment.

The treatment is perfectly scheduled between the North Island Rowing Champs and Maadi knowing that Deidre and Fraser wouldn't miss supporting, their son, Cameron at these events.

The cost, in excess of \$40,000 is a big burden for the family and if we could help I know that we would all feel a sense of pride in knowing that we helped to give Fraser some extra time in our world.

I know that many of you have already done a lot to help Deidre and Fraser in the way of wonderful meals, transporting the children to/from school and sporting events or even building chicken runs to name a few. Deidre and Fraser have been humbled by the generosity from friends, family and the community.

There is a special account set up at ASB under Fraser's name and by no means is any contribution too small. Your support will be appreciated more than you will ever know.

Bank account details: ASB 12-3152-0078089-03 F J McRobie

If you happen to receive this more than once, I do apologise as it may have come via multiple contacts. And then again if you know someone that you could pass it on too, that would be fantastic.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me on 0274 823010 or email me. Also let me know if you would like to keep up with the latest in the McRobie household.

Thanks for listening.

Yours sincerely

Pieta Mace

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BACKGROUND

Motor Neurone Disease

Motor neurone disease is a neurological condition that causes the progressive degeneration of specialised nerve cells, called motor neurons, in the brain and spinal cord. It has no known cause and is invariably fatal, with a likely life expectancy of 2-4 years from diagnosis.

Motor neurone disease symptoms can include generalised muscle spasms, exaggerated reflexes and a progressive wasting and weakness of muscles responsible for speech, chewing and swallowing. As the condition progresses, sufferers may be unable to walk, speak, use their arms and hands, or hold up their head.

Fraser McRobie

The Eureka Express has decided to publish this letter as Fraser is the son in-law of long time local residents, Keith and Jennifer Mace. Deidre and Fraser live in Hillcrest and have 5 children attending Hillcrest Primary, Berkley Intermediate and Hillcrest High.

Fraser has gone from a fully fit and able person to one requiring the aid of a walker within 12 months.





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TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The club has commenced bowls for the 2013 season. Perhaps it would be appropriate to write a little history about the club which is 59 years old this year.

"A meeting was held in the Tauwhare Memorial Hall on 17th March 1954 to decide whether to form an Indoor Bowling Club. Twenty-two residents were present" - from the first Minute Book of the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club. No less than eight committee meetings followed during the 1954 season.

Our club now has almost 40 members and Thursday nights at 7:30pm at the Tauwhare Hall are always fun with a tad of seriousness at the appropriate times. New bowlers are always welcome. If you would like more information please phone me at 07 824 1819 (Robin Bargh).

Matangi members joined us on Opening Night and it was great to catch up with everyone. Thanks to Andrew McNally for organising and printing the 2013 programme; Lockie Verner - thank you for attending to the new White Boards - they look great; Thank you Bev Meads for arranging the new Rule Books.

Results:

7th March 2013 - Opening Night

- Winners I Spencer, R Arnold, H Bargh, D Pizzini

14th March 2013 - Club Night

- Winners J Bargh, B McNally, N Stolwyk
- Runners Up L Grieveson, K Williams, Liz

Up Coming Events

- 4th April 2013 Triples Championship
- 11th April 2013 Triples Open Tournament (Plate please)
- 18th April 2013 Skips and Threes; Twos and leads
- 25th April 2013 Club Night
- 2nd May 2013 Rinks Championship



Good Bowling Everyone

Robin Bargh - Phone 824 1819

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LADIES A PLATE

Oatmeal Hotcakes (alternative to normal pikelets)

3/4 cup rolled oats
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons butter

Pour milk into the rolled oats, leave 5 for minutes
Sift flour and other dry ingredients
Add sugar and egg to milk and oats mixture, beat with fork
Pour melted butter into milk and oats mixture
Add dry ingredients to milk and oat mixture
Stir until mixed
Cook in fry pan like a normal pikelets



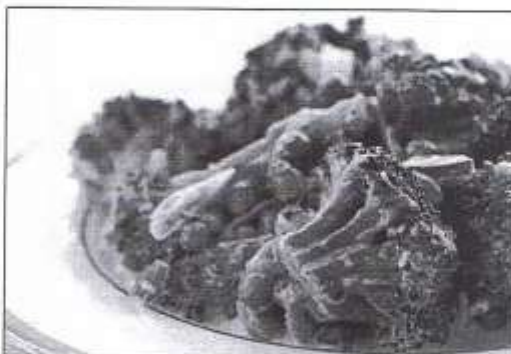
Broccoli Salad (I don't like broccoli but I love this salad)

2 bunches of fresh broccoli diced finely (I don't use the stalks)
1/2 - 1 cup of grated cheese
1 red onion finely diced
3/4 cup Bacon finely diced fried and cooled
Mix together

Salad Dressing

2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
Approx. 1/2 jar Heinz salad cream
2 tablespoons sugar

Mix together the 2 vinegars and sugar together until sugar dissolved then mix in the Heinz salad cream



Stir in the salad dressing with broccoli mixture. It shouldn't be dry but it shouldn't be too wet. Place in fridge.

Piako Toastmasters

Become the speaker you want to be

We meet at the Senior Citizens' Association Hall at 42 Canada Street,
Morrinsville

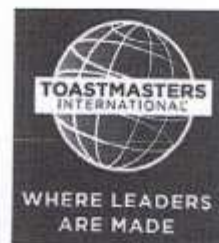
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PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE



Autumn is the time to put a bit of effort into building our families' health and immune systems up before Winter sets in. It need not be a lot of effort or cost. I always remember as children it was very rare for us to be sick during winter or at any time of year. I will share with you some simple things you can do to recharge your families the natural way.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Nutritious food made with love by a mother is special gift to us all. Simple, wholesome nutritious food such as a good vege soup is simple to make and keeps well in the fridge or freezer. Involve the family in food preparation—it's a great time to teach them to cook and also to TALK.



TAKING TIME TO LOVE AND CUDDLE EACH OTHER

We had lots and lots of cuddles and support and always a parent or grandparent to TALK to. All of the talking, loving and support makes you feel so much more at peace with life and better equipped to cope with today's many pressures.



What you say to children can determine how they feel about themselves and how they feel about you.

VITAMIN & MINERAL SUPPLEMENT

As children we were given CLEMENTS TONIC (my grandmother always took it and lived to be 98 years). Clements Tonic is a good, cost-effective way of topping up on the B vitamins essential for energy and nerves, and also has iron, etc. I also like it because it is a liquid so goes straight into the blood stream, whereas a tablet has to go into the stomach first. We also take a Vitamin C tablet and cod liver oil capsules. (Note Clements is available from most Chemists.)



There is no more important field of effort than that committed to the founders and guardians of the home. No work entrusted to human beings involves greater or more far-reaching results than does the work of fathers and mothers.

It is by the youth and children of today that the future of society is to be determined, and what these youth and children shall be depends upon the home. To lack of right home training may be traced the larger share of disease and misery and crime that curse humanity. If the home life were pure and true, if the children who went forth from its care were prepared to meet life's responsibilities and dangers, what a change would be seen in the world! From The Ministry of Healing by Ellen G

GOOD LUCK—let your food be your medicine and your medicine your food.
Cheryl McFarlane



CO Comment

The Breeze 'Drought Shout'

What a great turnout of Eureka DG members and friends of Brendon van Vugt that turned out for the Drought Shout put on by The Breeze and Good George Brewery. It all came about because Brendon won the radio stations Drought Shout prize.

There must have been about 60 turn up, and apart from an attack of flies that also wanted to share in the sausages, the locally brewed beer and Cider from Good George Brewery was very well received. If you're on Facebook, then look up The Breeze to see a selection of photographs from the event.

Beat The Heat Meetings

In mid March DairyNZ ran a series of Beat the Heat farmer meetings with the one in Gordonton having the biggest turnout of 110 people.

The events rated well with participants as it got peoples focus on setting the farm up for next season through pasture cover and body condition score targets for June. Many of the messages were not new but farmers attending were reassured that what they had planned for their farm was generally on line with best practice.

We used an actual farm and its feed budget to look at options to fill a 300t feed deficit. Drying some or all of the herd off early (especially younger and lighter cows) was a major consideration along with OAD milking and purchasing some extra supplement if the quality and price is right.

Look Out For Your Young Stock

When asked to think back to key learnings from the 2008 drought many farmers stressed the importance of looking after young stock out grazing. Because the whole of the North Island is drought affected this time, there aren't the opportunities to find other grazing and new supplement purchasing options are also quite limiting. So check your young stock closely and consider something like PKE to fill the gap until pasture gets away again.

Hopefully it has rained by the time you are reading this. However the effects of the drought certainly won't have gone. Careful management over the next 6 months will be required to ensure it's effects are minimised for next season.

Good News

Two bits of good news are that 1) Black Beetle on most farms is not a big issue, this year, like it was in 2008. 2) Pastures will recover better than you think and certainly pasture growth will be better than expected due to warm soil conditions and unused fertility just waiting to be tapped.

Annual Fishing Trip

The annual fishing trip to the Coromandel is set for April 16th. This is a half day out on a barge where we tie up to a Mussel harvester. The fishing has always been very good and we come home with a limit of 9 snapper per person. A filleting session and BBQ in the afternoon ends a great day. But not quite as you get to take home some nice fresh snapper fillets!!

The barge only takes 20 people. Contact Brett Gordon on 0274484722 or 8241108. First in best dressed.

Phil Irvine
Senior Consulting Officer
DairyNZ
0274839820



Townies Meet Rural Living

We moved in to our property on Waverley road in late August 2012, and we love it. There are six of us; two adults, three teens and a tween.

Before moving, all we knew was the easy life of being in town. Our biggest first world problem when we first moved was the lack of large amounts of broadband data.

We quickly learned that water is far more important than data. Our rainwater tank sprung a leak at the end of the rain season. That was the end of watering any veggie garden etc and we just watched the garden die around us. We watched and felt helplessly sad for the farmers though, as their grass went less and less green, realising for them the much bigger impact... bring on the rain!



Living on a lifestyle block has challenged us regularly along our journey so far. It takes longer to mow the lawn than previously (still no ride-on), and the garden takes longer to weed, and finding the correct time to spray the fruit trees was hard too. Once when we had visitors over, it was the perfect time to spray. Early evening, no wind, no bees and no rain. Asking to be excused for a bit to spray trees is something that I would never have to do previously, but I have learned that if the weather and conditions are right you have to do the task then, because the opportunity might pass you by.

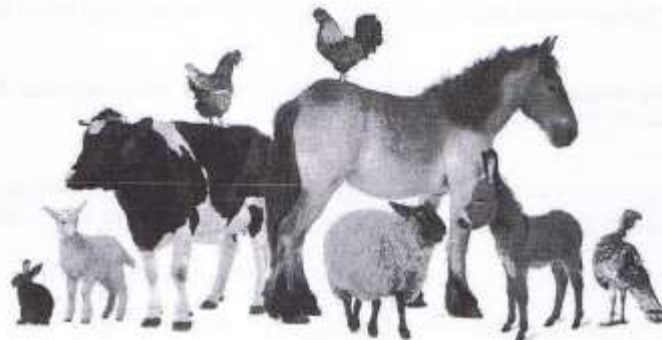
We have come accustomed to the sounds of the dairy sheds around us. The tractors working the fields and moving feed around. These sounds are something that I will not trade for the noises of living in town.

I have tried my hands at some "mini-farming". We have chickens, ducks and pigs. I have been unknowingly feeding a mouse community too until I realised that I had to put the animal feed away in containers as mice can eat through the bags... Just another thing I had to learn the hard way. Putting my hand in the bag and touching a mouse is not something that I would like to experience again. Luckily one of our dogs loves catching mice and she quickly sorted this one out for me.

We love the calm and peacefulness of rural living. We love to look at the bright stars at night that covers the night sky. This is just one reminder of what townies cannot see.

Seven months of challenges but also seven months of extreme fun and enjoyment. This family is truly happy living rural.

The Vink Family
Dave, Karin and the Children



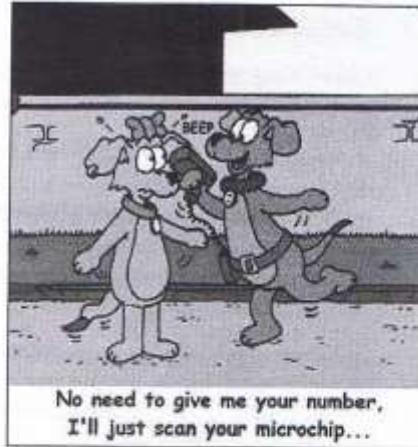
Microchipping

Peace of mind if your pet goes missing

We are all aware of the need for our dogs to be microchipped for registration, with farm dogs being exempt. However, a number of our clients are now microchipping their cats as well.

Cats are known to be nosy and get into cars or garages, or wander off and can get lost etc. If your pedigree puss or all-round moggie goes missing then you can have peace of mind that when they are found, you can be re-united with them.

Dogs have to be registered with the local council. However, where we live there are 3 local councils (Hamilton City, Waikato Regional and Waipa) all close by and if your dog gets picked by a council that they are not registered at, you have to try to communicate with all of them to find your dog. What happens if you have a cat microchipped? Who do you give their details to?



One easy solution is to join the Companion Animal Register which was formed by a number of animal welfare groups coming together, including NZVA, NZKC, SPCA and NZCF. The site is managed by the New Zealand Companion Animal Council and the profits go to fund New Zealand Animal Charities. For a small one off fee, approx \$15, your pet's details, whether cat, dog, bird or horse, will be uploaded for life and if they are found then they will contact you. The site is operational 24/7. Remember when you move, to update your details with the register so that if your pet goes missing, they can find you!

Microchipping is safe, quickly done and offers lifetime peace of mind for you and your pet, what ever species they might be.

Microchipping update:

Did you know that microchips can very occasionally malfunction and stop working, no-one knows why?

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If you have any questions or would like to book your pet in for microchipping then please feel free to call us so that we can discuss your needs and arrange an appointment.

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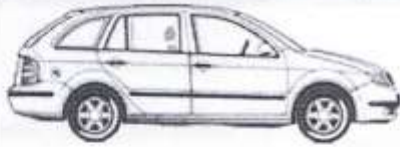
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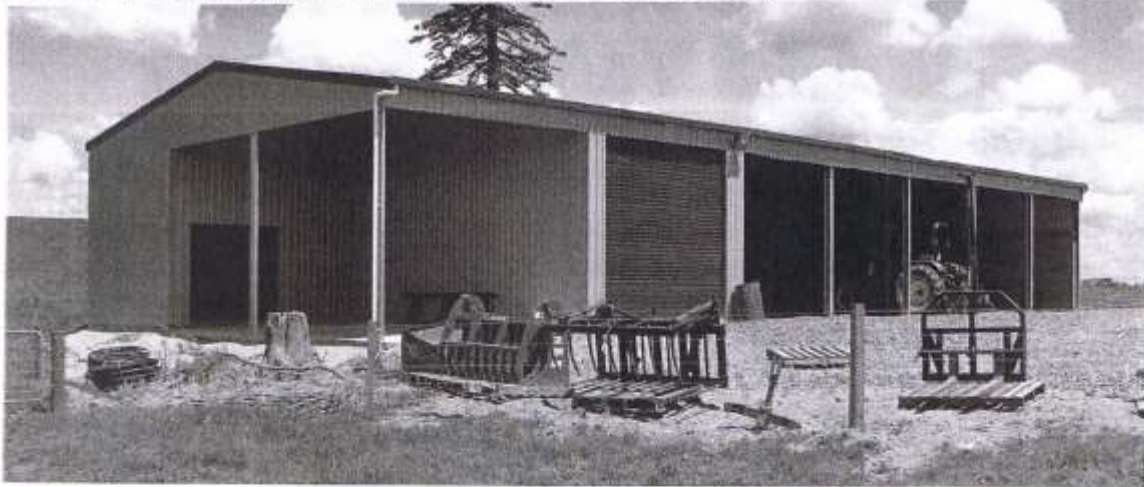


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PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL, EUREKA HALL 7PM

Community Plan Review and Long Term Plan -Year 2 Review (draft Annual Plan 2013/14)

We're offering **TWO** meetings on **ONE** night, to save you coming out twice!

After the abject failure of this month's public meeting to attract more than two people to discuss a review of the Eureka Community Plan, it has now been decided to combine a further try at this with the District Council's consultation process for the Long Term Plan Year Two.

For the Community Plan we want your ideas on what you would like to see done/changed/ improved in Eureka over the next few years. We know there are a lot of good ideas floating around out there, but we need you to come and tell us, or we will be likely to miss out on whatever Council efforts and funding which could be allocated to Eureka, rather than the neighbouring areas.

For the Long Term Plan, the Council representatives want to present their proposed changes to the general and targeted rates, and some proposed fees and charges changes. They also want input on what to do with some extra money which has arrived due to changes to a government subsidy, and how to allocate their annual amount proposed for grants and donations.

So please TRY to be there or, if you can't, send or phone your ideas to either Committee Chair Sue Edmonds 824 1944 or email: sue.edmonds@clear.net.nz or Councillor McGuire 824 3696 or 0274 970 966 or email: robmcguire@xtra.co.nz