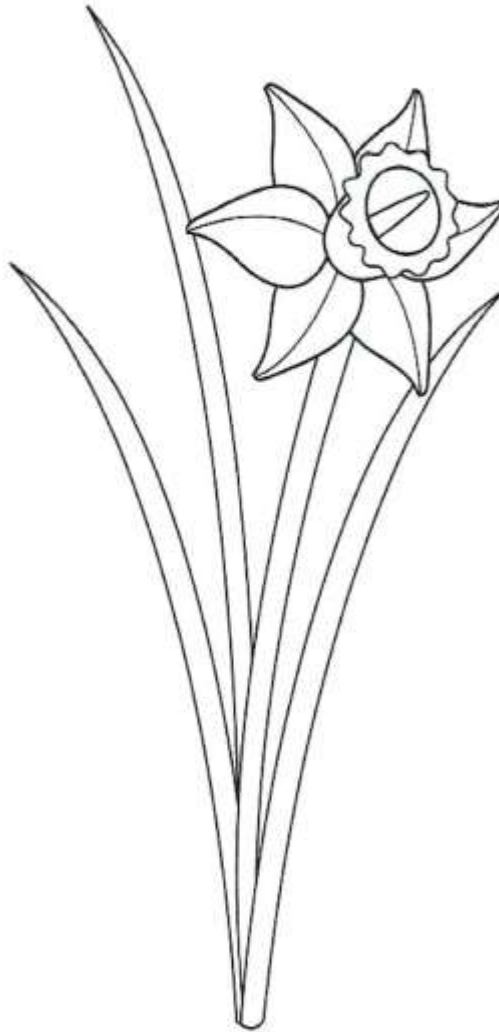


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Daffodil Day - 29 August 2014

Guest Editorial

We were asked if we would like to write this month's editorial and we said yes quickly; then began to panic about what we were going to say!

As we reflected over the almost 11 years of owning on Schollum road and before that renting on Hooper road we realised how much we loved the Eureka area...it was just that for us 'we had found it' (Eureka!)



We both come from dairy farming backgrounds, Russ from the Hauraki Plains and I from Taranaki, so the country lifestyle with the familiar scenery, sounds and smells is everything we enjoy. We are fortunate to have a small slice of paradise that we share with Napoleon the cat, Dolly the sheep, Heidi the goat, five hens and a rooster, and a few doves.

Russell works as a mechanic at Brian Tunnicliff in Morrinsville and I work at Country Creche in Matangi. We are both very lucky to love what we do and our location is perfectly placed in the middle.



Over the years we have redecorated the inside of the house and we are now currently building a barbeque/courtyard area. Russ enjoys any opportunity to play with his tools and put his hand to any DIY project. This should be a wonderful place to sit and consume a cold beverage or two while listening to good music this summer.

So that's that with kind wishes.

Rachel and Russell Kruithof

Snippets



CONGRATULATIONS AND SPECIAL THANKS: To Harold Woolford and family of Newstead Orchard. Congrats on their 100th Celebrations held last weekend, and special thanks from the Eureka Express Committee for the loyalty and support shown by Newstead Orchard who have faithfully advertised in the EE for the past 34 years, since our inception in 1980.

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CONGRATULATIONS: to a very excited Donna Daniels of Eureka Road who had the good fortune recently to win a new car in a Pak'n Save Supermarket promotion. Great news, Donna. Enjoy your new Hyundai i20.

90th BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS: to Mrs Dulcie Buckley, late of Waverley Road, now at Hilda Ross. Enjoy your celebrations, Dulcie with all your Buckley and Gordon children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Waverley Road. May you have lots more good years to enjoy life, friends and family.

Sincere condolences are extended to Lionel and Gayle Orr and family of Morrinsville Road, on the death of Lionel's stepmother, Mrs Mary Orr, in Te Kuiti on July 2nd.

And very deepest sympathy to Brent and Tracey Horsburgh and family of Hooper Road who lost two close family members within a few days. Brent's father, Mr Johnny Horsburgh died suddenly on August 12th and then Tracey's brother, Kerry Beets, died unexpectedly on August 15th. Such immeasurable sorrow.

Our thoughts are with you all.

EUREKA HALL AGM

Held Tuesday 12 August 2014 at 7.45pm at the Hall.

Present: Nine people attended. Current Chairman Philip Mayall chaired the meeting.

Apologies: Margaret and Maurice Smith.

Absent: Peter Scatchard.

MINUTES of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and received.

Mvd L Orr/B Mayall. **Carried**

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Community records have been filed in the Chubb fireproof cabinets.
2. No community functions were organised by the Hall Committee this year. For discussion later in meeting.
3. The Eureka Express Committee has agreed to gift the Hall Committee \$5000 towards new chairs. The money is invested in the meantime.
4. The Hall exterior was painted in December by Chris Jones of Roof Coaters Ltd at the cost of \$7095.50. Also in December the bricked gardens in front of the hall were repaired and replanted thanks to two locals, Christine Whiteley and Maurice Smith.

CORRESPONDENCE: The WDC final draft copy of the Terms of Reference for Management of Community Halls, plus a Hall Hazard Identification Checklist was perused and replied to by 2 September 2013. No further correspondence on the matter has been received.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer, Lionel Orr presented his Financial Report. The 2013 – 2014 Financial Statement has been audited by John Morch. Balance at 30 June \$8609.73 That Financial Report be accepted, John Morch be asked to continue as our auditor, and the 3 bank cheque signatories, being G Mayall, L Orr and P Mayall, remain the same.

Mvd: L. Orr/B Mayall. **Carried.**

The possibility of raising the Hall levy in the WDC Rates was discussed. Due to our present low balance and income it was decided to ask WDC to raise our levy from the present \$25 to \$35.

Mvd G Mayall/ L Orr **Carried**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. The hall was painted in December and comments have been favourable. However the promised free roof painting by Chris Jones has not eventuated .. yet!
2. The window broken at the time of painting – with no-one admitting liability – was fixed at the cost of \$1000.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson:	P Mayall	Prop A Morrison/L Orr	Carried
Secretary:	G Mayall	Prop L Orr/G Orr	Carried
Treasurer:	L Orr	Prop G Mayall/B Mayall	Carried
Committee	D. Morris	Prop G Mayall/ P Mayall	Carried
	K Vink	Prop G Orr/A Morrison	Carried
	M. Smith	Prop G Mayall/B Mayall	Carried

That existing committee of A Morrison, B Mayall, G Orr and P Scatchard be re-elected enbloc with the power to co-opt during the year. Prop L Orr/G Orr **Carried.**

HALL CHARGES: That the Hall charges remain the same with Secretary to use discretion with non-resident use and hirage.

Mvd A Morrison/ L Orr **Carried**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Bus Shelter.** Consent has been given by WDC for the Eureka Community Committee, with compliments of Waikato Sheds to erect a bus shelter with the boundary of Eureka Hall on SH 26. The Hall Committee is in agreement and our Chairman will talk to Brian Insoll re concept and timeframe.
2. That Maurice Smith be thanked for his regular owing of the Hall grounds
3. The matter of new chairs was discussed. Minimum number of 1100 would, at cheapest, cost \$5000.00. It was decided that new chairs are not a priority with our current balance sheet and some roof maintenance pending.

4. Roof Maintenance of the Hall roof is a definite priority. Chairman to ask local builder, Craig Griffin, to assess the situation and report back.
5. The need for, and the type of, community function was discussed. Ideas put forward were: a movie night, a Pot-luck dinner, a mid-winter Xmas dinner, or a summer BBQ
6. That the AGM Minutes, committee member list, hireage rates, plus the audited accounts be sent to the WDC by the end of September.

Mvd L Orr/P Mayall **Carried**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm



MARKET PLACE:



WANTED: Hay suitable for ponies. Please phone Michelle 8241746.

FOR SALE: Child's cot, excellent condition, plus two cot mattresses, as new, \$50.00 ono. Please phone Gail 8241758.



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Big congratulations to our July Yankee Tournament Winners,
Highest points results: Zach Bellamy followed by Tom Allen.

Some big improvements from our players this season, which will make games interesting as we head towards our Club Champs.

All Welcome - Every Wednesday 6 pm to 7.30 pm until 24 September 2014 - Matangi Hall.

RAINFALL

	July 2014	Year to 31 st July
Month	118	566.5
Average (1994-2014)	134	681
Difference	- 16	- 114.5



Rainfall recorded on 12 days.

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Roll: 167

Thank you to the many parents who came with us to plant trees along the water's edge on the Portegys' farm. The children and parents who planted 300 trees in less than an hour!! It was such fun; slopping around in the mud was an added bonus. Thank you to Mrs. Cook and to Frank Portegys for organising this special annual event for our children.



Mrs Cook was invited by Enviro Schools NZ to speak in Auckland to teachers about the success of our Sustainable Kai programme. Linda gave examples of the many wonderful initiatives the Enviro School group have been working on over the past few years.

CROSS COUNTRY

We had such a successful cross country on Friday afternoon. The children tried their very best and they were proud of their results. It was so pleasing to see so many Year 5 & 6 children challenging themselves by entering the Open Race.



Congratulations to Josh Evans who came first, Liam Walton 2nd and Liam Couling 3rd. Thank you so much to the Wilson family for allowing us to use their lovely farm once again this year.

Cross Country writing:

I can taste the sun burn down from the bright fluffy clouds. I smell the breeze rushing past my face like a deer running from a gunshot.

I hear tweeting birds, their song like a flute. I can feel the midgets floating around me as I sprint around the corner.

My legs pound like a dragon's wing pushing my legs. My arms pump into the air like the shot of a pistol.

By Reuben Stevens 7yrs

NEW BUILDING

We are finally getting some movement on the building of our new staffroom. The staffroom will join onto the Multi-Purpose Room along the library side.

We have been held up because the Multi-Purpose Room exterior cladding was being tested for water damage by the Ministry. They have decided that all of the cladding will need to be removed and replaced by a better product. Both the recladding and the staffroom projects will be done together. I have a meeting with the designers this week. We expect the building to be started early 2015 and finished by the end of the first term.



THE JOLLY ACORN

Our ship will be started in the next week or two. The ship will butt up against the existing tower in the sandpit. Thanks to the persuasive lobbying of Craig and Jackie Griffin, **Acorn Building Supplies** has agreed to donate half of the building materials we need and to let us have the rest at cost price. To recognise their support we have decided to name the ship The Jolly Acorn.

Pukeko Preschool August 2014

Community feedback sought: At our AGM on 12 August, there was some discussion about the preschool's opening hours. The Trust Board are considering extending the hours slightly, to better accommodate the community, and we would like community feedback on this. ***Please let us know your thoughts.***

If the hours were to be extended, these would be the four sessions available each day:

8.45am - 1pm (current session time)

1pm - 3.30pm

8.45am - 2.45pm (current session time)

8.15am - 3.30pm

Clyde and the Commonwealth Games -On one of our walks to the school the children became quite concerned that the birds would eat all the grass seed so they had a meeting and decided they wanted to make the school a scarecrow. As we have been watching the wonderful you tube clip about Clyde and the Commonwealth Games they decided to make a Clyde scarecrow. The school children have been very appreciative of their scarecrow and the grass is looking lovely. It is wonderful to see the children taking pride in their future school already.

Tree Planting – We have been very fortunate to receive funding grants from WEL Energy Trust (for \$1,000), and from Fonterra Grassroots Funding (for \$700). These grants are to be used together for fruit tree planting, and installing a gate between the school and the new preschool site.

We are planning a Tree planting afternoon, which is to be Sunday 31 August 2014, 2-4pm. We'd love to see lots of families there to help out with planting the trees, and we are looking forward to using the money we have been generously granted.

Waiting list – We currently have spaces available each day. If you are looking for early childhood education please call in and see us on the grounds of Tauwhare School, visit our website www.pukekopreschool.org.nz, phone us on 8240860 or email pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz





Job Vacancy



Pukeko Preschool Tauwhare

Unqualified position - Our small country, community centre on the outskirts of Hamilton is looking for a passionate, nurturing person to join our team. The position is part-time, working 14-16 hours per week. Applicants must have excellent verbal and written English and enjoy working with children 2 to 5-years and delight in creating a clean and inviting environment.

Applications close 8 September 2014. Please email your C.V and covering letter to Clare at pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz

Ceildh (Barn dance)

A foot stomping, skirt twirling Ceildh at the Tauwhare Hall with 'The Hairy Coo Ceildh Band' live on stage!! Help raise funds towards Pukeko Preschool's new building plus delicious supper, mystery bottle & raffle prizes galore also available on the night (please bring cash). Great music, dancing and hospitality!

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Greetings from Newstead Model Country School

Tough Guy/Girl Challenge

Mud, mud and more mud!

A large number of Newsteaders participated in the Tough Guy/Girl Challenge in Rotorua at Lake Ranch on Friday.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, running through the mud and climbing or going under all sorts of barriers or obstacles. A swim in the hot water pool finished off a great day out.

Thanks Lee and parents who made this unique experience possible for these children

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country season is nearly upon us. Please note - all children must wear footwear suitable for running.

Tuesday 2nd September 1.00 pm School Cross Country (for all children)

Thursday 4th September 11.30 am South East Hamilton Country Schools Cross Country at Newstead (for competent Y3 and all Y4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to participate).

Friday 12th September S.E Hamilton Schools Cross Country, 11.30 am at Porritt Stadium (Selected Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)

We are hosting two cross country events this year and they are being held within just a few days of each other. It is important with so much to organise, that all of the forms are returned by the required date. There is not the time in between events to ask for consent.

Runners will have to qualify for the City and Country Schools event. In anticipation, if your child is one of the six Newstead qualifiers at the Country Schools event they will be entitled to run on Friday 12th September. We have a restriction on numbers as there are more schools involved that day.

NEWSTEAD MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL DAY

Saturday 18 October 2014

Plans are underway for our Agricultural Day (Calf Club Day)

Agricultural Day provides the opportunity for children to undertake as their own responsibility, a home project connected with rearing of an animal. It provides a link between home and school and between school and the community. It encourages self-reliance and responsibility of carrying out a chosen task. It provides opportunities for children to develop a range of skills, including knowledge and understanding of animals.

There will be classes for calves, lambs, kid goats, a pet section and alternative challenges. All children attending school will participate in or contribute to the day.

If you would like information about raising an animal, a resource booklet is available on the Waikato A & P website: <http://www.waikatoaandp.co.nz>

An information day will be held at the school in a few weeks for the children. Parents are also welcome to attend. At this time the children will receive an information booklet about what is needed and how to care for their animal.

Please contact Paula Kenny

125 Years Jubilee

Have you noted on your 2015 calendar the weekend of 20 and 21 November?

An organising committee has been established and Graeme Davison and Gwyn Verberk are convening the preparation for this historical event.

We need you! There are several responsibilities that the committee has yet to fill: catering, sponsorship, registration, photographs.

It will be loads of fun being involved with the group and very rewarding, especially the weekend itself.

Please contact Gary if you would like to be involved.



Tauwhare Playgroup

We have been having great time at playgroup this term with all our new toys. This last term we have seen the continued growth of the playgroup. Thank you to everyone who comes and supports us.

For the rest of the term we have Karina Hart coming to do a music session with us; which we are really looking forward too. We are also looking at another end of term trip. Ideas on where to go are greatly welcomed.

Our last get-together for term 3 will be the 25th September.

We meet at Tauwhare School's Multipurpose Room from 9am-12noon every Thursday.
Bring a small plate for a shared morning tea. Hot drinks provided.



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TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to the Bowling Club's July – August news.

URGENT – Return of all trophies please!! September 11th is the final points night, so I would like to get the labelled cups in to the Engravers the next day, Friday 12th September. From past experience, the Engravers are very busy at this time of the year and it is always a mission to get the cups back in time for Prize giving – Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Our July Open Tournament was a huge success – thank you to all Club Members for their input. The Greenfield Shield slipped from the Matangi-Tauwhare team's hands and has gone to St Andrews. R Arnold and R Bargh were in the team.

Well done to the Matangi-Tauwhare team on winning the Bankier Shield from Tatuanui, then playing Beerescourt in a challenge, resulting in a draw, which means our team get their name on the shield. Jim Bargh was in the team.

The Waikato top 8 Juniors played for the Membroy-Pearce Shield recently. A & B McNally and C & M Bargh were in the team which was placed Runner-Up. Tauranga won the Shield by two points. Well done Melita (Skip) and Jim Bargh who were Runners-Up in Eastern's Jack and Jill tournament.

Results:

24 July 2014 – Open Tournament

- Winners G Membroy, J Logan, C Moore (Matangi)
- Runners Up D Stimpson, C Van Hellemond, H London (Taupiri)
- Top Tauwhare Team – J Hooper, B Grieveson, C Bargh

31 July 2014 – Club Night

- Winners J Hooper, Grant Goodare
- Runners Up I Pizzini, C Olson

7 August 2014 – Club Night

- Winners B Meads, G Mayall
- Runners Up Jim Bargh, C Olson

7 August 2014 – Couples Night

- Winners L and B Grieveson
- Runners Up J and R Arnold

14 August 2014 – Club Night

- Winners J Arnold, K Williams, Glenda Goodare
- Runners Up B Meads, L Verner, D Miller

Upcoming Events

4 September 2014	Club Night
11 September 2014	Final Points Night
Tuesday 16 September 2014	Erin Rose Bowl at Matangi
18 September 2014	President and Vice President's Night
25 September 2014	Patron's Night (Plate please)
2 October 2014	Annual General Meeting & Prize Giving (Plate please)
9 October 2014	Christmas Tournament Rinks (Plate please)

New Zealand Indoor Bowls have announced that they have negotiated with two businesses that will give Indoor Bowls members a discount. Ask the Secretary for details.

Until next month - Good bowling everyone

Robin Bargh Phone 824 1819



IN YOUR GARDEN

Spring is almost here and what a joy it is to see all those trees, bulbs and shrubs slowly coming to life, the perfume of daphne is divine and the promise of blooms to come is great.

Did you know that all daffodils should be picked so that the bulbs grow larger and produce more blooms next year. Be wary of the white sap that oozes from the daffodil stem as this sticky substance can cause a rash. If animals eat daffodil sap it will induce vomiting and if large quantities are ingested it could be deadly. If you wish to include daffodils in a mixed bouquet, condition them first as their sap is toxic to other flowers. Place the daffodils in a jar containing 3cm of water and add ½ tsp sugar, when daffodils have slurped up all the liquid you can then put them in a fresh vase of water with other mixed flowers.



Did you know? Citrus fruit is in an abundance right now, but only pick what you need as citrus fruit doesn't continue to ripen once picked, but will keep several months if left on the tree, although the longer it stays on the tree the less acidic it will become.

Potatoes; if you want fresh spuds for Christmas dinner you must plant right now and protect from frosts, another 2 weeks and you're too late. Prepare ground with well rotted manure, compost or blood & bone. Plant Jersey Bennie, Rocket, Swift or old time favourite Cliffs Kidney. Plant in trenches 20cm deep, mound up and spray at weekly intervals with copper.

August is the perfect time to plant a new rose. Ensure it has sun for at least half the day and shelter from strong winds. Dig a hole bigger than you think you will need and a mound of good quality damp potting soil at the bottom. Sit the rose on it with its roots spread out. Fill the hole gradually so that the bud union (where the branches meet) is just covered and tamp down gently, slowly water it well. Add more soil if necessary and gently fork in a handful of blood and bone. Keep it moist over the next few months. Never put fertiliser at the bottom of the hole as you risk burning new roots.

If you planted your garlic on the shortest day in June, you can now plant a second batch which will result in smaller bulbs but with more intense flavour.

Warm up your soil with a thick layer of mulch. Mulching protects and insulates your soil to ensure plant roots stay warm in winter and cool in summer. Organic mulches such as straw and sawdust also condition the soil as they slowly decompose and provide an ideal environment for earthworms and other beneficial organisms.



Warm sun will encourage Hostas, Delphiniums and Lilly bulbs to sprout, but add snail bait or they will disappear again.

Prepare ground for planting vegetables. Use a hoe to cut away any weeds off below soil level without bringing more seeds to the surface. Once weeds stop popping up plant seedlings or direct sow seeds.

There is much for the keen gardener to do, so good luck and get to it.

Happy gardening,
Jennifer

LADIES A PLATE

Muesli Slice

Melt together in pot:

1/2lb butter

1 T golden syrup

3/4 cup sugar

1 1/2 cup sultanas (you can add chopped apricots, pumpkin seeds, and sesame seeds)

Remove from heat and add:

2 cups rolled oats

1 cup flour

1 t baking soda

Bake in a slice tin 180c for 20 minutes. Slice when cold



Passionfruit and Pistachio Slice

Base:

2 x 250g packets wine biscuits crushed

2/3 pistachio nuts, coarsely chopped

1 x 395g tin sweetened condensed milk

200g melted butter

zest of 1 lemon

Icing:

2 cups icing sugar

50g butter softened

2 T passionfruit pulp

milk

Grease and line a 20x30cm slice tin. Set aside.

Combine all base ingredients in a bowl and mix thoroughly. Place mixture in slice tin and press down firmly. Place slice in fridge while making icing.

Sift icing sugar then add butter, passionfruit pulp and enough milk to make a spreadable consistency. Spread over cooled base, then place in the fridge until set. Cut into squares.



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On the home front.....



Another month rolls by as I hold my eyes open to write something interesting this month that might help all you DIY people thinking of building, changing a room within your home or simply thinking of trying something different. So here we go ... Zones and the importance of good layout and space design.

Good lay out is tested by day to day living or workings of a space, the activities and routines that happen within a zone. A well planned and activity considered design can improve the effectiveness of a working area or environment meeting all needs and being highly functional. Using research, analysis and synthesis in the design process can produce far better outcomes for your desired space.

Using a plan and zoning the areas keeping an awareness of sizes of furniture and the ergonomics you need to move with ease. For example, placing table and chairs have at least a meter behind and around this zone (eg dining zone) to make it functional and flow with ease of purpose.

Following are kitchen designs where zones have been utilised in the design planning.



This design process can help with even the smallest of projects but can make a big difference to how well it will function.

Leanne Hilder

VINEGAR

NATURES SECRET WEAPON

Vinegar has played a major role in the history of man since he first began to herd animals and to grow and harvest his own food supply.

Some foods are more than mere nourishment because of the very characteristics of their chemical composition they are actually amazing healers and as such are now part of our history. Vinegars are one such liquid that has mingled with the history of mans folklore. It was mentioned for its healing and preservation powers around 7000 years ago in Babylon.

WHAT IS VINEGAR –

Vinegar is a product obtained from the fermentation of alcohol and is an acidic liquid. It has many uses such as: condiment, preservative, cleanser and medicament. So not only is it good for your health it will surprise and delight you with its cleaning power
Through out the house for windows, laundry, kitchen, bathroom, garden and yards. It is also used to tenderise meat, preserve vegetables, make sauces and marinades etc.
It also makes a refreshing bath tonic and anti dandruff remedy.

VINEGAR FOR HEALTH –

For a healthy body we require sufficient sleep, a good diet, the right amount of exercise and a positive attitude to life. Vinegar, especially cider vinegar helps to adjust our metabolism with its minute quantities of minerals that we all need to keep our bodies in good health.

CIDER VINEGAR –

One of the reasons cider vinegar is so good for our health is that it contains the mineral potassium, which is necessary for the promotion of healthy cells and tissues.
Cider vinegar also helps to fight off infections and can also help to purify the blood and to cure insomnia.

REFRESHING DRINK-

The following recipe is not only good for your health it tastes very refreshing also:

- 1 dessertspoon cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- pour hot water to full cup and enjoy



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The obvious topic for this month is the calving season, with everyone well geared, and some nearing the other side. The quota of heifer replacements is being filled, and there is a general feel of content with progress to date. On this note, the final step in the phasing out of routine inductions will come into effect next calving season (1st June 2015), with no routine inductions on NZ dairy farms. There will be a session on how to best prepare for this at the Reproduction Field Day in September (further details below).



The other key topic is the current start to the season in terms of the payout. The forecasted milk price now at \$6/kgMS, alongside rising interest rates, reflect the importance in making well informed decisions in regards to farm working expenses and capital expenditure. Where supplementary feed is most economical, to meet feed requirements at crucial times of the year, for example mating, DairyNZ works on the 5 percent rule for supplementary feed. So at a \$6 payout, 5 percent of this equates to paying up to 30c/kgDM for bought in feed. Also, milk production prior to Christmas is becoming increasingly important in reducing the pressure over the summer dry period.



This leads onto a big congratulation to Brett and Rachael Gordon, on Waverley Road, who won Waikato/Bay of Plenty Best Equal Farm Business at the 2014 Dairy Business Of the Year awards. The Gordon's hosted a discussion group a few months back, and their farm reports showcased a consistently very profitable, low cost operation, with a high awareness of costs and control of those on farm. This is very valuable and huge credit to them both if the current volatile market

remains in place. There will be a Field Day at the Gordon's, on the 18th November which is the ideal opportunity to learn and see first-hand what happens on this high performing farm. For further details and to register, go online to www.dboycomp.com

Upcoming events to put in your calendar for the next month:

- The next local Eureka Discussion Group is on Tuesday 9th September, 11am, at Josh Eales, 646 Woodlands Road, S/N 72646.
Josh is the farm manager and is extending the farm crop area to 20%, looking to grow maize and chicory this season.
- DairyNZ's Reproduction Field Day, Wednesday 10th September, 10.30am-1.30pm, at Danny Bryan's, 161 Tainui Road, OCD 401.
Whether you're an experienced farmer looking to increase your understanding of reproductive performance, put strategies in place to best manage no inductions for next calving season, refresh your heat detection skills or wanting to equip your staff with the required skills, come along to one of our workshops. BBQ lunch provided.

For further information about local events supported by DairyNZ feel free to give me a call. Or else, check out the new DairyNZ website, to find news and events in the region.

Look forward to next month!

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What Are Your Dates??



Proposed Calving Date	10-Jul-15	15-Jul-15	20-Jul-15
Tail Paint 5 weeks to	29-Aug-14	3-Sep-14	8-Sep-14
4 weeks before mating	5-Sep-10	10-Sep-14	15-Sep-14
Metri-check the herd at the same time as tail painting			
Identify and treat cows not cycling 8-9 days before start of mating	25-Sep-14	30-Sep-14	5-Oct-14
Start Mating	3-Oct-14	8-Oct-14	13-Oct-14
3 weeks into mating	24-Oct-14	29-Oct-14	3-Nov-14
Bull into herd 5 weeks or	7-Nov-14	12-Nov-14	17-Nov-14
6 weeks into mating	14-Nov-14	19-Nov-14	24-Nov-14
DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH BULLS??			
12 weeks of mating remove the bull	26-Dec-14	31-Dec-14	5-Jan-15
Preg test to identify the late calving cows from	6-Feb-15	11-Feb-15	16-Feb-15
Latest cows will calve	2-Oct-15	7-Oct-15	12-Oct-15

No inducing next year so make sure you plan for it NOW!!

Give us a call so we can customise your dates and sort out Non-Cyclers for you!

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