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Guest Editorial

Well it is hard to believe February is upon us and all our children have returned back to school!

Our Family of six moved to Eureka from Gordonton two years ago and have enjoyed the friendly Eureka community ever since.

The kids have settled in well, loving Tauwhare School and meeting new friends.

This year our eldest daughter is attending Hillcrest High School and our 11 year old daughter has just started Berkley. Our son Liam is still at Tauwhare School and we also have a 21 month old toddler who keeps me busy during the day.

A lot of you will know Liam is crazy about Motorcross, he is looking forward to travelling around the country and competing this year. His last ride was at Otrohonga last weekend where his older sister chased him around the track on her Kawazaki 85.



It's great to see a good mixture of girls and boys enjoying this sport, and some of the girls are right up there competing with the boys. It is always a great day out packing the chilly bin, gazebo, etc, and heading off to watch the kids tear around the track.

I have loved and owned Boxer dogs now for 18 years and I am also a NZKC registered Breeder and qualified as a Vet Nurse. So I am looking forward to working when Sterling our youngest is a little older.



I have competed in the National Dog show and many Championship shows and ribbon parades around the North Island. Recently we celebrated our first home breed Champion. We are currently showing his daughter Kree who we hope is on her way to becoming a New Zealand Champion herself.

We are very excited about our up and coming litter which is due next month. It is a lot of hard work but it is always worth it to see a healthy litter of puppies.

It is great to see the generations in our breeding and I am looking forward to running a new puppy on.

Well I will end with a big thank you to all those that made our family feel welcome, it has been great meeting many of you.

Many Regards

Lisa and Matthew Couling

SNIPPETS



DONATION THANKS to all who contributed to the donation cannister at Eureka Motors last year. An amazing \$80.00 was received. Thank you all.

BIRTHS

- **NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS** to **Leisha and Alex Davies-Colley** of Tauwhare Road who were thrilled to welcome a gorgeous wee **daughter, Clara**, On January 12. A dear little sister for Elliot. Very best wishes to all.
- **NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jack and Linda Hooper** of Eureka Road who were delighted to welcome a new **grand daughter, Ruby**, on Valentines Day February 14. A darling **daughter** to **Steve and Rebecca Hooper** and little sister for Summah. Very best wishes to all.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to **Angela Goulston** of Eureka Road and **Trevor Fenton** of Auckland, who surprised everyone at their Engagement Party on December 14 by having a wedding ceremony. A wonderful celebration was held. Every good wish to you both.

WELCOME TO EUREKA TO SEVERAL NEW FOLK. A warm welcome to you all.

- **Bruce Weir and his partner Sharon Mullany** have moved in to their lovely new home on Platt Road.
- Also on Platt Road it is HI to **Ross and Fraser, and Fraser's** two children, **Tyler and Zoe**, who have bought the Journeaux property.
- On Eureka Road it is welcome to **Michael (Chopper) and Shelley Knight** and their **two sons Xavier 7 and Madix 5**, who have bought Clarke's home. Most recently ex Palmerston North, Michael and Shelley hail originally from Tahuna and Morrinsville so are happy to be back on Waikato soil near to family again. Ph 824 1180.
- And on Schollum Road it is Hello to the new owners of the Roach residence.

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

- **Michael Little** will study for a Bachelor of Business Studies at Massey University, Palmerston North
- **Alice Ng** is off to Massey University (Wellington) to study for a Bachelor of Design Hons. Majoring in Photography
- **Jaden Verryt** will study for an Agriculture/Commerce degree, also at Massey
- **Kerin Wilson** will study for a Bachelor of Design at AUT.
- **Tezhar Paymani** plans to study at Waikato University for a double degree in Business Management / Sports and Leisure Studies

We wish you all successful studies and bright futures in your chosen careers.

AFS SCHOLAR - Bon Voyage to Fraser Goulding who leaves this week for Buenos Aires, Argentina where he will spend a year living with Julian and his family and studying. Julian staying with the Goulding family of Friedlander Road two years ago. Enjoy this wonderful opportunity and experience, Fraser.

CONGRATUJLATIONS to **Patsy Booth** of Eureka Road who received the Regional Services Coordinator Award for NZ at the recent CRV Ambreed NZ Conference in Tauranga. Well done Patsy.

CONGRATULATIONS also to **Jack Hooper** who recently celebrated 40 years with LIC.

In Loving Memory

Vincent Gabriel Jones
11 March 1929 – 3 January 2014

It is with sadness we record the death of lifelong resident of Eureka, Vincent Jones, on January 3rd. Nearly 85 years old, Vin was the youngest of seven children of William and Blanche Jones. He was born in the house on Tauwhare Road where he lived and farmed all his life. A Friesian breeder Vin's Tawera Stud was well know in his heyday. Our condolences go to all Vin's family.



Keith Graeme Mace
14 April 1941 – 12 January 2014

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Jennifer Mace and all the family on the passing of Keith on January 12th. Keith and Jennifer have farmed on Waverley Road for 17 years. A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, Keith will be sadly missed. Always community minded and very involved with Rotary for many years, both in Taranaki and Morrinsville, Keith will be missed by his many friends and colleagues.



Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Henry Bourke who died on January 8th. Henry was a farm owner on Morrinsville Road, Eureka, having bought from Rodney and Colleen Nicholson some 20 odd years ago.

The farm had been in the McClennan family since 1905 and it was Tom McClennen who sold to the Nicholsons in 1980. Sadly Tom also passed away in January of this year. Our thoughts are also with the McClennan family.

HALL PAINTING. The Hall Committee trust you all approve of the newly painted hall. Grateful thanks goes to Chris Jones of Roof Coaters Ltd and also to local residents Christine Whiteley, Lynda Wilson and Maurice Smith for their input and willing assistance. Christine and Lynda helped with the colours and Christine and Maurice with repairing and replanting the garden beds. Maurice also mows the grass now and keeps the section looking tidy. A big thank you to all three for their invaluable and appreciated community service.

EUREKA EXPRESS COVERS - As we begin our 35th year of publication the committee would like to thank all our contributors and advertisers for their ongoing support and encourage you all, young and old, to offers suggestions, articles and news. What would be particularly helpful, at any time, would be Covers designed by local children, either hand drawn or computer generated / bearing in mind we do print in black and white. Also most appreciated would be the names of locals who may have an hour or two to spare every few months to help collate (i.e. fold and staple) on printing days. Editor Gail's contact number is 824 1758.

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STAFFING

We welcome back our staff from last year:

Room 1 Year 5 & 6 Ms Quinn
Room 2 Year 4 & 5 Mr Quenby
Room 7 Year 3 & 4 Mrs Gilroy
Room 3 Year 3 Miss Wrigg
Room 5 Year 2 Mrs Cook
Room 6 Year 1 & 2 Miss McCambridge
Room 4 Year 1 Mrs Elliot

Extension & Reading Recovery Release:
Ms Melton

Teacher Aides: Ms Mitchell, Ms Williams,
Mrs Mead & Mrs Hogarty

Secretary: Mrs Paula Brown

SCHOOL PICNIC

The annual school picnic was held on Thursday. This is a very important event in a country school's calendar. It is the time when families come together to meet each other, and a time for teachers to meet other family members and chat in an informal setting.

We also have our Swimming Sports and races. A huge congratulations to Sam Snape, who won the 50 mtr freestyle champion race for the Steel Cup. He was closely followed by Saskia Brockhuezen second, Olivia Speirs third and Liam Walton fourth.



SCHOOL HATS

As part of our sunsafe policy the school provides every child with a hat to wear during the school day. These are the only hats the children wear at school because they have a wide brim and cover the ears and back of the neck also. We sincerely thank the **Waikato Bay of Plenty Cancer Society** for providing these hats for us.



Chloe Stokes wrote a beautiful story last year when she was only 6 yrs old following a study on, and visits by, New Zealand authors. It was so impressive Mrs G decided to publish it for the library.

Chloe painstakingly drew all of the detailed illustrations

and worked with Mrs G to arrange the story into pages. It is a beautiful book and will be available for children to borrow from the library. Chloe gets to take it home first!

Thank you to Mrs G for helping Chloe to complete this project, and for adding some lovely finishing touches.

RECORDING

Following the huge success of SHRIEK, we took some of our talented vocalists to the recording studio to make a c.d. It was a great learning experience. We have some very talented young singers with a bright future.

NEW SANDPIT

A huge thank you **Lachie Verner** for building our enormous new sandpit. Thank you also to Dean



Andrews from **Property Handyman** for giving us an amazing deal on the sand and delivery and for calling in favours from his own suppliers to reduce our costs even more. We are so lucky to have such supportive companies helping us. This is just the start of our new play area!

Book your tickets now for Hamilton Operatic's Phantom of the Opera. May 2nd – May 17th. I am proud to have a lead role in this amazing production.

The
PHANTOM
of the
OPERA

Children's Page

SUMMER

Summer is hearing the birds cheeping in the big swishing trees.
Summer is seeing big sailing ships going out to the deep blue sea
Summer is building big sandcastles in the hot sand of the long beach.
Summer is feeling the hot, hot concrete at my Granddad's farm

By Reuben Stevens, Aged 6yrs

CHLOE'S STORY

Once upon a time there was a fairy princess called Amy. She lived in a castle in a pretty flower garden. But she didn't have a crown or a tiara. The rest of her was beautiful. She has blonde, soft, long hair that went down her back. Shiny blue eyes and a perfectly pink and purple dress with silver shoes with bows on them. She had shining red lipstick on her smiling mouth.

One day she went to her royal mirror. The mirror was magic, but she was not vain. Her mirror was a magic photo mirror!

She decided to go looking for the right prince. She went with her Dad on her white horse. Before that, she packed her golden bag. She put lots of drink with lots of food and thousands of clothes and dresses. She put lots of hair ties in a basket and put the basket in her bag. She set off on her white horse with her dad and her bag. She saw a prince put down a bottle of water, but he was not perfect. Amy set off again to find the most perfect, most handsome prince. She saw another prince by a river doing handstands and jumping into the water, but he was so ugly she didn't want to marry him.

She got on her horse and she trotted off to find the best prince she could find. Amy looked all around herself and did a double-check. At her double-check she saw one which twinkled her eyes. But behind him in the woods hiding, she could see a big bad wolf. The wolf was trying to eat the prince without being killed by the perfect prince's sword. But the wolf stepped on a leaf and the prince turned around. He saw the big bad wolf and ran to the princess fairy and her father and stood before them while the king got off his horse. They chopped the wolf's body in half.

At the end, they all had a royal wedding and lived happily ever after and Amy got a new crown.

By Chloe, Aged 6yrs



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TAUWHARE SCHOOL GALA

Saturday 8th March
10am – 2pm

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RAINFALL

	December 2013	Year to 31 st December
Total (mm)	103.5	1029.5
Average (1994-2013)	111.5	1179
Difference	- 8	- 149.5

Rainfall recorded on 13 days

	January 2014
Total (mm)	33
Average (1994-2014)	83.5
Difference	-50.5

Rainfall recorded on 12 days. Highest fall was 9.5mm



Tauwhare Playgroup

We hope you have had a lovely summer break.

Playgroup is back for a new year and looking to grow on the wonderful year we had last year.



This term we hope to make the most of the last days of summer with some water and outdoor play (weather dependant), as well autumn and Easter crafts. We will finish term one with a trip out- more details to come.

On March the 13th we will pretend to be Irish and celebrate St Patrick's Day by going green crazy. March the 27th will see us watching the dawn skies for hot air balloons and having our own Balloons over Playgroup festival.

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

For more information, contact: Karina Hayward on 824 0932.

Like us on Facebook and keep up date with what is happening.



Pukeko Preschool January 2014

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a happy summer. We reopened on the 13th January after a lovely 3 week holiday. It was wonderful to see all our families taking the opportunity to relax and catch up with life. We enjoyed hearing about the children's adventures.

Following on from our 10th birthday celebrations in December, if anyone in the community has stories about the preschool we'd love to hear them, or photos from the early years, including the preschool being moved to its current location at Tauwhare School.

As usual we are following the children for our focus. This year 'summer fun' is all about icecream, bugs, planes, boats, marlin and mountain climbing. Every day is different around here which adds to the fun.

We had 5 children leave for school over the holidays so have some spaces available now. If you would like to enrol, or if you know of people who would like their children to attend a small country preschool, please give us a call on 8240860 or come in and see us, in the grounds of Tauwhare School on Scotsman Valley Rd. Remember we offer 20 hours ECE, with no optional charges.





KFC

Kids for Christ Tauwhare (KFC) has been running for just over 9 years. We meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month, March through December, at St. Andrew's Church rooms, Tauwhare.

We have a team of 9 leaders along with helpers. Over the years we have grown from a regular group of 15 to 20 children to now over 50 local children and teens coming together monthly. After a combined time together at the start, we then split into 6 age groups for small group teaching and activity time. Each KFC we teach the children about God, Jesus and Christian living through songs, games, stories and activities. We finish around 11 a.m. with morning tea to which some of the parents come. It is nice to get to know them and we welcome their feedback.

We greatly appreciate the support of St. Francis Combined Church, Hillcrest, both from the Parish Council and the Staff.

In February we start the year off with a family picnic at the Narrows Christian Park, Rukuhia, where the children & their families enjoy swimming, a BBQ lunch, games, a water slide and go karting.

In December each year we join with the Tauwhare community for a Carol service in the Tauwhare Hall where the KFC children usually perform a Christmas related play. This event is well supported and enjoyed by the local community along with folks coming from Matangi, Tamahere and Hillcrest.

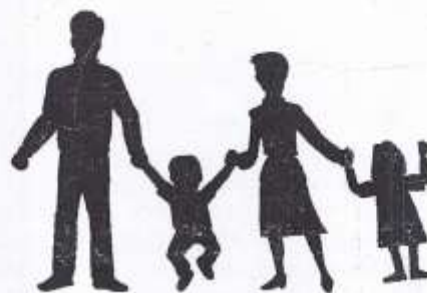
A very special event we have coming up in April is a Kids-Time Concert with New Zealand's most prolific and accomplished Christian Singer / Songwriter Jules Riding. Suitable for all children of primary school age this concert will be held in the Tauwhare Hall, Saturday 12th April starting at 4 p.m. Gold coin entry.

If you would like to know more about Kids for Christ please contact either Janine or Jill on the numbers above or email Janine on janine_niall@hotmail.com or Jill on pegasus@farmside.co.nz

Many blessings to you all for the year ahead,

KFC Team, Tauwhare.

Elisabeth Murray
Bruce Sinclair
Bev Sinclair
Fiona Sinclair
Janine Broekhuizen
David Lang
Jill Lang
Heather Mollekin
Helen Morton



Broadband Update

The good news is that Vodafone are in the process of securing a lease for a new tower to service the Newstead area which will provide both mobile calling and data services as well as wireless broadband to households. The tower has not yet been through the resource consent phase and at this point in time is predicted to be built in March of 2015. Is still some month's away but until recently it looked like Vodafone may not be able to find a suitable site for the tower.



To join the "Chorus – We don't have Broadband at our Address" Facebook group go to:
www.facebook.com/chorus.suxs

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

**Opening Night 6th March 2014
at Tauwhare Hall 7.30pm
Visitors and new members are very welcome**

If you are interested in leaning more about our Club, or would like to arrange transport to come along to our Club Night, please feel free to contact one of the persons named below.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| ▪ Reg Coxon (Patron) | Ph. 827 8911 |
| ▪ Jim Bargh (President) | Ph. 824 1100 |
| ▪ Kevin Williams (V. President) | Ph. 824 0728 |
| ▪ John Cottle | Ph. 824 0992 |
| ▪ Ian Spencer | Ph. 824 0805 |
| ▪ Bev Meads | Ph. 824 1941 |
| ▪ Rosalie Arnold (Treasurer) | Ph. 07 887 4832 |
| ▪ Robin Bargh (Secretary) | Ph. 824 1819 |
| ▪ Jack Hooper | Ph. 824 1037 |



Our Club is very friendly. We supply all the equipment, and all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes or slippers. I personally guarantee that you will have plenty of fun and meet great people. Indoor Bowls is for all ages, and juniors (under 18 years) are also welcome.

The programme for the early part of the season is -

- o March 6 Opening night - **members a plate please**
- o March 13 Club night
- o March 20 Club night
- o March 27 Mulholland Trophy
- o April 3 Triples Championship (**Prior entry**)

***Looking forward to seeing everyone on 6th March.
Come along - its great fun!***

Robin Bargh Phone 824 1819

IN YOUR GARDEN

How Long Does It Take To Grow A Rose Bush From Start To Finish

Hi Mike from Roach's Nurseries.
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The 1st step is to collect rose stock cuttings which are multi flora root stock to bud or Graft on to.

To start bush roses we cut the multi flora stock canes into 30cm lengths with a band saw. While the staff is doing this the paddock is worked up to a fine till and then rolled lightly.



We then proceed to lay black polythene which is about 60 cm wide, the rows being about 1.4m wide.

The stock cuttings are then disbudded or de eyed, this is a sit down job with a very sharp knife. All buds are removed from the bottom of the cutting leaving 2 buds at the top. The disbudded stock is then left in a dark bin until white callusing starts at the bottom of the cutting.

From there they are then planted in holes premade in the polythene which are 14cms apart. Standard roses have the same process but the stock is 1.2m tall. Nice straight canes are made to length on a table. These are also disbudded, leaving 3 buds at the top.

Planting is done between June and August. At Christmas-January the budding of the stock begins.

We collect the buds from previous rose plants budded last season, which we call our budwood. If for example we are budding Aotearoa, we collect branches from half spent flowers, cut the leaves off and take the prickles off the branches collected. The average stick has 5 buds one under each leaf.

We have people come from overseas to do our budding. They are professionals and spend all year budding around the world and are contracted by us to do our budding.

One month after budding we cut the stocks back by a few cms above the bud and remove their tops. These will grow to a mature rose by Christmas.

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INGREDIENTS

125g Butter
1 cup Desiccated Coconut
250g pack Milk Arrowroot biscuits
3 tsp Natural Lemon Essence
1/2 cup Sweetened Condensed Milk

ICING

1 1/2 cups Pure Icing Sugar
20g melted Butter
1 tbs Natural Lemon Essence
2 tbs Desiccated Coconut



METHOD

STEP 1: In a small saucepan heat butter and sweetened condensed milk on a gentle heat until butter is melted and mixture is combined.

STEP 2: Crush biscuits finely or process in food processor.

STEP 3: Add coconut to biscuit mix and mix well, add the warm milk and butter mixture and Queen Lemon Essence and mix well until all combined.

STEP 4: Hand press firmly into a greased 18cm x 28cm slice tin, allow to set in fridge for an hour.

STEP 5: To make icing, combine the sifted icing sugar, melted butter and Queen Lemon Essence and mix well, add enough warm water until you get a thick smooth paste.

STEP 6: Remove set slice from fridge and ice with lemon icing and sprinkle with coconut. Allow to set for a couple of hours and slice into pieces to serve.

Share Your Favourite Recipe With Us

Do you have a favourite recipe – maybe it is one that you created or maybe it is one that has been handed down the family. If so we would love you to share it with us and we can include it in one a future edition of the Eureka Express. Send them to editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz

Home Cooking!

I'm never known to be exact
A pinch of this. A dash of that!
My family samples every meal
With trepidation, and I feel
A certain horror on their faces
When Mum's ingredients replaces
Those designed by greater Chefs
I tries me best but I'm not deft!

I know I ought to leave alone
The recipes. My family moan
"For goodness sake oh Mother dear
Your meals are more than we can bear!
Let's have something from a jar
Or frozen food! It's better far!
And leave our taste buds still intact
You just can't cook, and that's a fact!"

Anna D

Lemon

“MOTHER NATURES CURE ALL FOR EVERYDAY PROBLEMS”

No doubt most of you have a wonderful lemon tree in your back yard laden with that wonderful little lemon, just waiting for you to harvest them and put them to many valuable uses.

You will be amazed by the hundreds of ways a lemon can improve your life, for centuries it has been used as a powerful health remedy, stress, reliever, home cleaner, magic stain remover.. insect repellent...beauty enhancer.. protector against disease..and even a way to slow the effects of ageing.

Best of all, it is 100% natural and will cost you only a few cents at your local shop or best of all, will cost you nothing if off your own lemon tree.

YOU CAN USE LEMON TO HEAL, TREAT AND PREVENT MANY ILLNESSES.

- Clean your digestive system
- Help flush toxins from your body
- Clean and detox your liver
- Relieve heartburn, bloating and belching
- Control constipation and diarrhoea
- Strengthen your teeth, bones and gums
- Reduce stress and fatigue
- Supply a powerful instant dose of vitamin C
- Treat nosebleeds
- Help maintain a healthy heart
- Treat colds, rheumatism, sore throats and headaches



Lemons can be used for enhancing the beauty, glow and elasticity of your skin and as a cleaner in the home.

Don't forget to have a daily hot lemon and honey drink or first thing in the morning have a glass of water with the juice of a lemon in it, very refreshing and cleansing.

CHERYL MCFARLANE

On the home front.....



Wow really 2014 and straight into it with the subject of space and balancing it within our homes. How do you visually get a room to feel spacious or for a large room make it feel intimate and homely?

Visually increasing space within a room....

Use mirrors especially reflecting the outdoors where possible.

Use small scale furniture, patterns and textures.

Use light cool colours.

Leave empty spaces throughout a room.

Choose furniture that shows the floor has legs or glass furniture that can be seen through.

Visually make a space smaller or more intimate.....

Choose furniture to obstruct extended views.

Select larger pieces of furniture using some furniture that sit solid to the floor.

Use warm dark colours.

Divide the room by the placing furniture so not to follow the wall lines only.

Is changing a room on your goal list for 2014????

Leanne Hilder

A REMINDER -

RECYCLE AND REFUSE COLLECTION GUIDELINES



- Put your refuse bags and recycle bin out by 7:30am
- There is no collection on a statutory holiday. Your collection will be one day late.
- Visit our website for details www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz

Refuse Collection Guidelines

- We only collect two plastic bags from each house
 - These are the black bags available from supermarkets
- We don't collect from wheelie or rubbish bins
- We don't collect multi wall paper bags
- We don't collect bags weighing more than 20kg
- Complaints
 - Phone Waikato District Council on 07 824 8633 or 0800 492 452

Recycle Collection Guidelines

IMPORTANT: The **only** bin that will be emptied is the green bin supplied by the Council. Bottles in cardboard boxes left beside the bin **will not be collected** for safety reasons.

- Please empty bottles from beer boxes in to the green bin.

IN the recycle bin

- Glass bottles, jars (no window glass, broken glass or light bulbs)
- Plastic, household containers, **types 1, 2 and 5 only**
 - Please **rinse** and **squash** containers – **put lids in refuse**
- Aluminium and steel cans, empty aerosol cans, foil plates
 - Please **rinse** and **squash** containers

BESIDE the recycle bin

- Put papers in to supermarket bags with the handles tied and placed beside your bin.
- Cardboard boxes must be flattened, tied in a bundle not exceeding 500mm wide, and be positioned beside your bin.

Frequently Asked Questions About Recycling

Need another bin?

- Additional bins can be purchased from Council's Ngaruawahia office

Can I put paper and cardboard in the green bin?

- Paper and thin card should be placed in a supermarket bag with handles tied, and placed on top of your bin. Larger cardboard should be securely bundled and placed beside the green bin

Why do I need to rinse containers?

- Rinsing helps recycling by reducing contamination and food leftovers can attract flies or animals and spread disease. A cold water rinse is usually enough.

Why should I squash containers?

- Flattened cans and plastic bottles are less likely to blow around in the wind and cause litter. Unsquashed items also take up a lot of space in both your bin and the collection truck.

Why remove lids?

- Lids are usually made from different plastic or metal and so they may not be able to be recycled along with the container. Taking lids off also helps when processing the collected containers by ensuring the container is empty and makes processing safer.

What if my recycling does not get collected?

- Non-complying materials will be left in the container with a sticker explaining the reason for non-collection. If you believe that the collection has missed your property phone Council 0800 492 452.

Consulting Officer Comment

Despite the dry summer biting quite hard at present, dairy farmers generally seem quite upbeat. We are getting quite used to these dry events. Mainly, though, the positive mind set is due to farmers preparedness for these dry spells with good stocks of supplement on hand, or about to be harvested (maize), AND a clear plan of the other options available to try and balance feed demand with feed supply.

It has been a good season to date and milk prices are strong relative to supplement prices. Not only are there options, because there is cash in the bank, but supplement spending at the moment is generally profitable.

On 11th of February the Discussion Group met at Mark and Hayley van Hellemond's who sharemilk on the Mace farm on Waverley Road. We saw a really well run dairy farming business with excellent all round performance. The farm is heading for a record season and with Mark & Hayley's ability to produce milk solids at 50c/kg less than the Waikato sharemilkers average, has enabled them to be in the top 10% for operating profit which is no mean feat.

One feature of the van Hellemond's management is the use of Once-A-Day milking from early January each year. They seem to have it sussed. They went onto OAD when the herd was still doing 1.7 kg/cow and while the somatic cell count jumped from 150,000 to 300,000 for a couple of days it soon settled down and now sits around 130,000. A key to this successful transition to AOD milking is continuing to feed the cows really well.

We also had a guest speaker from Hazardco. This commercial company provides advice and resources to help farms and businesses meet their requirements under the health & safety act in a simple and easy way. There was some good debate about motor bike helmets and who really is responsible on farm re hazards. Staff, Sharemilker or Owner?

One thing is for sure the farm needs to have the main hazards identified and staff aware of them and trained in how to deal with them. You also need some sort of simple method of recording that this has taken place in case you need to prove what you have done in the event of an accident.

Upcoming events:

Next Eureka Discussion Group is at Richard and Christine Lansdaal's at the end of Motumaoho Station Road. Plenty to discuss on this farm plus we will end with a "shed shout" by ANZ as the Lansdaals built a new shed and effluent ponds at the start of the season.

Dry Summer event: March 6th Morrinsville. More details to follow.

FeedRite NZ Roadshow: If you feed dairy cows you should attend! 3 Waikato events. Mar 12th am & night & 13th am Morrinsville.

Cashflow Budgeting Workshop: 8th & 9th April, Gordonton Hall. Register on line at www.dairynz.co.nz. Work on developing financial systems for your farm business.

Mark & Measure Strategy and Business: Taupo, Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 May 2014. Also 10th - 12th June in Queenstown.

Keep an eye out for **Yellow Bristle Grass** which is flowering right now. Copies of the new YBG Ute Guide is available.

Phil Irvine

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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Since June 2013 Council has been working on a discussion document for the **Draft Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2014 and Policy on dogs**. Community Boards and Committees, the NZ Kennel Club, Federated Farmers, Veterinarians and other relevant parties will be consulted. The Waikato District and Franklin District bylaws have both been reviewed prior to consultation and will be combined into one Bylaw.

At a meeting held this week the Policy & Regulatory Committee considered **amendments to Council's speed bylaws**. A Road Safety Engineer was commissioned to review 17 sections of road within the district. Roads within Eureka Ward that were reviewed were - Tauwhare Road on the eastern side of Matangi Village, Tauwhare Road (Tauwhare Pa) and Scotsman Valley Road.

Recommendations were:

- Install 70kph from existing 50kph on the eastern side of Matangi Village for 500 metres
- Retain current 100kph on Scotsman Valley Road
- Install 70kph at the current 80kph location and also extend 70kph on to Ringer Road for 350m.

A period of consultation will now take place, with the Community Committees being consulted. A further report will then go to Council for finalization of the adopted bylaw. If any submissions are received regarding the amendments a further Hearing will need to be conducted.

Waikato District Council has been listening to residents of the District re the **proposed psychoactive substances policy**, which is a result of the Council wanting to restrict the sale of legal highs in the district. 300 + submissions had been received by this week.

Council is completely **against** the sale of these substances but as the government has not created a law against them, having a strong policy in place is the only tool available to us. The Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 (the Act), passed by Government, allows for community input into where retailers of legal highs may be located. What we are talking about here are addictive, mind-altering substances that can and do have fatal results, so Council has been seeking input into Waikato district's response to this Act. The decision about whether a business can or cannot sell them is made by the independent Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority.

The Council's proposed policy aims to restrict the location of retail stores selling legal highs to commercial zones in Ngaruawahia, Huntly, Raglan, Te Kauwhata and Tuakau and keep them out of residential areas. The retailers would not be allowed within 50 metres of 'sensitive sites', e.g. places predominantly frequented by families and/or people under 18 years old, and can't be within 100 metres of another retailer selling the substances.

Government legislation effective from last July stipulates that legal highs cannot be sold from dairies, supermarkets, service stations or liquor outlets, and cannot be sold to anyone under 18. Manufacturers and retailers require licences and are required to list the ingredients. It is anticipated that hearings on the WDC policy will be held in late February 2014.

Waikato District has **200 parks and reserves** for residents to use free of charge. **Woodlands** Historic Homestead and Gardens in Whitikahu Road, Gordonton are Council owned and the **reserve is open seven days** a week, 10am – 4pm, for you to visit. There are designated areas for picnics (check details at the office in the homestead) and you can wander through eight acres of historic gardens. The Woodlands garden is a New Zealand Gardens Trust *Garden of National Significance* and well worth a visit. There is a small charge to enter the homestead; **entry to the gardens is free**. You may also like to become a member of Woodlands for a small yearly subscription. Visit their website for more information www.woodlands.co.nz.

Reminder - Waikato District is currently in a restricted fire season. If you wish to light a fire in a rural area we recommend you plan ahead as permits can take up to five working days to process.

The new 12.3km **Ngaruawahia Section of the Waikato Expressway** opened in December and has drawn very positive responses. Due to its location well away from the public eye it has been a surprise to many using it for the first time. It was built over three years at a cost of \$200m and features seven bridges, including six overbridges and a new 142 metre bridge over the Waikato River.

Until the Huntly and Hamilton Sections of the Expressway are completed the only connections to the existing road network are at the northern end of Gordonton Road at Taupiri and the Te Rapa Section at the Horotiu interchange at the southern end. The target opening for the Cambridge section is late 2016 and the Hamilton section 2019.

Cycling – you will be aware there have been a number of cyclist fatalities in the District in recent years. Regional meetings have been held to discuss issues for cyclists on rural roads. MP David Bennett MP instigated one of these meetings. A survey, predominantly targeting cycle clubs and schools that train on rural roads, is currently being developed by our Road Safety Coordinator, Megan Jolly. It is hoped to identify key routes and issues faced by these cyclists. Meetings will be ongoing.

Contact me at any time – more next month

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Not Every Bag of Food is made Equally!

The old adage "you get what you pay for" still rings true for many things in life, including pet food.



There are many misconceptions about pet food in general. For example:

- It is all the same stuff but in different bags
- Cats don't need their own food, dog food is just fine.
- Commercial food is over processed and bad for my pet
- You are just paying for the name
- My pet is slowing down because they are old.

Super market foods have been associated with a range of health issues, including:



- urinary tract infections in cats,
- obesity,
- bad breath,
- smelly and excessive "wind",
- excess faecal volume,
- dental disease,
- vomiting and diarrhoea..... to name a few.

Does your pet have one or more of these conditions? Could their diet be the cause of this?

Did you know that cheaper, low quality foods are artificially flavoured to meet your pet's preference and taste; often containing high amounts of salt, food colouring and sugar (broken down into different types, eg, dextrose, fructose and sucrose). These foods will have protein from a variety of sources and ingredients will differ from batch to batch; hence why your cat loves the first bag you buy and then turns their nose up at the second one.

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