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- Take declarations or affidavits

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EDITORIAL

In October I shall have lived in Eureka for seventeen years, the longest I've ever lived anywhere in my seventy-two years! And moving to my block here from Wellington was about the best thing I've ever done.

My great-grandfather was a farm worker in Berkshire. Not a well paid job then, and certainly not with thirteen children! He finished life in the workhouse!

But I guess the genes of rural living were there, and after WWII my parents and I lived in several country areas in the South of England, before upping sticks and coming to New Zealand in 1952.

Managing even one hectare with cows, donkeys and goats has been hard work, but huge fun. I planted many trees (which all grew like mad), discovered how to build post and wire fences and animal sheds, trim animal feet, make the most of a hay crop from two small paddocks, and learn to cope with a self-contained water supply, and pumps with minds of their own!

When I arrived I promised myself I would try never to embarrass my farmer neighbours, but I know I've given them lots of laughs over the years, and received huge help from them when I needed it.

I've also tried to contribute my small share to making Eureka a good place to live with a real community atmosphere. Fourteen years on the Express Committee (4 as Treasurer), and now Chair of the Community Planning Committee. I first submitted to the Council that we needed more people having input into their plans in June 2005, and our first Community Plan was published in June 2006. Kerry Clarkin was a most amenable first Chair with me as Secretary, but handed me the job when he moved to town.

With our second plan completed late last year, and moves afoot to create a Community Response Plan for Emergency Management, the Group has put a lot of effort into getting 'changes that matter' to people in Eureka. Street lights, roading signage, yellow lines, speed limits, fire reservoir listings, and any time now a bus shelter at the Hall! These things take time, persistence, and sometimes a lot of diplomacy!

I love the fact that I know all my neighbours in the street, and putting together a Neighbourhood Support Group gave us all a warm feeling of community. While Eureka Road and Manor Park have an NS group, there are still a number of roads in the district who don't. If there are others out there who would like to be part of a group, we can always arrange for a letterbox drop with all the details. And when we come to put the CRP together, we are going to need to know a lot more about who has what machinery, and who can contribute to joint efforts if or when the worst happens, whatever form it takes.

It's part of being a Community, and Eureka has a head start with the Express and current community efforts. Let's make it even better.

Sue Edmonds



SNIPPETS

NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS to Nicola and Steve Carrol of SH26 who were delighted to welcome a darling daughter, Charli, on June 17, a little early but now all well and happy. Charli is a precious sister for Dion, Sean, Adam and Reid and another dear granddaughter for Gayle and Lionel Orr, also of Morrinsville Road. Very best wishes to all.

NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Brian and Yolande Insoll of Hunter Road who were delighted to welcome a darling new granddaughter, Charlotte Anne, in Seattle USA on June 7. Charlotte is the first child for Kate and Zac Smith. Very best wishes to all.
- And congratulations also to Graeme and Lynne Brewer of Tauwhare Road who
 welcomed a new grandson, Tate Graeden Brewer in Auckland on June 16. Another
 lovely boy for Darren and Lisa and wee brother for Carter. Every best wish to all.

21st BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Whiteley of Eureka Road who celebrated this milestone on June 17. All the best Michael.

CONGRATULATIONS to Zach Walling and Clinton Bell of Walling Contracting who both did very well in the Fieldays Tractor Pull competition. Zach was the overall winner in the weight transfer section and also won the 10-12 tonne weight adjusted category. Workmate Clinton won the 8-10 tonne tractor weight adjusted category. Zach actually pulled the sled the full 100 metres to claim his victory.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Dave Vink of Waverley Road who has used his expertise to reprint our history book "Eureka 1874 – 1984 and make it available online on our website; www.eurekaexpress.co.nz

We are hugely grateful to you Dave.

Sincere condolences are extended to Glenys and Colin Middlemiss and family of Hooper Road on the death of Glenys's father, Mr Ernest Lowen, of Papamoa, on May 24 aged 90 years. A long life well lived.

To the family and friends of recent past resident Ian Manning of Hooper Road we extend our sincere sympathy on Ian's passing in Te Aroha on June 18.

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WELCOMES

It is a pleasure to warmly welcome the new June arrivals in Eureka.

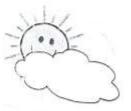
We trust you are all well settled in, keeping warm and dry, and will enjoy your time in Eureka be if brief or long term.

- On Waverley Road, on Buckley's farm, it is "Hi again" to Jody Thomson who is back after a year up north near Whangarei. And also working for Scott for eight months is Christopher Appleton on his O.E. from England.
- On the Gordon farms we say "Hello" to two new workers. Erik and Teagin Acton are ex-Newstead and have two children, Badyn 7 and baby Audrey. Phone 027 857 6853.
 And Dan and Janie Smith, ex-Te Aroha, have a toddler, Mieya. Phone 021 254 8948.
- To the Mace farm where we welcome Lance Dutton and Sam Meyer.
- On down to Eureka Road, on Scatchards farm, it is "Hi" to Taine Desai who is living in the Eureka Road cottage.
- Opposite on the Hinton farm, Tim Jackson will be milking for Daniel but will be commuting from the Puketaha Road farm.
- Moving on to Morrinsville Road to Colin Duncan's farm, it is "Hello" to Brad and Stacy Winter and their girls Jessica 8 and Ashlee 5. The family hail most recently from Ngatea but were previously nine years in Waipu. Welcome to you all. Ph. 8241 698
- Next door on James King's farm it is "Welcome" to new worker Mitchell Campbell-Torstonson who is living in the Hinton Road cottage.
- On the opposite side of Morrinsville Road on Ross Dela Rue's farm it is "Hello" to Stephen and Danielle Ratcliffe and children Peter 6 and Jamie 2. The family is ex-Walton. Ph. 8241 742.
- And on Schollum Road, working for Steve and Lisa Meek we welcome James St. John and his partner Lauren who are ex-Walton also.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL

RAINFALL

	May 2014	Year to 31" May
	83.5	252
Average (1994-2014)	111.5	422
Difference	- 27	-170



Rainfall recorded on 14 days.

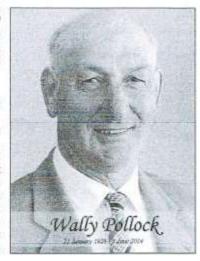
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WALLY POLLOCK QSM & Paul Harris Fellow

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of highly esteemed past resident of Eureka, Wally Pollock, in Hamilton on June 8, aged 86 years. Wally farmed on Schollum Road for nearly 40 years from 1952 – 1991.

Wally made a huge contribution to the district through Federated Farmers, initiating and/or administering the Farm Labour Scheme, the Cull Cow Committee, the Japanese Farm Trainee Scheme, Farm Discussion Group, the Farm Cadet Scheme and the Farmers' Mutual Insurance and Rural Intermediate Credit Associations. In 1996 Wally finally retired after 33 years as local Branch Chairman having received Federated Farmers highest honour, a Distinguished Service Award, in 1989.



The Hamilton East Rotary Club was another major interest of Wally's and the annual Rural/Urban night he instituted was a feature with locals every June. He was a past President of the Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Horses (a talented rider and successful owner/trainer), and rugby (player then administrator) were two great passions of Wally's. Then after leaving Eureka and moving back to Bruntwood, Wally became the Waikato District Councillor for Tamahere / Matangi Ward from 1992 – 2007.



But not least, the Eureka Express Committee fondly remembers our friend and ex-neighbour for his encouragement at the inception in 1980 of this newsletter. We were most grateful to Wally for his faithful support and regular contributions to the Express until leaving the district in 1991. He and Val have still received and read every copy printed.

We could write a book about Wally's commitment, and his exploits, and thank Val for sharing Wally with the community.

To Val, Wilson, Sally and all the family we extend our sincere condolences in their sad loss of a truly exceptional man who really did make a difference.



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www.eurekaexpress.co.nz

Yes we have a website. Thanks to the expertise and generosity of Wendy and John Morch and their internet business *IPNetGroup*, we are online. Every issue is available online and now you may also read and access our local history book, "*Eureka 1874 – 1984*" on this website. A big thank you to David Vink of Waverley Road whose expertise has solved the problem of our history book no longer being available for purchase.

LOCAL HISTORY

Copies of the 2004 "School and District Jubilee" booklet are readily available and are free. The booklet contains a synopsis of Eureka's history and development. Contact Gail for your copy. For a more detailed history please see above and read online.

TURLEY MURPHY BUS TIMETABLE



Leaves Morrinsville at 7:30am, 10:00am, 10:35am and 4:35pm
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Cash fares Ex Eureka: Adults \$4.10 - Child \$2.70 (concession cards available - Adults \$2.90 - Child \$1.90)

Buses leave Hamilton at 9:00am, 3:35pm & 5:15pm A Coromandel bus also leaves Hamilton at 1:20pm (10:35am above from Morrinsville is the Coromandel bus too).

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EUREKA HALL



Your local hall, the Eureka Community Centre as it is officially known, is always available for hire and you are encouraged to use it for meetings, functions - including weddings, birthday or anniversary celebrations, luncheons, dinners or any other gathering you may be considering.

For bookings and hireage costs please phone Gail Mayall 8241 758

Tauwhare School

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Roll 165

Sadly, we farewell Debbie Wrigg at the end of this term. Debbie is moving to the beautiful Hawkes Bay and has won a teaching position there. We have loved having Debbie with us for the past 5 years, and we wish Debbie all the best for the future. We have already begun the process of finding another excellent teacher for Room 3.

Rugby Report Tauwhare School sent a rugby team of year 4 – 6 boys to play against other schools from the South East Hamilton Cluster.



Tauwhare School were once again represented by a team of enthusiastic players who gave everything in all four of their games. They won two of their four games and finished third in their division. A special mention and thanks also goes to Ant Walton who did an amazing job of managing and coaching the team on the day.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Linda Cook took a group of 35 children and parents to the National Young Leaders Day in Rotorua. The children heard some inspiring and entertaining speakers with messages such as "What makes you strong? What makes you different? How are you going to support others?" Cam Calkoen" To live your dreams you need to take some really small steps to get there. I joined the drama club, school debate team, theatre sports. I was having fun doing what I like to do and it gave me confidence." Tamati Coffey



"You have no Idea how much potential is waiting inside of you, waiting to develop who you are. What are your strengths?" Allison Mooney

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

Because we are a growing school we do not accept large numbers of out of zone students. However, we do open the roll for a small number twice a year.

The board has determined that 6 places are likely to be available for out of zone students who intend to enrol between October 2014 and June 2015. For students seeking enrolment within this enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Friday 25th July 2014.

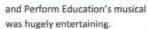
Parents of students who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during the next year should notify the school to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

Please contact the school: ph. 8240864 or admin@tauwhare.school.nz for more details.

BOOK WEEK

Thank you to Mrs. Gilroy for organising such a wonderful celebration of books. Our two visiting authors, Stu Duval and Kathy White, were inspiring,









Tauwhare Playgroup

We have had a wonderful Term Two welcoming new faces to the playgroup. It is good to see so many enthusiastic people joining the playgroup.

We have been making the most of the fine spells that we have had and enjoying some outside play on the fantastic playground



Enjoying the shared morning tea

at the school. During the rain we have been exploring all the toys in our shed and doing lots of crafts.

Our last get together for term two is the 3rd of July, when we will be having a trip to somewhere exciting. Details are still being finalized, so keep an eye on our facebook page for information or phone Karina.

We will have two weeks break before coming back together for term three on the 24th of July.

Over the holidays we will be buying more craft supplies, toys and upgrading some of equipment, so if you have any ideas on what you want to see at playgroup let us know.

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.

For more information, contact: Karina Hayward on 824 0932 after hours. Like us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with what is happening.



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Marae Visit

On Tuesday, the whole school visited the University Marae, as part of our "MY Community "social Sciences topic study. Thanks to the superb organisation of Nikki, everything went according to plan. We do need to thank the parents who offered transport for the visit, as without your help the trip would not have been possible. We have to congratulate the children as their behaviour was impeccable. It is times like this that makes you feel that the future is in good hands. Thank you too, to Alby and Tu, both of whom made significant contributions.

We also took a walk around the university and shared morning tea.





In the junior school we have had a variety of parents who shared their jobs with us and we had such enlightening talks from:

Lauren's Mum Shona who talked about being a Scientist, she bought very exciting looking machines and wore purple gloves and a white lab coat, Hayden's Mum Tara who talked about being a Pharmacist, (we learnt she skip counts to count up pills for packets! And Kezia's dad Martin who is an Anaesthetist. He showed us what he wears and how he puts people to sleep when they have an operation.

Our wonderful parents provided the children with lots of interesting facts and shared some of their "tools of the trade".

We even had our wonderful Acting Principal Mr Young talk about his job, and how busy he is even when he isn't in the office!

Thanks again to these wonderful parents for offering their time and trying very successful to explain their jobs in "children's speak".

HUGE THANKS!

Again we have to say wow! Thank you to the wonderful gang who cleaned up the front garden. It does look a whole lot better it is to be left until there is some new growth, then it will be knocked with weed killer then top soil can be applied to the garden before replanting next Spring. Our sincere thanks to Maryann and Linden Cooper from Linmar Constructions who donated the top soil and kindly had it delivered. Ian and Doreen Dowie (Jacob Ereipa's grandparents) from Central Plant Hire, who offered the use of their digger along with a driver (Jacob's dad Andre). (And for the supply of refreshments). Anna Turner for allowing the waste to be dumped on her property. Aaron Wallace for taking on the challenge of helping us get the digger and driver organised for the day, plus the top soil.

Complied by Chris B



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The Club is ticking along nicely, with a good muster each Thursday evening. Bowls is for all ages, so if you would like to come to the Hall on a Thursday evening at 7:15pm you will be very welcome.

Contact numbers:

Jim Bargh 824 1100 824 1819 Robin Bargh Kevin Williams 824 0728 07 887 4832 Rosalie Arnold

The annual Membery Trophy fixture Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay and Waikato Development Squads was held at Taupo on 17th May. Well done to C Bargh and B McNally for their contribution towards Waikato winning the trophy for 2014. I noticed that Waikato had more young players in their team than the other districts so, once again - a top effort!

Amber McNally was selected to play in Waikato's Archie Wardlaws Trophy team (16 top players) in a recent competition held at Napier. Waikato won the trophy.

Results:

22 May 2014 - Open Tournament

Winners I Spencer, M Campbell, N Stolwyk (Tauwhare)
 Runners Up G Membery's Team (Matangi)

29 May 2014 - Club Night

Winners R Coxon, L Verner, N Stolwyke Runners Up B Meads, K Williams, H Bargh

5 June 2014 - Esme Pope Memorial

Winner C Olsen G Mayall Runner Up

12 June 2014 - Progressive Bowls Skips

Winner C Olsen Runner Up R Bargh

Leads

Winner H Bargh Runner Up D Miller

Upcoming Events

3 July 2014 Mens and Ladies Singles - 7pm START

10 July 2014 Club Night

17 July 2014 Three Bowl Triples

24 July 2014 31 July 2014 Open Triples Tournament - A plate please

Club Night - Drawn Pairs

Out and About

Jim & Rosalie Arnold - Winners at Eastern Pairs Championship Waikato Junior Singles Championship – Winner Amber McNally; Runner Up Bronwyn McNally 4 June 2014 – Taupiri Rinks Tournament: Winners J Arnold, B Meads, R Arnold, Glenda Goodare

Thank you to all our members for their input and contributions towards our May Open Triples Tournament. Once again, a problem free evening which was very enjoyable.

Until next month - Good bowling everyone

Robin Bargh Phone 824 1819





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6 c. frozen shredded hash browns 1 1/2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese 2 cups diced cooked ham 1/2 c. sliced green onions 8 large beaten eggs Two 12-ounce cans evaporated milk 1/4 t. salt 1/4 t. pepper



Arrange potatoes evenly in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle with cheese, ham, and green onion. In a large mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over potato mixture in dish. Bake at 350 45-55 min.



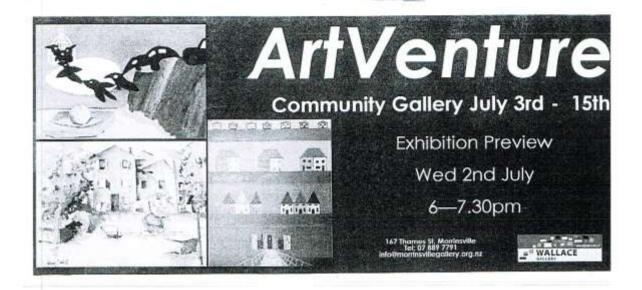
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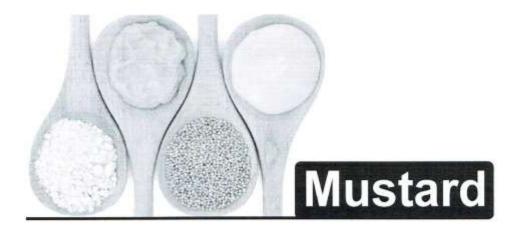


Eureka Junior Badminton

Season is well underway with good numbers and competitive games. The first Yankee tournament was held on the last Wednesday of May, winners being Mya Haggert and Ben Allan.

Big thank you to John Kemp of Matangi who dropped in on a club night and donated three racquets, they will be put to good use.





Mustard seeds are mentioned in ancient writings - as far back as 5,000 years.

They are also mentioned in the new testiment and the father of medicine, Hippocrates, used mustard seeds medicinally. It is said the mustard seed is excellent for reviving the body, 'expelling heaviness' and strengthening memory.

Mustard seeds can be black, white or brown – white is the mildest. Mustard is a member of the Brassica family all of which contain many health benefits. Dijon mustard is delicious on meats etc. Mustard seeds can be sprouted and added to salads, or stir-fry's.

Mustard can also be grown for a cattle crop or a green manure crop.

Mustard Seeds Contain:

Iron, Calcium, Zinc, Manganese Selenium, Tryptophan, Magnesium and Omega-3 fatty Acid.

Mustard Greens Contain:

Vitamins- K, C, A, B6, B1, B2, Folic Acid, Manganese, Magnesium, Potassium and Iron.

Note: If you are going to sprout mustard seeds organic seeds are always the safest (you can get them from King Seed).

Mustard seeds have been studied for their anit-cancer effects and have shown to inhibit the growth of cancer cells and to protect the body from cancer forming.

'Let your food be your medicine and your medicine be your food'.

Cheryl McFaralne

IN YOUR GARDEN

There is plenty to keep you busy in the garden, especially if you can find a will and a way between showers.

The to do list could be endless, but stick to the most important ones. Protect young citrus trees with frost cloth, as frosty weather is sure to arrive. Plant the last of your spring bulbs. Garlic is traditionally planted on the shortest day and harvested on the longest day, that is not a hard and fast rule, just make sure you get your seed cloves in before the end of July. Old coffee grounds are high in nitrogen, mix into



your soil to add organic matter. Harvest celery now, it adds flavour to vegetables soup and stews. Hellebores need a good trim in order to expose the crowns to the gentle winter sun. Rake up and bag fallen leaves, sprinkle with blood & bone as you go, add to your compost, spray with water, then in spring layer or lightly dig in around your plants, this aerates heavy soil and acts as a nutritious blanket. Prepare ground for strawberries, a mulch of oak leaves is supposed to improve the flavour. Harvest leeks.

Plant hardy green vegetables, broad beans, spinach, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, onions and winter lettuce, strawberries from now on. Plant fruit trees, in well prepared ground, roses and shrubs.

Try to leave your roses alone for another month, I know they look untidy but you must give them a chance to grow hips so that they know it really is winter and it really hasn't been cold enough.

I thought I would mention Daphne and Camellias, both are acid plants so don't like compost, use a little calci-lime, great time for planting is now.



It is a pleasure to have wild birds in your garden to enjoy their beauty, colour, and song. Feeding birds is a simple way to increase the number of birds in your garden, it also provides them with a regular food source over the cold winter months. Attracting wild birds into your garden will encourage them to search for common garden pests such as caterpillars and snails to eat. Tui and bellbirds are mainly nectar feeders, while others, like fantails and starlings prefer insects and bugs other species, like finches and sparrows are mainly seed eaters, however in winter when natural food sources are low, most wild birds will eat seed.

Lastly, but not least, don't forget to place wet newspaper underneath your mulch to deter weeds. Enjoy yourself, it's rewarding working in your garden in the winter.

Cheers, Jennifer



On the home front.....

A healthy home is a well-insulated and properly ventilated home. This can be improved by calculating the R values of our homes. R Values are the measurement of resistance to heat flow within our homes. Being able to hold the heat in our homes by choosing products that have higher R values equals better insulation and lower energy bills.

Heat can be lost at approximate rates of 30-35% loss occurring though the roof, 18-25% through the walls and 12-14% down though the floor, 20-30% though the windows.

R Value: equals the measurement of thermal resistance, now how we can improve them?

Windows

Double glazing is useful, blackout lining, use tightly woven fabrics. Choose curtains that reach the floor and pelmets do help with insulation.

Walls/Ceiling

Choosing the right insulation for all walls and ceiling space. Or in some of those older homes, replacing old insulation could be an option.

Flooring:

Using under floor insulation and a good underlay with your carpet is just a few ways you can improve the insulation depending on your subflooring.

Gaining higher R values within your home will help make winter easier, healthier and warmer.

Leanne Hilder

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

I recently had the pleasure of attending two functions organized by the Matangi / Hillcrest Rugby Club. On 31 May I attended their Centenary celebrations and was delighted to catch up with many friends who have moved away from the Waikato. Then on 21st June, the English Rugby team and officials were hosted at a luncheon at Te Iti O Haua Marae and I was invited to attend and welcome their guests to the Waikato District. After lunch the English team visited the Matangi Club rooms to meet locals and watch the Matangi Home game.

We farewelled Wally Pollock QSM on 11th June at a service at Hamilton Gardens — Wally died after a two year illness. Wally and his wife Val farmed in Eureka and I knew him best as a well liked and highly respected District Council colleague representing the Tamahere area as Ward Councillor. His life of commitment and dedication to family, friends and the community was acknowledged at his funeral and you can learn more about his links to Eureka in this month's Express. His full oblituary was in the Walkoto Times on Saturday 21th June.

May and early June have been very busy with hearings on Psychoactive Substances, Long Term Plan review / Annual Plan, Speed Limit Review and various workshops to discuss playground policies, reserve management plans, refuse and recyling policies and numerous other policies that need updating and discussing. Hearings are now spread far and wide with Councillors also travelling to Tuakau and Ragian to hear submissions.

On 17th June we completed the **Psychoactive Substances Policy**. We heard from submitters in early June and deliberated on the final policy last week. Without this policy Council would be leaving itself wide open for outlets to be established throughout the District and would have no future control over the sale of these substances. The policy will be presented at the full Council meeting in August for adoption and will then be on our website for information.

In late May we heard 755 submissions to the 2014 / 15 Annual Plan. The Annual Plan is a summary of what Council hopes to achieve for the Walkato district in the coming year. Key issues identified in the submissions included bilingual signage, community engagement, fees and charges and proposed spending on community projects not included in the third year of the Long Term Plan. Thank you very much to those from Eureka Ward who made submissions. The Annual Plan was formally adopted yesterday, 24 June. With a strong or community projects and a minimal rate increase of 1.89% Council feels it was a good outcome for local communities. Funding for community projects including such projects as new footpaths to address health and safety concerns, emergency road works and training for rural fire brigades. The Annual Plan will be available from July in all council offices and libraries and online at www.walkatodistrict.govt.nz

Waikato District Council is keen to have interested members of our communities involved in identifying heritage areas across the district and to this end organised a series of workshop meetings in June and the early part of July. Groups will be set up around the various Council wards – Huntly, Tarnahere/Eureka combined, Ngaruawhia, Maramarua, Ragian, Tuakau, Te Kauwhara and Te Kowhai. A meeting was held in Tamahere on 17th June and was attended by residents from Matangi, Gordonton, Tamahere, Tauwhare and Puketaha. The aim of Council's Heritage framework is to support the district's heritage and to have destinations that people will want to visit to know and enjoy our culture and heritage. Those who attended the meeting agreed to set up a local committee and they would welcome more members including residents from Eureka and Newstead districts. The group will discuss ways of identifying and protecting our area's heritage - be it built, natural or cultural heritage so it can be recognized and preserved for future generations. The projects identified would then be prioritized. Some funding is available from the District Council and staff members will support the groups with resources and information. If you would like to be involved and put on the e-mailing list for information of future meetings please email me at robmaruire@xtra.co.nt

Construction of the Allan Turner Walkway/Cycleway suspension bridge across the Mangaharakeke stream is underway. The bridge will connect Woodcock Road and Fuchsia Lane and, in honour of a former Walkato District Council colleague who passed away in 2012, will be known as the Allan Turner Walkway. The walkway will be located entirely within unformed road reserve and will be available for public use. It will have room for two way pedestrian and cycle traffic. Walkway Solutions Limited has been awarded the contract for this project which will be completed around mid-July 2014. Details of an official opening are in discussion phase.

Revaluations – In July this year all properties in the Waikato district will be revalued. The new 2014 valuations will be used to calculate your rates from 1 July – the start of the new rating year. However a change in your rateable value does not mean the rates for your property will change by a similar percentage. You will be entitled to disagree with the new rating value of your property and the process will be contained in your revaluation letter.

Fluoride — After community consultation the District Council will be introducing fluoride to the water supplies in the northern communities. For those residents with properties connected to the Southern Districts Water Scheme who responded to our survey last year — Hamilton City has agreed to reinstate fluoride. However this decision is still under judicial review.

Dog Registrations – Dog owners in the district should now have received their renewal notices reminding them that registration for the year 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015 is now due. If you register your animal/s by 20 July you will pay a discounted rate. More information on dog registration is available on our website www.walkatodistrict.govt.nz

Contact me at any time - more next month

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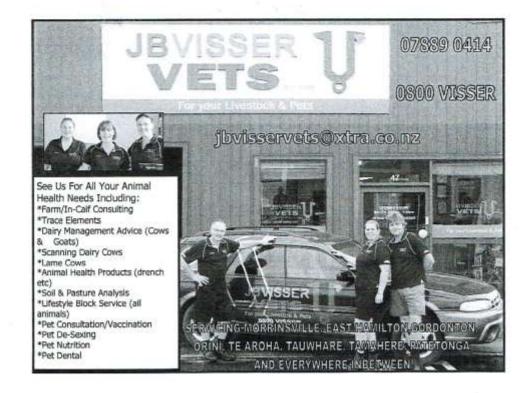


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