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Spring has sprung, the grass is ris



I wonder where the birdies is...

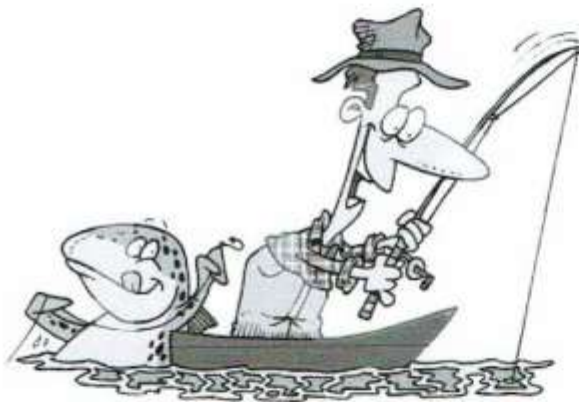
Eureka Express Guest Editorial

It's always interesting to open the Eureka Express and read a bit about our fellow locals, so when asked if we would write the guest editorial this time around, it certainly seemed like a natural contribution. Although we are relatively new to the area, having moved to Eureka a little over a year ago, we have quickly felt at home among the green pastures and the tranquillity of this beautiful countryside.

Originally from Quebec, the French-speaking province of Canada, I met my Kiwi partner Nathan while on a trip to Vancouver, where he found himself during his big OE on my side of the world seven years ago. The tail-end of his year of travelling adventures was thus spent with me back in Quebec, getting a taste of our world renowned winter, which kicked in later than usual that year, but gave us plenty to shiver about once arrived. Metres of snow to shovel out of the driveway and icy minus 30°C's certainly proved a different experience for him, but I assured him the novelty would wear off rather quickly! For me, New Zealand seemed such an exotic faraway paradise and it didn't take much convincing to hop on a plane and accompany him to his homeland, where the wonderfully gentle climate and I get along just great.



What we really enjoy getting into at this time of year is the garden. It's a special season when daffodils come out all over the place and cherry blossoms bloom pink by the rich green pastures. All the weeds positively flourish and need constant tidying up too, of course, but it's great to have a good size garden to work with – digging the soil, turning the earth, planning where to plant what. Tomatoes always get a choice spot – there's nothing better than sun ripened home grown tomatoes, and lots of them – not to mention spuds and beans, and anything one fancies. It was interesting these last couple of seasons to let things go to seed so as to collect our own seeds and keep the natural cycle going – interesting because we don't often let our veges like radishes, cucumber, beans, and the like go totally to seed until the seeds are ripe and would in a natural context detach from the plant to get started elsewhere. This lengthy process I must admit tried my patience at times, but mostly because I was very curious to discover the way each type of plant flowered and produced its seeds, which turned out to be quite fascinating. It's an excellent feeling to reap vegetables grown from seeds collected off vegetables we've grown..!



We're all geared up for the fishing season too – by all accounts it's quiet at the moment, but in the next few months we should be able to start enjoying again this wonderfully privileged activity. When he was in Vancouver, Nath made friends with a guy who could only reminisce about the days he used to go fishing with his dad out in the Vancouver harbour. Over-fishing and pollution decimated the fish population in those parts, and for the last decade or so recreational fishing has become something of the past, as is the case in many unfortunate areas. His friend was very saddened by this very real loss, and it certainly brought home

how precious and important such resources are. The fact that we can row off just about any New Zealand shore, throw a line in the water and catch dinner, is a privilege we should treasure and do our very best to protect.

They say the most important things are the most simple, so with lots of good things to look forward to, we're certainly very grateful to be among the fortunate ones to have food on the table and to be living in a beautiful country where we and our loved ones feel safe. All the best to everyone for a colourful spring and a fun-filled summer.

Alissar & Nathan

Snippets



FAREWELL TO EUREKA: to Bryan and Tricia Simmonds of Hooper Road who are moving into town

It is with great sadness that we record the recent death, on August 27, of past Platt Road resident, and esteemed Eureka Express committee member,

MARGARET FREKE

Margaret and Chris Freke moved into Hamilton early in 2007. Margaret served on the EE committee for 11 years and during that time, in early 1999, started the Ladies a Plate recipe column. She wrote her entertaining columns for more than 8 years, even continuing after her departure until a new volunteer, Gayle Orr, took over nearly six months later.

Margaret is fondly remembered for her good company, down to earth common sense and her sense of humour and cheery friendliness and commitment.

To Chris and all the family goes our sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

We are reprinting Margaret's original page of Ladies a Plate and also one of her recipes – see within. Sometime we may also include an article Margaret wrote for the gardeners amongst us, on worm farming – a passionate interest of hers.

RAINFALL

	August 2014	Year to 31 st August
Month	79.5	646
Average (1994-2014)	112.5	793.5
Difference	- 33	- 147.5

Rainfall recorded on 14 days.



EUREKA EXPRESS

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WANTED - TWO OR THREE INTELLIGENT MEN!

The template and guidelines for completion of a Community Response Plan for Eureka have arrived. These have been prepared by the Waikato Regional Council and the individual Emergency Management people at District Councils in the Waikato.



I have asked all the members of the Community Planning Committee if they want to be involved in this, and have had two acceptances from my stout women members. With me that makes three women!

But this job needs a few men, not only to provide ideas, but also to provide knowledge of who has what machinery, who lives in what road, and who themselves are (hopefully) good organisers.

And I'm very sure that if we three women just went ahead without you, there would be male shrieks of disagreement with whatever we came up with.

This isn't a long drawn out job. I'm hoping three or four short meetings and some phone calls and emails would do it. I am aware that there are a number of men in Eureka who profess to be allergic to committees (I've already asked them), but surely there must be at least two or three who have enough awareness of what difficulties a disaster (be it weather, volcano, biological incursion or something we haven't even thought of yet) could see us faced with.

Westmount School people have already expressed their readiness to lend us their facilities (including their kitchens and huge hall) if needed.

We just need to get some agreement on what could happen (however far fetched) and what plans we have in place to cope with them.



Everything I've read about the Christchurch quakes has stressed that those local groups who had plans in place fared very much better than those that didn't. We may not get 8000+ earthquakes, but let us at least be ready for whatever might get dumped on us.

So could two or three helpful males please ring me and offer your assistance.....

Sue Edmonds
824 1944

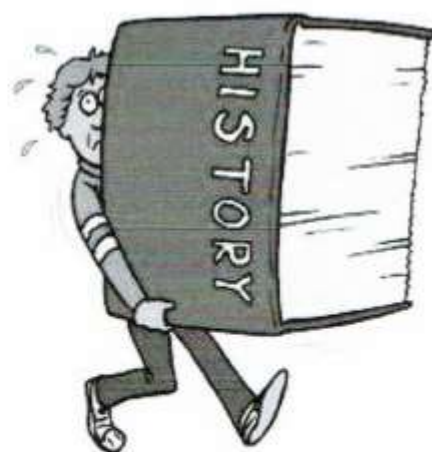
HERITAGE COMMITTEE

After my last impassioned plea in the Express for a historian, which produced zilch responses, I have dutifully been attending the meetings of the local Heritage Committee, put together by the Waikato District Council, and involving people from Newstead, Matangi, Tauwhare, Tamahere and Eureka. Well someone had to represent Eureka!!!

As many of you will realise, Eureka is already streets ahead of most of the others, having done its history up till 1984, and recording its school jubilee etc in 2004.

Since then a number of our 'elders' have died off, and many new people have arrived.

However, I'm hoping that some of the long running families will still have neglected stashes of old papers, photos, and family stories which have been passed down. And there must be events or other things which have happened in the last 30 years around here which would be of interest to future generations.



For the next meeting of the Committee on 8 October, we have to produce lists of what we actually know about, so we have a starting point for whatever storage system (physical or electronic) the Council eventually comes up with. I have already examined, with Gail Mayall, the Eureka stash in the cabinets at the Hall and made lists of what is there. But it would be nice to be able to make all that stuff more available to both locals and outsiders with past connections to Eureka, who might want to add some detail to their family memoirs. If you don't know what's there you can hardly know if you want to look at it!

So next month I'll include in the Express a list of what we've got, and hopefully some of what might be elsewhere in the district. I am aware that some local families have shifted down the generations from one part of the area to another, and who might be interested in what their previous area turns up in the way of Heritage records.

In the meantime, if you remember that in the back of some cupboard there is a hoard of old documents, mementoes and the like, please ring or email me and share the news before 8 October!!!

Sue Edmonds
824 1944
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MARKET PLACE:

LIFESTYLE FARM GARAGE SALE: 16b Hooper Road, Saturday 27 September
10am to 12 noon. We are moving into town so have a variety of farming, household
and animal husbandry items we will not require.

Items include: Polaris Sportsman Quad bike
1 year old Masport Ride-on Mower
Fencing gear
Solar powered electric fence unit and electric fence gear
Ear tagger, rubber ring applicator
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NOTICES:



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APRIL 8th 2015

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Roll: 170

VANDALISM

Sadly, we are experiencing some mindless vandalism at our beautiful school. Daffodils in our competition garden have been pulled out or their stems broken, trees have been pulled out in the native area and the skink houses smashed, and someone has obviously tried to get into the PE shed by damaging locks.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously around our school please do not hesitate to ring 111. The Cambridge Police are being very helpful and supportive and are happy for you to contact them.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the children who ran in the City & Country Inter-Schools Cross Country races at Porritt Stadium on Friday. They were a wonderful team and did us all proud!

Special congratulations to Danny Sinclair who came first in the Yr 4 Boys.

Results

Yr 4 Girls Bridget Hill 17th **Yr 4 Boys** Danny Sinclair 1st
Yr 5 Girls Trelise Jones 8th **Yr 5 Boys** Liam Couling 12th
Riley Bellamy 14th Lachlann McCarthy 17th
Yr 6 Girls Ruby Sinclair 10th
Yr 6 Boys Liam Walton 14th



Native Bush Area

Thank you to Mr Holden and Mr Quenby, for helping Room 1 and 2 and Mrs Cook plant over 120 plants in the native bush area.

The children did a fantastic job planting and they are now there for everyone to enjoy.

Room 1 and 2 researched the types of plants needed to encourage birds and bugs into our back native bush area. We then used the \$485 raised by the Enviro-group stall at the gala and bought the plants from Full Bloom nursery. These plants are being used to fill in the gaps and under-plant the trees. The area looks fantastic so please come and have a look but remember to use the path so the new plants don't get trampled.



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Testing pool at night

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Saturday November 29, 2014

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- Live Music (Robinson Entertainment Duet Show)
- Venue (Tauwhare – to be confirmed)
- \$25 per person, (includes music, supper and a fantastic night out!)
- CASH BAR – NO Eftpos!! (alcohol and non alcoholic drinks for sale)
- Supper provided



Dress in all things "Christmassy" or get out your gumboots, cowboy hats or any rural themed costume. **Come - enjoy the fun!**

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

Pukeko Preschool would like to thank everyone who helped to make their Ceildh on Saturday 13th September a huge success!

Over 60 people attended the Ceildh held at Tauwhare Hall, with everyone getting into the party spirit of the night. The music by the 'Hairy Coo Ceildh band' was fantastic, they really know how to get people up and dancing!

Thank you for the support from members of the local community in Tauwhare and Eureka , as well as from people attending from Hamilton, and from as far afield as Thames, Putaruru and Raglan. We were also extremely grateful for the donations of prizes for our raffle and mystery bottle from many local businesses, and to the wonderful bakers who donated baked goods for sale.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$1,200 from the night, which is going towards our new preschool building project.

Many thanks again, from the Pukeko Preschool fundraising team



SCAMS

Up-to-date information on SCAMS of all kinds is available from the [Department of Internal Affairs](#) website

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER!



PUT CLOCKS **FORWARD** ONE HOUR AT 2.00 A.M.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS THIRD TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
FOURTH TERM BEGINS ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Reminder

Reminder

Tauwhare Playgroup

This term, we have been enjoying playing with our new toys. Favorites so far have been the tunnels and tent, the market stall and the work bench. Everyone has been having lots of fun!



This last term we have seen the continued growth of the playgroup. Thank you to everyone who comes and supports us.

Our last get-together for Term 3 is the 25th September, with our first playgroup of Term 4 on 16th October. We will be having a couple of trips next term – details to be confirmed when we meet up again.

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

For more information, contact: Becky on 824 0150, or Pippa on 824 0846.

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



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

August Yankee Tournament results : Highest Points - Congratulations Whiti Kairau and Tom Allan

September has seen the running of the Club Champs with the following results

Senior Boy WHITI KAIRAU

Senior Girls EMMA WALTON

Junior Boys LIAM WALTON

Boy Doubles WHITI KAIRAU and NATHAN RHODES

Girls Doubles EMMA WALTON AND MYA HAGGETT

Badminton has now finished for this season and will recommence at the start of the 2nd school term 2015



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to readers of our Bowls news. Once again the August/September period has been rather busy.

First up our annual social bowls fixture with Tamahere, for which Tamahere were hosts this year. Fourteen players travelled to Tamahere and played Progressive bowls. I know some Tauwhare players featured in the winners and runners up prizes list. Due to 'memory fade', combined with a 'senior moment' I am unable to name them as I did not record their achievements at the time – my apologies! The evening was enjoyed by all, and Tamahere were great hosts.

Congratulations to Jack Hooper who was 3rd equal in the Waikato Champion of Champions Singles.

Also congratulations to Amber McNally and Melita Bargh for winning the Pairs at a recent secondary school fixture held in Hamilton.

Now for the GREAT NEWS. Tauwhare now holds the coveted Brown Bowl which, after a close challenge against Matangi, Tauwhare came out the winners. Jim Bargh, J & R Arnold, B Meads, I Spencer, K Williams, R Coxon and C Olson were in the team. Well done! The Brown Bowl is contested by the seven Eastern Waikato Clubs who each have one challenge per year.

The annual Erin Rose bowl challenge with Matangi ended in a draw. Matangi keep the cup as they were the holders.

Results:

14 August 2014 – Club Night

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

21 August 2014 – Club Night

- Winners B Mears, G Mayall, D Miller
- Runners Up I Spencer, B Grieveson, D Pizzini

28 August 2014 – Sattrup Trophy

- Winners I Spencer, N Stolwyk
- Runners Up Jim Bargh, G Mayall

4 September 2014 – Club Night

- Winners I Spencer, K McNally, N Stolwyk
- Runners Up R Coxon, D Pizzini

11 September 2014 – Club Night

- Winners L Grieveson, B Grieveson, D Appleton
- Runners Up L Verner, H Bargh, D Miller

18 September 2014 – President's / Vice President's Night

- Winners J Arnold, D Appleton
- Runners Up R Coxon, D Pizzini

Upcoming Events

2 October 2014

AGM and Prize giving (Plate please)

9 October 2014

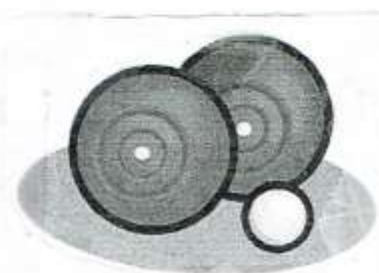
Christmas Tournament (Plate please)

Thank you to our President Jim Bargh and Vice President Kevin Williams for putting on a very enjoyable evening with some lovely trophies. The raffle drawing put a novel twist to the end of the evening. Two draws, then the two ticket holders had to play one bowl each. The bowl nearest the kitty gave that bowler the opportunity to choose their raffle prize first.

See you all at our AGM and prize giving followed by the Christmas Rinks Tournament on the 9th October.

Good bowling everyone

Robin Bargh Phone 824 1819



IN YOUR GARDEN

Hi Folks,

Well we have rain, wind and more rain which we can't get enough of this time of year.

October is near, you should have your veggie garden planted ready for Xmas.

As we could still get a frost this month, plant tomatoes into a pot and keep on the sunny side of the At the end of month tomatoes will be about 50cm to a metre high and ready to plant in late October.



Start planting courgettes, cucumber, chillies, gherkins, eggplants etc.

Water melons like a very warm soil before they start growing. Don't plant until January.

Spray your fruit trees and roses with Bravo fungicide or a spray with the same make-up – this is a good fungicide as it is able to protect plants even after a rain fall, being that it is systemic.



Slugs are around so put pellets around your veggie plants like a small wall.

When making a raised garden remember you veggie plants are only going to grow approximately 15 cm into your soil. Put small rocks, old soil into the bottom then compost and small amount of potting mix on the top, about 30cm (1 foot) deep.

Mushroom compost is a great filler for the above as it is weed free and doesn't have any bark, Roach's has this available in bags or by the trailer load.

Happy Gardening

Mike

Meaning of Color of Roses:

Red Rose: Sincere Love & Respect, Courage & Passion
Pink Rose: Grace and Gentility, the rose of sweet thoughts.
Yellow Rose: Friendship, joy, gladness and freedom
White Rose: Spiritual love & Purity, the rose of confession,
Lavender Rose: Love at first sight and enchantment.
Orange Rose: Passionate desire, pure enthusiasm and fascination
Light Pink Rose: Admiration, Sympathy, Gentleness, Grace, Joy, Sweetness
Dark Pink Rose: Appreciation, Gratitude, "Thank You"
Yellow with Red Tip Rose: Friendship, Falling in Love
Peach Rose: Appreciation, Sincerity, Gratitude
Pale Peach Rose: Modesty
Coral Rose: Desire
Lavender Rose: Love at first sight, Enchantment
Black Rose: Death, Farewell
Blue Rose: The unattainable, the impossible
Red Rosebud: Symbolic of purity and loveliness
White Rosebud: Symbolic of girlhood
Thorn-less Rose: "Love at first sight"

The following article by Margaret Freke in March 1999 heralded the start of the recipe column, instigated by Margaret and written by her for the next 8 ½ years, which is still continued today. Enjoy! We loved her and miss her...

Ladies a Plate

How often have those seemingly simple words struck horror to my heart? You may find this hard to understand if you are an organised sort of person with a good memory. Unfortunately my memory is unreliable and despite writing dates and times of meetings on my white board they still seem to slip my mind. Usually, just as I am subsiding in my chair with a sigh of relief and a large gin while I wait for dinner to finish cooking, some well-meaning friend rings up. ‘You haven’t forgotten the meeting tonight, have you? And you promised a plate for supper’. The friend is usually surprised and possibly deafened by the shriek of despair with which I greet this well-meaning communication. Fortunately, I have a trusty standby for such situations – thank God for frozen sausage rolls, I try never to be without them. I slip into panic mode, flick on the oven, a forage in the freezer, a zap in the microwave and 15 – 20 minutes in the oven and hey presto you have an almost instant plate. I have had recourse to this so often that I have a sneaking suspicion that I am known as Mrs Sausage Roll to my friends.

Of course, if sausage rolls have sunk without trace to the depths of the freezer, there’s always that elderly tin of asparagus that you bought when it was on special. It’s been lurking at the back of the cupboard for quite a while now but things in tins don’t go off – do they? Another rummage in the freezer this time to find a spare loaf. Once again the microwave comes into its own again as it defrosts the loaf, which you then hastily decrust and butter. Open the tin of asparagus and tip out its rather sinister and flaccid contents, which you drain and roll up in the bread. I wonder how people managed in the days before nearly every-one had a deep freeze and microwave, perhaps they had better memories in those days.

I expect that by now you are all thinking what a hopeless and disorganised person I am, so I want you to help me out. I would like to know some of your favourite plate recipes and I don’t mean a packet of mallow puffs from the dairy! Something reasonably quick and easy made from ingredients that are readily available in most households or that can be bought and stored in case of need. Any recipes sent in, will be published by the Express but there are no guarantees and you are advised to try them out on your family before using them on the public at large. Come to think of it, on re-reading this I don’t suppose that I will ever be asked to provide a plate again!

Margaret Freke



September 2004

Ladies a Plate

I don't know about you but I am extremely partial to a bit of pickle, either with cold meat and cheese or in sandwiches. I usually make my own apple chutney and bread and butter pickles when the necessary ingredients are in season. The beauty of the recipe that I am going to give you this month, is that it is not dependent on the ingredients being in season. The recipe comes courtesy of Doreen Appleton. I haven't tried the recipe myself yet but if Doreen says it is good then a good recipe it will be. By the way, if you have never made pickle before, don't be put off if it looks a bit yukky in the pan as you are making it. The first lot of green tomato chutney that I ever made looked absolutely revolting when I was cooking it but turned out to be very tasty when a small amount was put on the plate.

When making pickles, I usually sterilize the jars by putting the clean jars in the oven at about 100 degrees C for about 10 mins. I pour boiling water over the inside of the plastic lids. You will have gathered that I use old Horlicks or mayonnaise jars. The pickle that I make keeps well and one lot of apple chutney was still good two years after I made it, though it doesn't usually hang around so long in our house. Here you are then:

PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY

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|---|--|
| 2 large onions | 1 440g tin of crushed pineapple (I assume natural juice) |
| 2 cups sugar | 2 cups water |
| 2tsp curry powder | 2 tsp turmeric |
| 2 tsp salt | 2 tblsp flour |
| 4 tsp glacial acetic acid (purchased from chemist). | |

Chop the onions finely and place in a large pot with the crushed pineapple. Simmer until the onion is tender, then add the sugar and 1 and a half cups of the water and bring to the boil. Mix the next four ingredients with the rest of the water and add to the boiling mixture, stirring until it thickens. CAREFULLY measure and add the acetic acid and simmer for 10 – 15 minutes until thick, then pour into warm jars. NB Store the acid out of the reach of children.

Margaret Freke



On the home front.....



Spring time, with new life comes new ideas; spring cleaning comes to mind and often happens in our house, gearing up for summer, warmer weather and day light savings. Look at what's new and exciting in the way of colour and ideas for the home front.

Carpet:

The colour ranges in carpet have followed the grey/dark trends. There is more variation of grey and dark tones being used in longer lasting smart strand carpets? People often use these to help a home feel more modern and thrive in the minimalistic look.

Paint Colours:

New colour ranges are becoming available from calming soft colours to punching brights. Check out the 2015-2016 range.....to see where you can refresh your environment.

Wallpaper:

Wow wallpaper.....Do you have a picture you like, or have taken from your phone or camera, now you can have it made into a wallpaper. This could be the perfect personal touch at home for a feature wall or an important memory, and pricelist for a kid's room.



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CO Comment for Eureka Express

On-farm discussion groups are back into high gear as calving ends and the focus turns to the pre-mating period. It was neat to see so many farm teams at the DairyNZ Reproduction Field Days earlier in the month to best prepare their teams with a plan for a successful mating season.



With balance date arriving earlier in the month, discussions are on how to best manage the plentiful feed situation. Right now, the three key management decisions involved in the balancing act are: achieving optimum production, maintaining pasture quality, and keeping profitability in mind. At the discussion group I had yesterday, the 2 farms with the highest production were on all pasture diets without any supplementary feed. So, why are so many farms still feeding supplements when there is more than enough good quality pasture for the herd to be producing 2kg MS/cow/day or more on pasture alone? With the forecast milk price down to \$5.30 (\$3.10 less than last season), careful re-evaluation of the current farm policy regarding both farm working expenses especially imported feeds and capital expenditure will be needed.



The best advice I can give is, to communicate with people, such as your bank manager, accountant, trusted advisers or neighbouring farmers, if you believe that your farm or farm system may be under some pressure. Early discussions are best and with calving over for most, this will be the ideal time to review the financial budgets.

And on that note, I leave these final words with you, "Production is vanity, Profit is sanity".

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

- The next local Eureka Discussion Group is on Tuesday 14th October, 11am, at Dave Verryts, 98 Reid Road, S/N 72678.
- SMASH – Time to close your wallet? Seminar on Wednesday 15th October, 10.30am – 2pm, at the Don Rowlands Centre, Lake Karapiro. Morning tea and lunch provided. *This seminar will help you identify changes you can make to your business to ensure it will cope with a low payout. Speakers include Duncan Coull (Rural Business Solutions), a Fonterra Director & Jo Sheridan (DairyNZ). Please RSVP to smash.registrar@gmail.com*

For further information about local events supported by DairyNZ, visit the DairyNZ website.

Until next month!

Jaimee Morgan
DairyNZ Consulting Officer Hamilton North

Sudden Death In Calves

The calves are doing well and suddenly you find one dead in the paddock. What could it have died of? At this time of the year there is quite a list. These include Blackleg, Clostridium-type bacteria, Salmonella, Listeria and Yersinia which are all bacterial infections. Then there is Coccidiosis and Thiamine deficiency. (see below) A few weeks after weaning it is unlikely to be worms whereas this is not true if it is closer to Christmas. Some of the deaths can be prevented by vaccinating at the right time. It can be worthwhile to have a diagnosis, especially since some diseases are preventable.

Vaccinating Calves

Calves should be vaccinated against clostridial diseases now, especially if you intend to send them away grazing. Normally you would use a 5 in 1 vaccine. The one vaccine protects against 5 different clostridial diseases (such as blackleg and tetanus) Now there is 10 in 1, it's a bit more expensive but protects against 10 different clostridial diseases.

We are also vaccinating calves against Lepto and Blackleg in a combined 7 in 1 vaccine.

Painful Husbandry Procedures

Here is a summary of the legal requirements for Painful Husbandry Procedures, which may affect the timing of certain procedures throughout the year. The minimum standards were brought into effect by the Animal Welfare Code of Welfare 2005. The code states that painful husbandry procedures must not be performed on new born animals less than 12 hours old where handling, pain and post-operative complications are likely to compromise survival through impairing maternal bonding and/or colostrum intake. Regarding specific procedures they say:

Castration:

Castration, or shortening of the scrotum, without pain relief, must be performed as early as possible (not less than 12 hours), and not greater than 6 months of age. When castrating or shortening the scrotum of an animal over 6 months of age, pain relief must be used. If high tension bands are used, local anaesthetic (pain relief) must be used at any age.

Dehorning

Dehorning calves without pain relief must be performed when animals are as young as possible (not less than 12 hours old) and not greater than 9 months. If over 9 months of age pain relief must be used.

Tail Docking – Cattle

Full tail docking is no longer permitted. If tail shortening is performed, then it must be limited to the last 2 or 3 vertebrae using a rubber ring applied between joints. It can be left to drop off on its own accord or not less than 7 days after application of the ring, be severed by a sharp implement below where the ring has been applied in such a manner as not to cause discomfort to the animal.

Tail Docking – Sheep

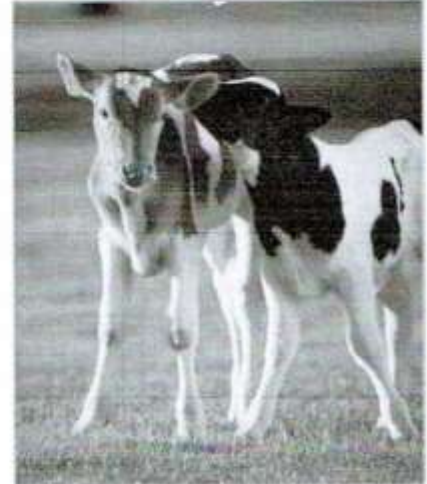
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Coccidiosis

Coccidia are a type of parasite which invades the walls of the large intestines, where it multiplies. Eventually the invaded cells rupture, releasing more coccidia into the faeces resulting in a very sick calf with scours. The coccidia will contaminate the pasture for many months and possibly even years. The calves come in contact with the coccidia as they drink less milk and start grazing more.

Ideally, the calves will develop an immunity to the coccidia. Usually the meal the calves eat contains a coccidiostat. This doesn't kill the coccidia, but prevents it from multiplying. This means when the calves pick up the coccidia as they are grazing they can't multiply which causes the disease. Instead the calves develop an immunity without suffering any major damage to their intestines. For the calves to develop a good immunity they should be getting coccidiostat meal for at least 3 months.



The disease can turn up in many different situations including but not confined to the following:

1. calves on heavily affected pastures
2. Coccidiostat has been taken away before they develop a full immunity, or not receiving any coccidiostat at all.
3. calves are not growing well and as a result have a poor immune system

Coccidia can kill affected calves, but more often it greatly reduces the affected animals growth rates. It can easily effect a whole mob which doesn't look "right" and many may have "dirty" back sides with some of the animals scouring. Normal worm drench doesn't affect the coccidia at all.

It can affect calves from 4 weeks to 6 months old.

It is a disease to consider if you have calves that have been weaned, or are about to be weaned, and are not doing well. There is a simple test which can be done on the faeces which can indicate if the parasite is present.

There is a highly effective drench called Baycox which will kill all the coccidian.

Coccidia affects many different species of animals such as poultry, sheep, goats and cattle. However, it is host specific. This means sheep coccidia will not trouble cattle. In New Zealand there are two main species which can cause problems in calves. Unfortunately, if your calves have immunity to one species, then they will not have immunity for the other. If calves are only exposed to one species while on the coccidiostat, they will not develop immunity to the other species. This means that if they come into contact with the second species, for example, when they are moved to the run off, you may run into coccidia problems, even though they have been on a coccidiostat.

Recently weaned calves that develop the scours, are more likely to have coccidia than a worm infection. As the calf ages, they gradually become immune to the parasite. Only small numbers may pass through immune adult stock, but not enough to cause production losses, which enables the parasite to live on.

Make contact with your vet if you think you may have problems.

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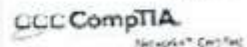
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