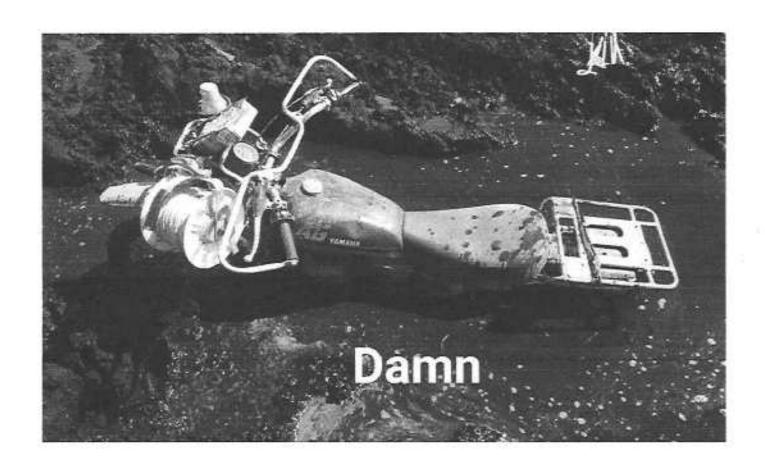
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Rain, rain go away

Come again another day...

EDITORIAL

Here I sit on a magnificent sunny spring day (the only one we've had for a long time) contemplating where to start. We have lived in Eureka coming up 12 years, the longest place we have ever settled. I was born and raised in Hamilton, I moved to Auckland to marry my sweetheart, Babak (sometimes known as Bob), where we had our two children and spent 13 long years. I finally convinced Babak to move back home and Eureka was the place we fell in love with.

This year has marked a few big events in our life, our eldest son, Kesian, got married to his soulmate, Milly, on 2 June. My grandmother passed away six weeks later, and on 17 October Babak and I celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary.

Some of you may have met or seen my nana, she has lived with us for the past four and a half years. Quite fit for a 94-year-old, she could catch a chicken and clip its wings, climb fences to rescue lambs among many other things that I would frown at her for. She certainly kept active but in the end her heart couldn't take any more good country living, all her family admit that if she hadn't moved to Eureka she would not have lived as long as she did. Eureka became her home, she loved being with family and has now left a big hole in our lives.

We joke that our property is like a retirement village as my mum and dad also live here in a house behind us. They too enjoy the lifestyle, the peace and quiet, no hustle and bustle of the city. With Babak and I owning two Kindy's in Glenview you could say we nurture from the cradle to the grave. Hopefully without too many visits to the grave.

As mentioned before Babak and I have been married for 25 years, we have two incredible sons who spend a lot of their spare time working with youth in Fairfield showing them how to build a strong healthy community. Both are studying at Waikato University, Kesian and Milly live in Fairfield and he has one more year left of his Masters in Applied Psychology (Community). Milly works at the Waikato Hospital as a Physiotherapist. Tezhar is still living at home and about to complete his Bachelor of Electronic Commerce.

Babak has just entered a career in Real Estate with U Hooker after many years in retail this has required a great amount of courage to give up a steady income but courage is not something unfamiliar to Babak. Babak came to NZ in 1988 as a refugee, leaving all his family and escaping his home country of Iran after being persecuted for his faith; the Baha'i faith, who still suffer persecution in Iran today. Babak escaped in the covered tray of a ute, this took five days, finally crossing the border in the middle of the night into Pakistan. A great adventure for an 18-year-old but a very scary one for his parents left worrying about his safety. An adventure that we only see in the movies or hear about on the news.

I spend my days very busy managing two Kindy's, between the staff, children and their families I am kept in a constant state of panic...oops I mean joy. I do love what I do and the children certainly keep me young.

Between Christmas and New Year Babak and I run a café at Southwell School where the Baha'i summer school is held annually. The café is a voluntary service with all proceeds going to the Baha'i faith. Babak has a love for cooking and I have a love for socializing so we are the perfect fit for the 9am-midnight shifts for five solid days. We usually let our hair down on New Year's Eve with a party, then go into a coma for a few days to recover.

As we head up to the end of the year we wonder what next year has instore for us, I suspect my youngest might move out of home, maybe I will get my first grandchild? Most likely I just have to keep using Kindy children to fix my empty nest syndrome. Regardless of what the future holds I can't see it being anywhere other than Eureka, we love our piece of paradise.

Arohanui,

Sandra Paymani



SNIPPETS



NEW TREASURER: The E Express committee has warmly welcomed a prospective new treasurer on to the committee. Glenys Middlemiss, of Hooper Road, has stepped up to join the committee and hopefully she will assume the treasurer's role from next year. Thank you, Glenys. We are very grateful for your offer.

WELCOME TO EUREKA TO:

- Kirk and Michelle Forsyth who have purchased the Mechan property on SH 26. They
 have sold their cafe in Whangamata and moved to Eureka where Michelle is busy
 with a big DIY project and Kirk has returned to his engineering trade. Every best
 wish to you both.
- And a warm welcome also to Brendon and Monique Woods who have bought the Burke property on Manor Park. Brendon and Monique have two children, Blake, nearly 2 years, and Georgia nearly 4 years. Their niece, Hannah is living with them while studying at Uni. They have been living in Hamilton city for the last five years. Brendon is presently Rural Manager at the ANZ Bank in Te Awamutu. Our best wishes to you all. Phone: 8241982.
- UPDATED LOCAL PHONE LIST: If you have only a cell phone now and wish to have the number included in our local phone list, please phone or email Gail asap as the list is presently being updated for circulation next month.
- 80TH BIRTHDAY: A certain Eureka Road farmer celebrated this milestone on September 23rd. Congratulations Barry. Any retirement plans yet? We look forward to celebrating another decade in due course.

MARKET PLACE

For Sale:

Hay, Conventional bales - \$8 per bale. Phone 8241891 or 02102889247

For Sale:

Kitchen sink. Stainless steel, 1 and a ¼ sink with draining tray. In excellent order. Phone Maurice 0274797282 or 8241948.

Work Wanted

I have 20+ years of experience in Retail and Administration. I am looking for full-time employment but part-time would be fine. Available for immediate start. Please contact Michelle 0220235120

MUMS AND BUBS GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES

Tuesdays 10 – 11am Bring along your baby/child/children Contact Sheena at Fit 4 Consumption for more details 021 152 3262 or sheena/arfit4consumption.co.nz



RAINFALL

Weather for August 2017		
Rainfall total August	92.5mm	
Rain Total for year	1000mm	
Rainy days	24	
Most daily rainfall	18mm	9 August
Highest wind speed	43.5km/hr	27 August
Temp high	18.3C	7th & 29th Aug
Temp low	-0.2C	5 th Aug



LADIES NIGHT REVIEW

Another successful Ladies Night was held on Friday 8 September. The weather wasn't wonderful, it was wet and a bit cold, but inside the hall it was warm and dry. Ladies were met at the door and offered a glass of wine or juice and there was cheese, crackers, dip and grapes available to nibble on during the evening. We had a really good mix of stalls each with their own fantastic products.

- Rawleighs traditional Rawleighs products and health care
- Prenzel, oil dips, and some alcohol products
- Avon, new products now available in makeup
- Nutrimetics makeup
- Enyo Cleaning products using no chemicals
- Traditional Kiwi Kawa Kawa Cream and food covers made with beeswax
- Jambeery Nail products
- Scentsy Aromatherapy and fragrances
- Fit4 Consumption Nutrition and better health
- Norwex Cleaning products environmentally friendly
- Close to my heart Scrapbooking
- Colleen Homemade crocheting and knitting.

Each of the stall holders gave a short talk about their products which all were very interesting, and after their talk they draw a name out of the box and a lucky lady won a small gift from their product range. Thank you ladies for introducing us to your products and I know a lot of us are going to taste or use them in the future.

The evening is put on by the Eureka Express committee to bring the ladies in the community together and to have a bit of time out for themselves. We have received some very positive feedback from some of the ladies who attended and the stall holders - one stall holder described it as an elegant event.

If you missed this one, you missed a great night, keep reading the Express; there may be another on organised at another date.

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MATANGI GARDEN CLUB MASSIVE ANNUAL PLANT SALE SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER 9AM TO 12 MIDDAY

TREES, SHRUBS, PERENNIALS ANNUALS,
PRODUCE, CAKES, RAFFLES &
SCRUMPTIOUS MORNING TEAS
MATANGI HALL
TAUWHARE ROAD
MATANGI



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



JUNIOR BADMINTON

The Junior Badminton season has ended with the Club Championships.

Junior Badminton Championship Results

Senior Girls Singles: Jess Chambers

Senior Boys Singles: Zach Bellamy

Junior Girls Singles: Kate Silvester

Junior Boys Singles: Ben Tau

Girls Doubles: Trelise Jones and Kate Silvester

Boys Doubles: Riley and Luke Bellamy

The 2018 season will open at the beginning of the 2nd school term



BODY, SPIRIT, WELLNESS EXPO

The Body, Spirit, wellness Expo at Eureka Hall, Saturday 7th October, from 10am until 5pm, has been created to provide a platform for Natural products and healing techniques,

With today's stresses and strains of daily life, it has become important to be focussed on not only family and career support, but body, spirit & overall wellness support for ourselves.

For some it has become too easy to leave ourselves until last, running ourselves too low. Eventually you are unable to benefit anyone, let alone yourself.

Often we turn to foods, medicines or habits that do not support us or fuel us, but prop us up temporarily.

At the Body, Spirit Wellness expo, you will find products and modalities that assist in bringing balance and health back into your lives, naturally.

Our stall holders consist of:

Acupuncture, Foot joint mobility and body healing, Psychic Readings, Crystals, Reflexology, Pranic Healing and nutrients, natural food covers made of beeswax, Kawa Kawa lotion, Himalayan Salt Lamps, Aura photography and chakra mapping, Reiki, Spirit Art, Magnesium lotions and remedies, Yoga and beauty health, Books written for children and for personal development, Nutritional support products, Crystal bowls.

Steve, Mel and Gayle are committed to bringing these products and services to the market under one roof for you to trial, purchase, or just talk about with the stall holders.

For further interest please check out our Facebook page facebook.com/bodyspiritwellnessexpo2017 Or email gorn@xtra.co.nz

BODY, SPIRIT, WELLNESS EXPO SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH 10AM – 5PM

EUREKA HALL, HUNTER ROAD EUREKA



Crystals

Acupuncture

Aura Photography

Spirit Art

Psychic Readings

Salt Lamps

Books

Aromatherapy

Reiki

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EUREKA HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE HELD Tuesday 15th August 2017 at 7.45pm in the hall.

PRESENT: (8) - Philip Mayall (Chair), Gail Mayall (Sec), Lionel Orr (Treas), Barry Mayall, Gayle Orr, Alan Morrison, Margaret Smith, Deane Morris.

APOLOGIES: Peter Scatchard, Rob McGuire (WDC).

ABSENT Karen Vink

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM were read and received. Moved A. Morrison/L Orr - Carried

MATTERS ARISING: 1. Water - no feedback yet from Rob McGuire.

 Hall Contents Insurance. FMG have insured us for \$40000 at an annual premium of \$317.86. Excess for Loss \$500, theft \$2000

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Lionel Orr. 2016 – 2017
Financial Statement has been audited by John Morch. Balance at 30June \$21,751.54. Moved that
Financial Report be accepted and John Morch b asked to continue as Auditor – L. Orr/M Smith.
Carried

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: A quiet year with low usage. AED launched and installed in March. Cost half share with Eureka Express\$1,304.56

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: As no resignations received it was Moved A. Morrison/B Mayall that the present officers and committee be re-elected en bloc. Carried.

RE-ELECTED: Chairperson - Philip Mayall, Secretary - Gail Mayall, Treasurer - Lionel Orr

Committee: - Alan Morrison, Barry Mayall, Gayle Orr, Karin Vink, Margaret Smith, Deane Morris, Peter Scatchard.

Three bank signatories being L Orr, G Mayall and P Mayall, remain the same. Moved G. Orr/M. Smith Carried

Hall Charges: That the Hall charges (see enclosed) remain the same with Secretary to use discretion with non-resident use and hireage. Moved G. Mayall/L Orr Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

- That Maurice Smith be thanked for his regular mowing of the hall grounds. He is agree
 able to continuing for another year. We are very grateful for this voluntary service.
- 2. No action yet on replacing spouting. P. Mayall to action.
- It was agreed that the committee should look at having another Community Lunch when the weather warms up.
- That Community Committee are keen to see a concrete path laid to bus shelter from car park. Discussion held but no resolution as opinion divided.
- That the AGM Minutes, list of committee members and Hireage rates plus audited accounts b sent to WDC by end of September. Moved L Orr/ P Mayall Carried

MEMORIES OF EUREKA ROAD

By Tom Hinton - printed in Eureka Jubilee book, May 2004

A nostalgic look at "Station Road" as it was known in the earlier days of Eureka settlement, and events remembered by one of the older generation – from its first days of servicing the railway until the present day, in 2004.

As has been narrated in other journals, the railway line from Hamilton to Morrinsville took five years to build, from the time when Sir George Grey turned the first sod in Claudelands on 1st May, 1879, until the first train arrived in Morrinsville on 1st October, 1884. During that time Station Road was formed to provide access to the railway station from the main Hamilton – Morrinsville road. The buildings have all gone now but, situated as it was in the midst of a vast area of tea-tree scrub, the railway yards must have looked quite impressive when first built. The switching station itself also housed a large passenger waiting room with a wooden loading ramp built alongside mainly for cream cans, butter and other farm commodities. Jiggers and tools for staff use were stored in a small shed nearby. Two extra rail sidings were provided for shunting purposes, with a large goods shed being built directly opposite the station and, further west towards Hamilton, a substantial stock yard. The original road carried on past the station a little way, then turned over the railway line, circling back to service the Station Master's house, the goods shed and, finally the stock yards where it ended.

Eventually four more houses for railway employees were built where Holland Road is now on the Hamilton side of the Station. Eureka Station was the highest point between Hamilton and Morrinsville at 100 feet above sea level and, as a Flag Station was quite important for the railways.

When trains were approaching from opposite directions, the porter would hop on a hand propelled jigger, travel down the line and change the points over, so that the first train to arrive would be diverted into a siding while the other train (usually an Express) picked up the tablet and whistled on past.

The road at that time was little more than a very rough horse and cart track developed from sand dug from local properties. In the deeper peat areas facines made for tea-tree were used to strengthen and support the track against the weight of carts travelling over t6hem. My father told many a story of carts being hopelessly stuck in the peat slush and of crates of butter being put under their wheels to give them a solid surface to ride out on.

I was born in 1926 and attended Eureka School, about a mile away, from when I was four and a half years old, travelling at first by tricycle. The road, although still very rough and full of potholes, was all metalled by then and no one got stuck any more – other than on the farm going down to the road.

In those days, apart from Paddy Shine's Store and the railway houses, there were only two houses on the left side of Station Road which ended at the railway yards – Ross and Florence Hinton and Lester and Hermione Masters. From our farm on, the rest including 90 acre of ours, was tea-tree, stretching both sides of the railway line to Ruakura. There were only three houses on the other side of the road at that time – Cyril and Edna Masters, Tom and Mary Dalziel and Arthur and Margaret Hinton.

Time has changed. There are now more than 50 houses built on Eureka Road, farms up the railway line, with still more sections available to build on. The road is now sealed and meets up with the relatively new Holland Road, giving excellent access to Hamilton and other major northern centres. During my school days, Lester Masters' place was famous to me because of its beautiful row of Christmas plum trees beside the road. My brother and I became expert at throwing sticks to knock off ripe plums from higher branches. Discipline then was pretty good however, so we were seldom late for school.

Blackberry bushes were profuse along the side of the road nearer home and I used to love catching wild kittens that would hide in them and taking them home as present for Mum. Dad used to put me in the bath and scrub my legs, scratches and all – you can imagine the yells coming from the bathroom!

During those years peat fires, usually caused by flying sparks from coal burning railway locomotives igniting dry tea-tree scrub and rushes, were very prevalent. The resultant smog, especially in the mornings and late evenings, was amazingly thick. Sometimes with arms extended you could not even see your fingers, so you can imagine the difficulty involved when rounding up the herd for morning milking. Unbeknown to our parents my younger brother, Bruce and I had developed a very dangerous but exciting game of jumping over the smouldering ash from one area, usually of rushes, to another supposedly safe spot. The idea was to work your way out into the swamp as far as possible, then come back by another route. Something like hop scotch.

In times of drought the water table would often be lower than a metre from the surface and the peat would continue to burn down to that level. Bruce was unlucky one day and jumped onto land that looked solid but was actually soft and burning underneath. One leg went through the crust down to his groin and I still remember the huge blisters he suffered from later. When it eventually did rain puddles could form on the surface yet, because of the oily nature of peat, water did not penetrate easily and, in a bad year, those underground fires would burn on well into winter. Fires of that extent are no more these days. Trains run on diesel and the land is well developed.

When Eureka School days were over I attended Hamilton Technical College by train. These were wonderful days. From our front verandah I could see when the train left Motumaoho Railway Station by its smoke. I would then take off on my bike. Sometimes, however, the chain would keep coming off making me a little late. If it was too bad and the train was getting close, I would throw the bike into the tea-tree and run. I was never far away and the driver always waited. There was an initiation ceremony held on the train every year for first year boys involving nuggeting of faces. Station staff were very good at helping us wash our faces before we went home.

Railway people contributed much to the Eureka community, and were a sad loss to the district when the station closed. They joined in all major sports such as tennis, bowls, badminton etc. and social activities to the fullest extent. To name a few, Jim Peebles coached the school rugby team, Fred Petricivich, Tom Dawson, Harry Cronin and all their families were very well known for the enthusiastic support they gave to every local project that came up.

Time has flown and all that is behind us now. Hopefully some of these sports will again become popular here, as there is nothing like team work to give a district a sense of participation and pride. The past has seen hard but, in the end, rewarding times. The countryside has never been more beautiful; we have the best situation and climate in New Zealand and Eureka Road looks forward to a wonderful future.



Tom and Claire Hinton

Tauwhare School

Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

We are currently finalising classes for 2018. If you have a pre-schooler ready to begin school please do let us know so we can add them to our database.

New to our area?? Please feel free to pop down to school to have a look around.

CROSS COUNTRY

It was wonderful to see so many yellow T-shirts coming in so strongly at the Cluster Schools Cross Country on Friday. We were all so proud of their determination. But even better was seeing the smiles on their faces as they ran through the finish line and hearing the cheering from our many supporters.

Congratulations to:

Tyla Jackson 1st Year 4 girls

Helena Walton 3rd Delta Downing 5th

Finn Bell 1st Year 4 boys

Luke Bellamy 3rd Patrick Gordon 5th

Micah Long 7th

Hayley Gander 7th Quinlan McCarthy 8th

Matthew Sinclair 2nd Year 5 boys

That's us!!! 4th!!

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Liam West 5th

Georgia Mantell 2nd Year 6 girls

Georgie Brown 4th

Cayden Jackson 2nd Year 6 boys

Alison Brunton 2nd Year 5 girls

Jesimae Strawbridge 3rd

Joe Barr 4th

MATIFIC SUCCESS



Mrs Elliot has been organising for the whole school to

compete in the Australia/New Zealand Matific Competition. The kids have loved using the Matific programme as it makes learning Maths fun.

Huge congratulations to Tauwhare School!!! We came 4th over all the schools competing from both countries!!! Room 3 came 4th overall in the individual classes competition and Room 4 came 7th. Prizes are yet to be notified, however hopefully we will win enough to licence the use of Matifics for free.

FUN TIMES AT TAUWHARE SCHOOLTHIS MONTH!!!







Hamilton Operatic Society's opic production of Mary Poppins files into Claudelands Arena on November 25th - Dec 9 . Tickets on sale now.



Pukeko Preschool – September 2017

This month we took part in Maori Language Week and Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week. The children looked at the Treaty of Waitangi and talked about how we can look after our language, the rivers and the forests for the future.

We've been spending time in the forest and on the school grounds watching the daffodils and the blossoms appear for spring. As a lunchbox centre the children have been discussing their different foods and looking at healthy eating.

We are making good progress towards our new building. A call has gone out for anyone who may be able to help us with this project. If anyone has services or knowledge (eg. local electricians, plumbers, roofers etc.) that could help us make our new centre a reality, and you'd like to be involved, please see Emma. At this stage we are looking at starting before the end of the year.

We have some special visitors at preschool right now, thanks to the Newman family. George and Spotty are being looked after very carefully by the children, and have grown a lot bigger since they started coming to visit.

We will be open during the school holidays and running our school holiday programme with fun experiences like bike days. We will be closed for a teacher-only day on Friday 6th October.

A few spaces have opened up with children going off to school. If you have friends who are looking for childcare or new people moving on to your farms please let them know about our wonderful community centre, where children come first not fees. Brochures available.









About Pukeko Preschool

We are a small rural preschool situated in the grounds of Tauwhare School on Scotsman Valley Rd. We are open from 8am – 4pm and licensed for 17 children.

Session times are 8.45am – 1.00pm, 8.45am – 2.45pm, or choose your own hours for bookings over 6.5 hours. We welcome children from 2 years of age. They need to be toilet-trained (or close to it) as we do not have nappy changing facilities (we will have these in our new centre).

Limited spaces are available – call in and see us, phone 824 0860, or email pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz. We offer 20 hours Free ECE (NO extra charges for these hours) and you may also be eligible for the childcare subsidy. Contact us for more information, check out our website www.pukekopreschool.org.nz, or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko Preschool in Tauwhare'.

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to the Club's final news for 2017. A special thank you to the ladies at the Eureka Express Committee and the Tauwhare Transmitter for publishing my reports throughout the year.

The Erin Rosebowl remained in Matangi's possession after a some-what one-sided challenge from Tauwhare. Matangi retained the Brown Bowl after Tauwhare's challenge. The Brown Bowl is contested by all six clubs in the Eastern Sub Centre. Each Club is allocated one challenge to the current holder per season.

The "Club Triples" is an Eastern competition where each of the six clubs in the Eastern Sub Centre enter two teams. This year Tauwhare tied with Matangi for the winner's spot. The teams were B Meads, R Arnold & G Goodare and J Arnold, R Bargh, K Williams. Congratujlation to L Verner who won the Points Cup for 2017. A well-deserved win, as Lockie didn't miss a Club Night.

The Most Improved Player Cup was awarded to E Stevens – one of our Junior members. Well done Emily. Congratulations.

Results:

20 July 2017 - Open Tournament

Winner J Duncan (Litchfield)

Runners Up
 R Bargh, C Olson, G Goodare
 Top Tauwhare Team
 J Arnold, E Morris, K McNally

27 July 2017 - Club Night

Winner
 Runner Up
 B Meads, R Arnold
 R Bargh, L Verner

3 August 2017 - Club Night

Winners R Coxon, K McNally
 Runners Up P Stanaway, R Arnold

10 August 2017 - Club Night

Winners B Meads, L Verner
 Runners Up R Coxon, E Morris

17 August 2017 - Sattrup Trophy

Winners B Meads, J Cottle
 Runners Up R Coxon, R Bargh

24 August 2017 - Club Night

Winners R Bargh, J Cottle

Runners Up B Meads, G Singers-Rutz

14 September 2017 - President & V-President Night

Winners J Bargh, K McNally
 Runners Up B Meads, J Cottle

Out & About

8 September Beerescourt Cup -

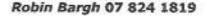
Winners: J Arnold, B Meads, R Bargh, R Arnold

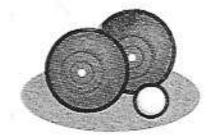
12 September Gordonton Open Tournament

Runners Up: J Arnold's Tauwhare Team

Thank you to Kevin & Jim B for supplying the trophies for the President & Vice President Night.

Our Christmas Rinks Tournament is on 12th October.





TASTE BUDS

IT'S WHITEBAIT SEASON: Ye Ha

WHITEBATE LOAF

2 eggs

1 tsp Parsley

½ cup milk

1 t lemon juice

Salt and pepper

1 tsp lemon zest

200g minimum of whitebait

Method:

Beat together egg milk salt and pepper. Mix in juice zest and parsley. Gently mix in whitebait. Pour into a well

greased small loaf tin. Bake at no more than 150c for about an hour. Turn out and either serve hot or slice when cold and serve with wholemeal bread.

KURATAU FRUIT CAKE



500g mixed fruit 1c Sugar 1c milk 2c flour 225g butter (grated into flour) 2 Eggs beaten 1tbs Baking Soda 1tbs Mixed Spice Almond Essence Vanilla Essence Salt (pinch) 2-3 tsp Sherry

Milk, fruit and sugar in a pan, bring to boil. Add Soda, salt, spice and essences. Add flour/butter and then eggs. Put into a 20cm square tin and bake 150 degrees for 1 ½ -2 hours. Pour Sherry over when cooked. Leave in tin to cool.

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.riz

"The Farmer's Wife" - a contributed poem, January 1885:

The farmer came in from the field one day, His languid step and his weary way, His bended brow and sinewy hand, All showing his work for the good of the land;

For he sows, And he hoes, And he mows, All for the good of the land.

By the kitchen fire stood his patient wife, Light of his home and joy of his life, With face all aglow and busy hand, Preparing the meal for her husband's band; For she must boil And she must broil,

And she must toil, All for the sake of the home.

Sun shines bright when the farmer goes out, Birds sing sweet songs, lambs frisk about, The brook babbles softly in the glen, While he works bravely for the good of the men;

For he sows,
And he hoes,
And he mows,
All for the good of the land.

How briskly the wife steps about within -The dishes to wash and the milk to skim. The fire goes out and the flies buzz about -For dear ones at home her heart is kept stout;

There are pies to make, There is bread to bake, And steps to take, All for the sake of the home.

When the day is o'er and the evening has come, The creatures are fed and the milking is done, He takes his rest 'neath the old shade tree, From the labour of the land his thoughts are free; Though he sows,

And he hoes, And he mows, He rests from the work of the land.

But the faithful wife, from sun to sun, Takes the burden up that's never done; There is no rest, there is no pay, For the household good she must work away; For to mend the frock, And to knit the sock, And the cradle to rock, All for the good of the home.

When autumn is here with chilling blast, The farmer gathers his crop at last, His barns are full, his fields are bare, For the good of the land he ne'er hath care. While it blows,

And it snows,
Till the winter goes,
He rests from the work of the land.

But the willing wife, till life's closing day, Is the children's and the husband's stay, From day to day she hath done her best, Until death alone can give her rest, For after the test

Comes the rest, With the blest, In the farmer's heavenly home.



NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Another busy month in Council. Councillors recently visited the northern end of the district to look at some of the infrasture that is being built, or planned, for the growth in this area.

Waikato District continues to boom and our growth rate (56-73%) over the next three decades is expected to surpass Hamilton's (49-67%) and match Auckland's (53-76%) with predictions of up to 19,000 more households in the district by 2043.

The final touches are being made to the **Draft District Plan** (DDP), which will be presented to the community in November. A Council 'roadshow' travelled through the district earlier in the year obtaining comment from residents on what you saw as the issues that need to be addressed to accommodate district growth. Issues of concern included: more flexibility on rural subdivision, environmental protection, heritage protection, development of Maori freehold and pa zoned land, urban development, affordable housing, more cycleways and footpaths, transport etc. This feedback has been analysed and taken into consideration when finalising the DDP ready for further consultation, with a formal submission and hearing process being undertaken in 2018.

The number of businesses opening up in the district reflects this strong growth. If you are thinking of starting up a small business - a Small Business Guide has been developed by our economic development team. This free guide is available as an online download at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/guide and provides an overview of Council processes.

The construction season for the expressway begins again in October. The CityEdge team building the Hamilton section are hoping for a relief from the wet weather that can cause delays.

The official opening of the Te Awa River Ride's new Perry Bridge is on Thursday 2nd November from 3:30pm - 6:30pm. This will also mark the completion of the Ngaruawahia to Hamilton Section of the trail.

All ages welcome and admission is free. More details on the Te Awa River Ride Facebook page Te Awa River Ride Charitable Trust

Timeline for the event is:

- 3:30 4:00pm procession by bike from The Point in Ngauawahia to the Ngaruawahia Golf Club
- 4:30-5:30pm Main Event at the Golf Club with food stalls, bike demonstratoins, entertainment and spot prizes
- 6:00pm Official bridge opening

You may have seen the news item about the 250-metre-long "fatberg" blocking a sewer pipe in London. On a smaller scale Waikato District Council has similar problems causing wastewater overflows and blockages.

Most of our rural communities have septic tanks but it is still a timely reminder to avoid putting the likes of baby wipes down your toilet or oil and grease down the sink.

A 'fatberg' is a word used to describe a build-up of hard fats and oils which bind with other problem items in the wastewater system like wet wipes, sanitary pads and nappies and then create a solid mass. This build-up can block the pipe system which then causes overflows and blockage in your waste system. Fats, oils and grease should be left to cool and disposed of, not tipped down the kitchen sink hot to then cool in the pipes.

Our animal control team continues to engage with the community through education and positive communications. Dogs and Libraries and Dog Smart programmes interacting with school children are taking place and more dog agility parks are being introduced. To help with this engagement an Education and Engagement Officer will be appointed. A draft programme is being developed and could include more community programmes, information for new dog owners, a rehoming package, pound open days and community days etc.

Contact me anytime

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